

Acton Integration Committee Record of Action - Meeting #3

Date: March 2, 2021 **Time:** 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Virtual

Committee Members Present:

Scott Podrebarac - Committee Chair; Carolyn Neilson- staff rep MSB; Kim Phillips - Principal MSB; Marsha Schnekenburger- staff rep ADHS; Lucy Marion- Principal ADHS; Maria Duckett- Parent Rep ADHS; **Christa Talarowski- Vice Principal ADHS**; Michelle Mattocks-Kennedy- staff rep Robert Little; Colleen Golightly- Principal Robert Little; Trevor Wright-Dykstra- Vice Principal Robert Little; Jeanne Gray - Trustee Halton Hills, Anita Valvasori, parent rep Robert Little; Sarah Cannataro- Vice Principal Virtual School North, Erin Keen- Vice Principal MSB; Shari White - Parent rep MSB;

Regrets:

Note: This document is not a verbatim transcript. Questions and answers have been paraphrased for the sake of clarity and brevity.

Welcome	Scott welcomed Christa Talarowski- New VP at ADHS as well as Sarah Cannataro- VP Virtual School North to join the committee	
	Reminder of our Roles as members of the Integration Committee Review of Agenda	● Scott P

<p>ADHS Facility Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SO, Admin team from ADHS met for a walk around <p>Contractor has been on site</p> <p>Looking at for September: New set of changerooms for Grade 7 and 8 students, paved area behind the school and addition of a VP office and Conference Room</p> <p>For 2022: Additional 3 classrooms added and an Outdoor naturalized learning area</p> <p>Review of the Site Map and Lucy M P of ADHS shares the general discussion around updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -changerooms will go by the gym on the main floor -paved area will go beside the gyms and the building (as shown on the site map) -red areas on the map are future classroom sites. Large spaces great for classrooms -Jeanne G Trustee opens conversation around the use of the Yellow areas on the map. These are shared areas. Shared for staff and students. -Lucy M shares that the plan is that Elementary will (for the most part) have classrooms and workrooms designated for them. -Jeanne is looking forward to a blending of staff, a sharing of ideas. One school, one vision working together. Staff able to share workrooms and work areas. Lucy concurs. -Scott highlights the benefit of having Student Success for 7-8 in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott P Lucy M
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	<p>same building as secondary. Transitions will be easier and more collaborative being in the same building full time.</p> <p>-Sherrie W -parent rep for MSB wonders if it opens the possibility to have Essential programming in Acton in the future. Scott notes that if enrollment can support the program it would be an excellent addition in future years. We hope to be innovative in our programming and planning for the future of ADHS</p>	
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<p>Student Issues/Feed back</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of Slides from Feeder Schools <p>ROL</p> <p>-students are excited. Looking forward to this experience, students are very happy to see the site map. Glad they have their own spaces, and are still a tad nervous to cross with Secondary students, but also excited. Parents have also reached out our staff with words of praise of our actions to support the students through this new process</p> <p>MSB</p> <p>-students in grade 6, 7 and 8 have had an opportunity to see the site map, and ask LOTS of questions. Students are hopeful for new traditions and possibilities. Clarifying around their questions around what will be different, and what will feel the same at ADHS. Side by side schedules for ADHS and the Elementary School</p> <p>Virtual North</p> <p>-Admin from ROL , MSB and VSE all met with students who will be included in this change. Many of the same questions. Excitement to not only see the site map, but also ask questions and see their peers in other classes they have not seen all year.</p> <p>For next meeting:</p> <p>-dates for the students to know what is coming up</p>	<p>Trevor D Erin K Sarah C Christa T</p>
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	<p>-side by side schedules</p> <p>**Sherri shares that a VSE family has reached out to share concerns that they have been left out of the process until most recently. Unsure if Parents are receiving updates to the Virtual School</p> <p>**Scott says that all the slide decks are posted publicly and we will communicate out to all families that the information is there.</p> <p>**Scott will ensure that all families are getting the messaging</p> <p>**Sarah C -VSE Admin shares that she can filter the messaging through School Messenger</p> <p>Jeanne wonders in the interim, how can we reach out to the kids., elementary and secondary, cross programs, a way for them to get to know the culture</p> <p>Lucy feels June would be the earliest, after staffing and nearing the end of the year we could then look at bringing in the new students and staff (virtually) for team building</p> <p>Marsha - staff rep from ADHS shares there are traditional Bear Cat events at the end of most years to build community and culture. This is a possibility</p> <p>ADHS Student Voice (What do the students already at ADHS wonder)</p> <p>-the students were very quiet, not a lot of questions Needed to be drawn out of them by the VP and Staff Member. Students are positive around more possibility to courses increasing, increasing social interaction, becoming mentors for the younger students, guest speakers, cross panel activities</p>	
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<p>Bell Times/ Transportation Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation is working on these new routes <p>The new routes will need to be finalized</p> <p>Bell Times will be confirmed before the next meeting</p>	<p>Scott P</p>
<p>School Naming Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 possible options <p>Acton District High School Acton Community School Action Intermediate and Secondary School</p> <p>Jeanne G suggests Acton District School. Drop the 'High' and it is now inclusive for all students 7-12.</p> <p>Michelle M - staff rep from ROL agrees keeping the District school as it has been the name throughout time.</p> <p>Klm P - P at MSB likes Acton District School. Feels Community school sounds like a college.</p> <p>Sherri shares the concerns with the acronym. AISS still can look rude</p> <p>Informal committee feedback is strong for ADHS or ADS. Community school is a hard NO, (especially from Sarah C), and AISS has nil support.</p>	<p>Scott P</p>

Video Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filming has been done with Communications Dept <p>Slick Promo</p> <p>Will be ready for sharing in the coming weeks</p> <p>Will be shared on the website, and will be a great long standing promo</p> <p>Jeanne suggests adding in comments on the amazing Scholarships and Awards the ADHS community have for their graduates.</p>	Scott P
Transition Plans for ADHS	<p>Transition Planning is underway!</p> <p>#ActonBearcats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -opportunity for a virtual tour of the school -developing a Virtual Scavenger Hunt meets the Human Library. Students can give a history of the what and how and why of ADHS -I SPY of Classroom Spaces -Virtual Field Trips, during the day a live Stream of the classroom with a Qand A with the students in the class -Welcome PKG of goodies w a message from their Feeder Schools, saying goodbye and goodluck -Whole school Staff Meeting in June for 7-12 teachers -Mentorship opportunities for Acton Students <p>Lucy shares there is a team of dedicated teachers who are working from all the schools to develop these plans</p>	Marsha Lucy Christa

Staffing Update	<p>First Ad goes out March 8 (3 jobs) Expected 9 jobs in total Any MSB staff with the appropriate qualifications can apply to this first ad</p> <p>P and VP will determine posting order The remaining jobs will be posted over the following month</p> <p>Jeanne G shares the importance of hiring the bright energetic staff to build a new culture. Hiring is one of the most significant responsibilities for a P/VP. It is critical to get this right.</p>	Scott P
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 20. 2021 5:00-6:30 PM 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thanks to all for attending 	