



## GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Brenda Blancher, Director and Secretary to the Board

FROM: Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee

RE: **Report of the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee**

DATE: January 18, 2016

**Recommended Action:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
 THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report of the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee as information.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee was established to ensure viable school organizations are consistent with available funding, efficient use of school buildings and appropriate accommodation for elementary students in the Haldimand East area.

A review of all buildings, utilization and capital investments was completed by the Board's Quality Accommodations Committee. The Quality Accommodations Committee determined the long term enrolment projections for the six elementary schools (Anna Melick, Fairview Avenue, Grandview Central, J.L. Mitchener, Rainham Central and Thompson Creek) in Haldimand East which will realize approximately **553 surplus pupil spaces within 10 years**. Also reviewed was future utilization, renewal and capital costs.

#### **Demographic profiles were completed for each of the six schools that included:**

- five year projected enrolment numbers
- percentage based
- number of portables
- gymnasiums, library, accessibility (stages)
- number of students attending that are not in the school's catchment area (ie., special education),
- grade configurations
- on the ground capital
- facility program over the next five years
- well or septic systems

#### **School profiles were completed for each of the six schools that included:**

- Value to the Students
- Value to the Community
- Value to the School System
- Value to the Economy

#### **Phases of the review included:**

- public review
- public consultation period (90 days)
- Board review

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

Brian Doyle (Chairperson) - Trustee, James Richardson - Trustee, Brenda Blancher - Superintendent of Education (from March to June 2015), Linda De Vos - Superintendent of Education (from September 2015), Dave Peters - Grand Erie Elementary Teacher's Federation, Nancy Hondula - CUPE, Deb Warner - Principal, Anna Melick, Marion Kline - Principal, Fairview Avenue, David Gervais - Principal, Grandview Central, Julie White – Principal, J.L. Mitchener, Alison Cooke – Principal, Rainham Central, Charlotte Morphet – Principal, Thompson Creek, Madeleine Jobb—Parent, Anna Melick Memorial School (March to October 2015), Anthony Van Hell, Parent, Anna Melick Memorial School (from November 2015) Danielle Lipson—Parent, Fairview Avenue Public School, Mike Black—Parent, Grandview Central Public School, Mandie Cowan—Parent, J.L. Mitchener Public School, Melony Cooper—Parent, Rainham Central School, Todd Smith—Parent, Thompson Creek Elementary School, Bernie Corbett, Municipal Councillor, Haldimand County, Mark Gibson, Cayuga and District Chamber of Commerce.

There were two parent representative alternates who participated in ARC meetings – Karen Allen, Thompson Creek (November 17, 2015 meeting) and Tina McIntee, Grandview Central (December 8, 2015 meeting).

**OTHER PERSONNEL:**

**Carol Ann Sloat** - Board Chair, **David Dean** - Board Vice-Chair, **John Forbeck** – Director (March to June 2015), **Brenda Blancher** – Director (from September 2015), **Jamie Gunn** - Superintendent of Business, **Shawn McKillop** - Manager of Communications and Community Relations, **Michelle O'Reilly** - Planning Officer, **Elaine Roberts** - Recording Secretary

**DATES AND LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS:**

- March 11 J.L. Mitchener
- April 29 Thompson Creek
- June 4 Grandview Central
- September 24 Fairview Avenue
- October 29 Dunnville Secondary
- November 17 Anna Melick
- December 8 Rainham Central

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION:**

Initial Options for Consideration (Effective September 1, 2016):

- Option 1:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 389*
- Option 2:** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 400*
- Option 3:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
**and** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 236*
- Option 4:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
**and** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue P.S. and Rainham Central P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 190*
- Option 5:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
**and** Assign a portion of current Thompson Creek catchment to J.L. Mitchener P.S.  
**and** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue and Rainham Central P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity– 144*

**DELEGATIONS:**

15 delegations from the six schools were heard and are attached.

**Presented by:**

Glen & Stephanie Dale  
Susanne Austin  
Beth Blake  
Best Start Community Hub  
Allison Blake  
Tim Boyer  
Jessica Davidson  
Renee Hamilton  
Danielle Lipson  
Angela Skotniski  
Adam Roesch  
Gary Smith  
Sheri Styles  
J. Williams  
Lianne Park

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE:**

The recommendations of the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee are:

- Option 1 - THAT the Grand Erie District School Board close Anna Melick Memorial School and close Grandview Central Public School. Assign all students to a new school to be built at the Fairview Avenue Public School site and THAT Thompson Creek, Rainham Central and J.L. Mitchener remain status quo.
- Option 2 - THAT the Grand Erie District School Board close Anna Melick and assign students to Thompson Creek Elementary School; reassign Yarmey to Sutor Rd to Grandview Central Public School. Remove Rainham Central and J.L. Mitchener from the review. Fairview Avenue remains status quo.

**APPENDICES:**

Appendix A - Meeting Notes - attached  
Appendix B - School Profiles - attached  
Appendix C - Written submissions from Delegations - attached

Data presented - located on Board's website

Respectfully submitted,

Haldimand East Accommodation Review Committee