



Waterloo Region
District School Board

West Waterloo Elementary Schools

Boundary Study


Working Group Meeting #1

January 22, 2015

Abraham Erb Public School

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Agenda

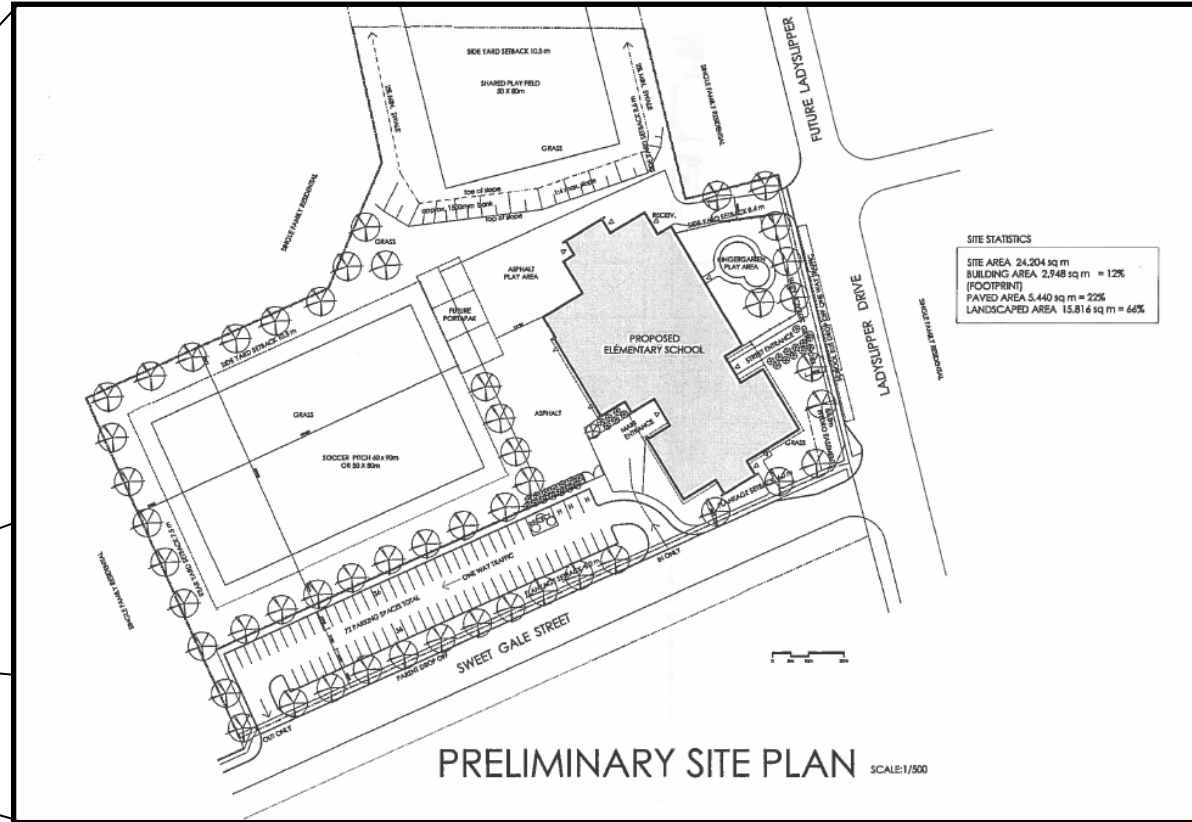
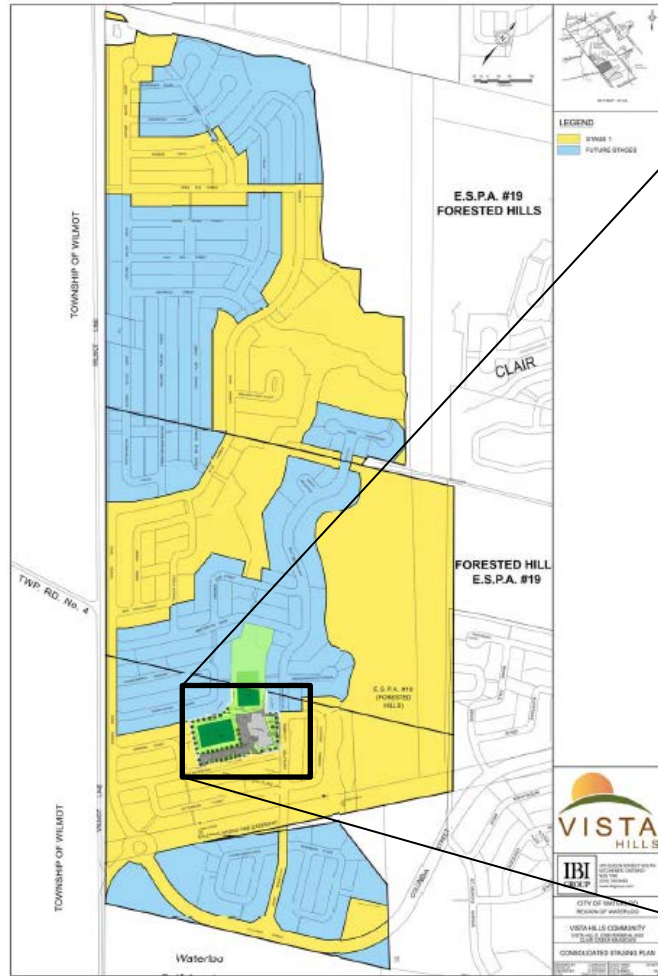
1. **Welcome/Introductions**
 2. **Update on new school construction
(new West Waterloo –Vista Hills)**
 3. **Explanation of Boundary Study Process**
 - a) **Study Purpose**
 - b) **Working Group**
 - i. **Role**
 - ii. **Membership**
 - c) **Public Meetings**
 - d) **Approvals**
 4. **Issues Identification**
 5. **Draft Goals/Objectives**
 6. **Initial Scenario Development**
 7. **Meeting schedule and locations**
 8. **Roundtable**
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Update on New School Construction

- April 25, 2014
WRDSB received approval to construct a 646 pupil place, JK-8 elementary school located at 314 Sweet Gale Street.
- November 12, 2014
WRDSB held public engagement event to update public on new school construction.
- Further public engagement session being planned (date TBD)

School scheduled to open September 2016

Update on New School Construction – Site Plan




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Boundary Study Process - What is a Boundary Study?

The WRDSB considers a School Boundary Study when considering a change to one or more school attendance areas. There can be a number of reasons for a study:

- Changing the grade structure of an elementary school – this would include changing an elementary school from a JK-6 format to a composite school with JK-8;
 - Balancing enrolment and facilities – one school may have too many students for its capacity and another may have too few;
 - After municipalities approve new residential development, the area needs to be assigned to a school where capacity exists;
 - Opening of a new school and establishing the new boundary and adjusting boundaries of the existing schools in the area
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Boundary Study Process - Role of Working Group

The Working Group will:

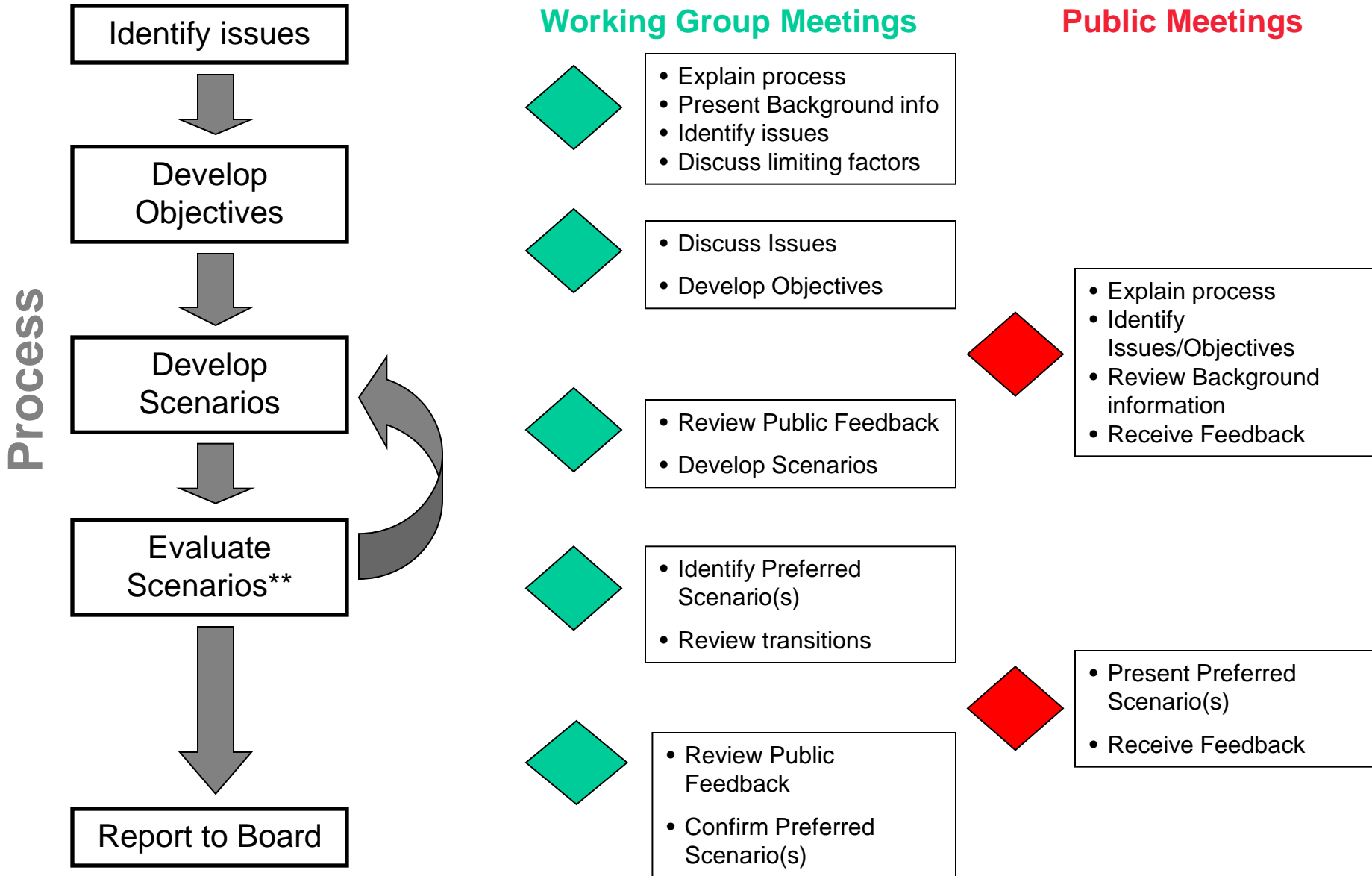
- Identify and discuss issues and opportunities of the individual school communities and the broader community
 - Set study objectives
 - Develop boundary options
 - Evaluate boundary options against study objectives
 - Act as a liaison between the Working Group and the school communities
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Boundary Study Process - Working Group Membership

The Working Group consists of:


- Up to 2 parents from each school
 - The principal from each school
 - Planning Staff
 - The school area superintendent
 - Local Municipal representation (City of Waterloo Planning Staff)
 - Other WRDSB staff as appropriate
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Boundary Study Process




**Scenario development and evaluation may go through multiple iterations as scenarios are evaluated , and new ideas result from the evaluation.

Boundary Study Process - Approvals

- Any changes to the existing school boundaries and grade configurations require the approval of the Board of Trustees. This includes the new Vista Hills area school.
 - A recommended Scenario (boundary option) will be presented to Trustees, at a Board meeting, where Trustees will vote on the recommendations
 - Boundary changes need to be approved in December of the previous year the changes are to take place (December 2015).
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Draft Issues

- Boundary required for new Vista Hills area public elementary school
 - Enrolment/Capacity concerns at other area schools
 - Elementary program model considerations (JK-6, 7-8, JK-8)
 - Existing functional deficiencies (ex. Parent pick-up/drop-off, parking, lack of internal spaces, etc.)
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- **Board Policy 3002 - Elementary School Size and Configuration)**

- *JK-6 facilities between 350 and 400 students (approx. 2 classes per grade)*
- *JK-8 facilities between 500 and 650 students (approx. 2 classes per grade)*
- *Grades 7-8 (approx. 2.5 classes/grade)*

Currently Under Review

- **Board Policy 4009 – Student Transportation**

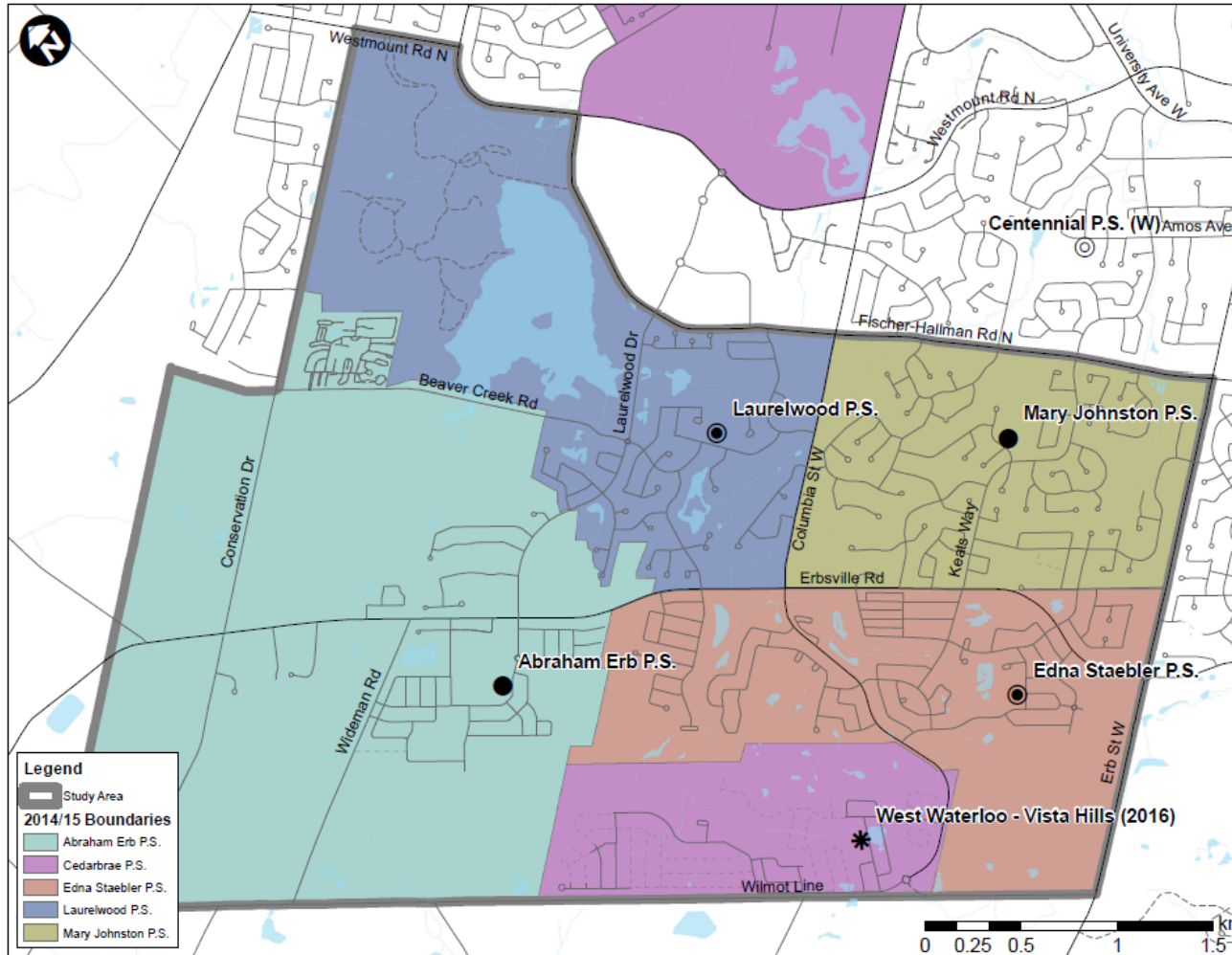
- *Transportation may be provided for students residing beyond the following distances from their home school*
 - *JK/SK 800m*
 - *Gr. 1-8 1600m*

- **Administrative Procedure 1000 – Partial French Immersion**

- **Student Transitions**



Initial Scenario Development - Study Area




West Waterloo Boundary Study Area comprised of the school catchments of:

- Abraham Erb P.S. (JK-6)
- Cedarbrae P.S. (JK-6)
- Edna Staebler P.S. (JK-8)
- Laurelwood P.S. (JK-8)
- Mary Johnston P.S. (JK-6)

2014/15 School Information


School	October 31, 2014 Enrolment	2014/15 Permanent Capacity	2014/15 Temp. Capacity	Site Size (acres)	Opening Year
Abraham Erb P.S.	420	487	0	5.99	2005
Cedarbrae P.S.	206	409	0	12.90	1968
Centennial P.S.	466	322	184	9.31	1968
Edna Staebler P.S.	879	706	207	5.86	2008
Laurelwood P.S.	714	375	368	8.04	1998
Mary Johnston P.S.	435	447	46	8.18	1987
Total	3120	2746	805		

Next Steps

- Issues Discussion
 - Draft Objectives
 - Scenario Development/Evaluation
 - Public/Community meetings
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Meeting Dates

- Working Group #2: Thursday February 19, 2015, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Mary Johnston P.S.
 - Further Working Group Meetings: TBD

 - Public Meeting # 1: TBD
 - Public Meeting # 2: TBD
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