

Acton Integration Committee Record of Action - Meeting #2

Date: January 19, 2021

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Committee Members Present: Scott Podrebarac - Committee Chair; Shari White - Parent rep MSB; Carolyn Neilson- staff rep MSB; Kim Phillips - Principal MSB; Erin Keen- Vice Principal MSB; Maria Duckett- Parent Rep ADHS; Marsha Schnekenburger- staff rep ADHS; Lucy Marion- Principal ADHS; Stacey Farell Bangerter- Vice Principal ADHS; Anita Valvasori, parent rep Robert Little; Michelle Mattocks-Kennedy- staff rep Robert Little; Colleen Golightly- Principal Robert Little; Trevor Wright-Dykstra- Vice Principal Robert Little; Jeanne Gray - Trustee Halton Hills

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

Item	Discussion	Action/Responsibility
Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair, Superintendent Podrebarac, welcomed and thanked everyone for stepping returning to be part of the important work of this committee Committee members re-introduced themselves 	
Committee Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the Board policy, Mandate of the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plan for and implement the positive integration of students and staff act in an advisory capacity to address the needs of students and staff at all of these schools the final decisions are made by the Principals and Superintendents 	
A Day in the Life of Acton High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Podrebarac shared a visual of how the days will compare between the Grade 7 and 8 students and the Grade 9-12 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed how the lunch periods vary between the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities to walk through to look at ideas for

	<p>groups and that students will separate during their break times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted Bell times will not be confirmed until April per Board processes...we expect ADHS's times will be in place for both, but an informed guess at this point ● Reviewed the floor plans of ADHS that shows proposed separation between intermediate students and secondary students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shari White shared concerns over changerooms, discussed need to have separate change rooms for Grade 7 and 8 students ○ Superintendent Podrebarac highlighted the many benefits that shared spaces will offer students (drama, art, tech, labs, etc) ○ Noted that opportunities exist to share gym spaces with MSB as they will not fully need two gymnasiums anymore ○ Principal Marion shared that blacktop play space will be an issue ○ Cafeteria access may be problematic for Grade 7 and 8 students as they may spend a great deal of their eating time lining up ● Vice Principal Bangerter and Vice Principal Keen shared a first Q and A doc that answered questions from incoming students from Robert Little and MSB, Parent concerns from Boundary Review Process and Questions from ADHS students. 	<p>separate change rooms, additional lockers, and work needed to future space for 2022/23, and increased paved play spaced outside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each school will re-engage their student committees to share updates and ask further questions
Community Plans for MSB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacated spaces at MSB are highly sought after ● Board and Halton Region Children's Services have submitted a capital proposal for a three room Child Care that will have infant, toddler and pre-school spaces on the main floor by the current Hub ● Woodview program is now operating at MSB ● Links2Care will be operating EarlyOn services from MSB ● Halton Hills has expressed some interest in additional spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on capital process when we hear back

	around the pool.	
Acton Facility Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As noted above committee discussed need for additional lockers so all Grade 7 and 8's start with a full locker</i> • <i>Growth at ADHS will be through retaining more Grade 8's to Grade 9 and space is available for this...we do not foresee portables</i> • <i>Superintendent Podrebarac and Principal Marion have a meeting set up with Facilities Department to review facility needs</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Facility needs
ADHS Projected Floorplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor Plan Shared in more detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Principal Marion reviewed shared spaces ○ Trustee Gray asked about Bearpit and Library as shared spaces and Principal Marion noted these will be updated ○ Principal Phillips notes many Grade 7 and 8 resources including Library books, musical instruments and other resources will be ready to move in the summer ○ Trustee Gray asked about adequate space in the library for enhanced collections and Principal Marion noted the Library has lots of space ○ Superintendent Podrebarac noted that shared spaces did not mean a 50/50 split; rather it afforded elementary students access should Secondary sections not be using them fully (as is the case now) ○ Shari White asked about potential use of breakout spaces around the library; Superintendent Podrebarac responded that they will stay status quo for now as these smaller spaces are generally valued throughout a school year ○ Superintendent Podrebarac noted that the floor plans shown will not be shared on the web-sites as it is a general Safe Schools practice not to post a school floor plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share revised map at next meeting with tweaks

Transportation Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared bussing area maps for all three schools to show what the bussing limits will be for all three schools including areas of exception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolyn Nielson asked for clarity for Brookville students as the current application on the HDSB website suggests they will move to ADHS for Grade 7. Superintendent Podrebarac confirmed this as an error and Brookville students who attend ADHS would start in Grade 9 Superintendent Podrebarac confirmed that Secondary Students and Elem students attending ADHS will ride of the same buses; no historic problems with this in the past 	Follow Up to fix Brookville flaw on website
Staffing Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing for Grade 7 and 8 positions will follow our Elementary Collective Agreements One third of positions filled in early March; the remaining in late March Superintendent Podrebarac noted we are hopeful that most MSB staff come over as they are an excellent team EA, Office Staff will be staffed through regular allocation process Erin Keen, currently at MSB as VP, will move to ADHS to become the Elementary VP 	
School Naming Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Podrebarac noted that most Boards keep the name as it was (at least 17 other Boards have 7-12 schools) Committee wanted "Acton" to remain in name; feeds off of small town, community feel and motto "Building Community Together" Principal Phillips shared the Ministry will recognize schools separately for their own purposes - Acton Elementary and Acton Secondary Shari suggested "Acton Junior Senior School" based on Toronto experience 	Carry this discussion forward

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One alternative shared was “Acton Intermediate and Secondary School” • Consensus emerged that the Bearcats should remain for all students 	
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video being prepared to promote the school for March 2nd • Visit dates to be planned around COVID protocols later in the spring if at all possible • Transition Plans for Special Education students in LifeSkills and Learning Disabilities classes are ongoing • More Transition Plans for how students will be welcomed the first week need to be planned 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar.2, 2021 to be held virtually from 5:00 - 6:30 	