

**Q. Board minutes indicate that staff was directed to investigate the possibility of a permanent addition at Forest Trail P.S.**

- A. Trustees did ask that staff look at additions for schools north of Upper Middle Road. A recent Board report indicated that the area will continue to experience accommodation pressures. Based on the present enrolment forecast there is sufficient need for a 10-room addition at Forest Trail P.S. and the consideration of a future addition at Emily Carr P.S.. However, the Board is not proceeding with this in the 2009 LTAP as there is no capital funding available from the Ministry of Education. Board staff is hoping for additional information forthcoming from the Ministry of Education regarding new capital funding as part of the 2010-11 grants and staff is also undertaking business cases for more grant money. Staff will continue to monitor the accommodation issues in the community and will review a capital investment in Ward 4 as part of the 2011 LTAP. In the interim if more portables are required to accommodate students in schools within Ward 4, the placement of these portables will conform to the Town of Oakville and Building Code requirements.

**Q. What is the status of Lakeshore Woods and planned opening?**

- A. Trustees have approved the purchase of the Lakeshore Woods site. A report is to come forward in winter of 2010 to review the accommodation needs of students in Wards 1 and 2. The Director of Education may initiate the Program and Accommodation Review Process (PARC) to review accommodation alternatives within the wards. This PARC process would include public input at all stages. If a PARC is initiated, the Director will provide an accommodation recommendation to Trustees.

If a PARC was initiated for January 2011 (process takes 1 year), a recommendation could be approved in early 2012. If Trustees approved a recommendation to build a school on the Lakeshore Woods site, September 2014 would be the earliest possible date of the school opening,

**Q. What existing Ward 1/2 Schools would be impacted?**

- A. A PARC would provide a comprehensive review of the entire area, as no school can be examined in isolation. The PARC process may impact any or all of the schools in Wards 1 and 2.

**Q. How will the Lakeshore Woods Site be maintained?**

- A. The top soil stock pile should be removed by the current owner, grass will be cut and efforts will be made to keep the site clean and orderly. There may be the possibility of getting into discussions with the Town of Oakville around what interim uses could be accommodated on the vacant school block e.g. soccer fields.

**Q. Pine Grove P.S. is over overpopulated; will there be a need for portables on site?**

A. The Board is currently in the middle of the projection process for the upcoming school year. At this point in time, additional portables will be needed for 2010-2011 and enrolment numbers will be monitored.

**Q. What is the timing of West Oak Trails H.S.?**

A. The school is scheduled to open for September 2012. The Board currently owns the site and the architect is working on the design. Construction is planned to start before the winter of 2010 in order to achieve the 2012 opening. Approximately 4-6 months is required for the design alone, and another 4-6 months for the permitting process.

**Q. What will the boundary be for the new school?**

A. A committee is to be established probably in fall/winter 2010 (for WOT HS) to review the boundary. The grades of the school have not been set as of yet, however the plan is to consult with the community about what is preferred (i.e. grow the program or open as 9-11 or 9-12 school).

**Q. Will there be a Dual Track French Immersion Program at West Oak Trails H.S.?**

A. This has not been determined yet, but will be investigated as part of the boundary review process. The Board is in the process of a Secondary Program Review and the review of providing students transportation to schools that offer requisite programs.

**Q. You mentioned that the majority of future growth is going to be in the FI program, is there a plan to accommodate that at the secondary level?**

A. Based on present circumstances the majority of current HDSB growth is in the French Immersion program. The Board reviews all programs to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students on an ongoing basis.

**Q. What is the plan for elementary school accommodation in Ward 3 with the delays in the renovations to schools?**

A. A report regarding the best options will be presented to the Board in April. There have been no options developed at this time.

**Q. What will the status of Lorne Skuce P.S. after Palermo vacates the building?**

A. It will be disposed of as per Ont. Reg. 444/98.

**Q. Are all the Ward 4 schools at or above capacity?**

A. No, some of the schools which are located south of Upper Middle Road have available capacity. The issue is trying to address the accommodation pressures north of Upper Middle Road. There is no immediate plan to redistribute kids to make use of the existing available space. The Early Learning Program will eventually eliminate some empty space in those schools south of Upper Middle Road.

**Q. Where will students north of Dundas be attending school when growth in that area happens?**

A. There is now a possibility of opening schools when only a portion of the development has come online and only a portion of students are present in the subdivision, knowing that the population will continue to grow over the first year of the school being open. Board staff is working in partnership with the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton to plan for new schools.

**Q. Should the Board look at more dual track schools in Ward 4?**

A. Traditionally single-track F.I. schools have been offered in Oakville, although this has changed with the opening of the new elementary schools in Palermo and Clearview. Both of these schools will open with dual track programs.

**Q. What kind of funding is available in terms of additions and renewal?**

A. There is a limited renewal budget at the school board. Facilities Services has a back log of renewal and renovations. The Board's intent is to use its limited funds to leverage sound renovations at existing schools to meet program. More specifically, addressing how the Board can make its older facilities on par with newer ones in terms of availability of resources e.g. science labs.