

West Galt

Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

Meeting #2

October 25, 2011

Highland P.S. Library

5:30 – 7:00 pm



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Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. ARC Meeting #1 – Draft Minutes Approval
3. Community Representation
4. Discuss Review Objectives
 - What are the issues?
 - What are the opportunities
5. School Information Profiles
 - Customize Framework?
6. Roundtable
7. Future Meeting Dates/Times



Review Area Issues

- Inequity of sites
 - Dickson on <1 acre, no playing field
 - Blair Road large site (5.9 acres)
 - Limited staff parking
 - Limited areas for bus drop-off/parent drop-off

School Building and Site Size

School	Capacity	Site Size (acres)	Site Size (hectares)	Gross Floor Area (m ²)
Blair Road PS	279	5.90	2.387	2620
Dickson PS	161	0.96	0.388	1512
Highland PS	348	6.83	2.762	2949
St. Andrew's PS	424	4.03	1.628	4880
Tait Street PS	348	4.66	1.885	3118
Board Average (Elementary)	364.5	7.01	2.84	3614

Review Area Issues

- Inequity of facilities
 - Dickson no proper gymnasium or purpose-built Kindergarten rooms
 - Highland, Dickson and Blair Road computer labs in library
 - Blair Road, Dickson libraries below CASL standards
 - Portables
 - Air conditioning



Classroom Break-down

School	Kindy Rooms	Regular Rooms	Spec Ed. Rooms	Resource Rooms	Seminar Rooms	Computer Labs	Other	Library Resource Centre	Gymnasium
MINISTRY LOADING	20	23	9	12	0	23	23	0	0
Blair Road	2	9	1		1			1	1
Dickson		7			1			1	
Highland	2	13	1		1			1	1
St. Andrew's		12	1	2	1	1	4*	1	3
Tait Street	2	12	1			1		1	1

*Art, Family Studies, Music and Science/Tech Room

Elementary Library Facility Review (2006)

School	Overall Design	Location/ Access to Collection	Large-group inst. area	Small-group inst. area	Individual study area	CATC computer area	Seminar Room	Work-room	Circ. Area	Shelving	TOTAL SCORE
Blair Road	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	18
Dickson	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Highland	3	2	3	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	21
St. Andrew's	3	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	21
Tait Street	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	3	1	2	24

Key		Total Score Key	
3 points	Meets Standard	30	Highest possible score
2 points	Below standard, because of other school priorities/needs	21 to 30	Meets overall standards
1 point	Below Standard	20 or under	Below standards

Standards based on the Canadian School Library Association (CSLA) report "Achieving Information Literacy: Standards for School Library Programs in Canada." Ottawa, 2003.



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Review Area Issues

- Enrolment inequity across the review area
 - Highland enrolment above board's desired size
 - Blair Road, Dickson and Tait Street enrolment below board's desired size
 - Combined grades
 - Fewer than 2 classes per grade

Enrolment and Capacity

School	Capacity	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	FTE	Total
Blair Road	279	32	31	31	27	21	28	29	42			209.5	241
Dickson	161	17	18	17	17	12	14	19				114	114
Highland	348	84	70	77	80	80	68	75				457	534
St. Andrew's	424								98	184	169	451	451
Tait Street	348	36	37	43	25	47	36	47	37			271.5	308

Current as of September, 2011

From Board Policy 3002 – Elementary School Size and Configuration

1.4 It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board to use the following guiding principles when building new elementary facilities or additions, and when considering Pupil Accommodation Reviews and School Valuation Reports and Recommendations:

1.4.1 JK-8 facilities will ideally have a built capacity of between 500 and 650 students;

1.4.2 JK-6 facilities will ideally have built capacity of between 350 and 400 students;

1.4.3 JK-6 facilities will be designed to accommodate future expansion to accommodate a JK-8 configuration where practical;

1.4.4 That planning for elementary school configurations consider the following:

- have at least 2 classes per grade in JK-6 to support professional learning communities;
- have more than 2 classes per grade in Grades 7 and 8 to support program;
- minimize the number of schools with FTE enrolments over 650 students, including the Early Learning program, wherever possible;
- Be sensitive to the impact on elementary students of transitioning between schools

Number of Classes Per Grade

School	JK	SK	JK-SK	1	1-2	2	2-3	3	3-4	4	4-5	5	5-6	6	7	8	Other	Total
Blair Road			3		1	1		1	1		1		1	1			2	12
Dickson			2	1		1			1		1							6
Highland			8	3	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	2						26
St. Andrew's														5	7	7		19
Tait Street			4	2	1		1	2		1	1	1	1	1				15

As of October 24, 2011



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Review Area Issues

- Older, multi-storey, fully or partially inaccessible buildings
 - Dickson, St. Andrew's, Tait
- Safety and security
 - Main offices without eyes to the entrance of the school

Accessibility Summary (2008)

School	Access to areas of instruction	Building Accessible	# Floors	% Accessible	HC Washrooms	Bus Access	Possible Solutions
Dickson	No	Y	3	0%	Y	N	Elevator or stair lift
St. Andrew's	Partial	Y	3	43%	Y	Y	Elevator or stair lift
Tait Street	Partial	Y	2	83.4%	Y	Y	Elevator or stair lift
Highland	Yes	Y	1	96.9%	Y	Y	
Blair Road	Yes	Y	1	98.9%	Y	Y	



Review Area Issues

- Above average energy users
 - Blair Road, Highland



School Energy Consumption (2008)

School	Annual Electricity (kWh)	Annual Natural Gas (kWh)	Total Energy (kWh)	Floor Area (m ²)	Total Intensity	A/C
Blair Road PS	383,836	714,297	1,098,133	2,620	419.1	Yes
Highland PS	199,043	776,784	975,827	3,555	274.5	-
Board Average					245.9	
St. Andrew's PS	292,858	936,255	1,229,113	5,023	244.7	-
Tait Street PS	172,955	530,093	703,048	3,118	225.5	partial
Dickson PS	63,235	212,110	275,345	1,512	182.1	-

Notes:

Blair Road - roof replaced in 2010/11, windows replaced in summer 2011 (through energy efficient schools funding)



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Review Area Issues

- Boundaries
 - Sr. Elementary Boundary is large
 - Transportation implications



Transportation

School	% students within safe walking distance	% students bused	% students attending from outside boundary	Average Distance from school (km)	Average bus ride duration (mins)
Blair Road	64	28	8	2.13	19
Dickson	96	0	4	0.68	0
Highland	46	34	20	1.59	8
St. Andrew's	53	40	7	1.77	6
Tait Street	76	21	3	1.03	7

Review Area Issues

- Inconsistent grade configurations and program offerings
 - JK-5, JK-6, 6-8
 - French Immersion
 - Special Education
 - Full-Day Kindergarten

School Organization and Program Offerings (2011/12)

School	JK-5	JK-6	6-8	French Immersion	Spec. Ed. Area Classes	Full-Day Kindergarten
Blair Road						
Dickson						
Highland						
St. Andrew's						
Tait Street						

Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation Years

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Dickson P.S.		Blair Road P.S.		Tait Street P.S.
		Highland P.S.		



Review Area Issues

Any others?



Review Area Opportunities

Opportunities

- Board owns a site (sports field) located on Beechwood Road, Cambridge (4.922 acres)
- When implemented full-day kindergarten will increase utilization of existing facilities
- Pockets of development to add units and increase enrolment
- Review current elementary schools organization
- Explore partnerships with community groups/other
 - Child care through FDK program
- Match enrolment to capacity

Any others?

Accommodation Review Objectives

- Generic statements describing the desired goals of the Accommodation Review
- Derived from the issues brought up by members of the ARC and general public and the Accommodation Review Reference Criteria

Examples of objectives from previous Reviews

- Review current elementary schools organization
- Address community schools/transportation that is within reasonable travel time, distance and cost
- Establish mid to long-term boundaries and viability of all schools involved in the study area
- Support optimal use of facilities, capital and operating resources

School Information Profiles



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School Information Profile

Date: 2011-09-23

SCHOOL PROFILE			
School:		Blair Road Public School	
Address:		85 Sunset Blvd., Cambridge, ON N1S 1A9	
Grade Configuration		JK-8	
Age of Facility		48 years	
Site Size		5.9 ac	2.39 ha
Building Size – GFA		28,201 sq ft	2,620 m ²
School Capacity (building only, Ministry recognized)		282	
School Capacity (building and porta-pak)		282	
Number of portables		0	
Current enrolment (Total/FTE)		241	209.5
Utilization (% Accommodation)		74 %	
Historic Total Enrolment (past 5 years) Based on October 31 Enrolment	Year: 2006/07	Enrolment	255
	Year: 2007/08	Enrolment	254
	Year: 2008/09	Enrolment	237
	Year: 2009/10	Enrolment	239
	Year: 2010/11	Enrolment	238
Enrolment Total Projection (next 5 years)	Year: 2012/13	Enrolment	241
	Year: 2013/14	Enrolment	258
	Year: 2014/15	Enrolment	264
	Year: 2015/16	Enrolment	275
	Year: 2016/17	Enrolment	279
Feeder Schools:		Grades:	
Number of Out of Boundary Students		19	
Number of Split Grades		4	
Is there a French Immersion Program?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Attachments: Site and Floor Plans with date of original building and any subsequent additions

The ARC may customize the Board's generic School Information Profile to the schools under review. The School Information Profile must include the four considerations:

Section 1: Value to the Student

Section 2: Value to the Board

Section 3: Value to the Community

Section 4: Value to the Local Economy



Future Meeting Dates

- **ARC Meetings**

- ARC # 3: Tuesday November 15, 2011 from 5:30-7:00 pm
- ARC # 4: Tuesday November 29, 2011 from 5:30-7:00 pm

- **Public Meetings**

- Public Meeting # 2: TBD

- **School Tours**

- Saturday November 19, 2011, 9:30 am



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