

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW 2010:03 – ALLISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
(ALLISTON UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL,
ERNEST CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

ROY EDWARDS ROOM

- A.**
- (1) Roll Call
 - (2) Approval of Agenda
 - (3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
- B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**
- (4) Staff Report – Items for Decision
 - (a) Accommodation Review 2010:03 – Alliston Elementary Schools (Alliston Union Public School, Ernest Cumberland Elementary School)
- C. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT**
- Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting – December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Program Standing Committee Meeting – December 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Regular Meeting of the Board – December 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will resume at 7:30 P.M (Roy Edwards Room)

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**PUBLIC SESSION
RECOMMENDED ACTION – DECEMBER 13, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
ROY EDWARDS ROOM**

REPORT	FYI	Decision Req.	MOTION
			Call Meeting to order. Roll Call
		√	That the agenda be approved as printed.
			Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
B-4-a Accommodation Review 2010:03 – Alliston Elementary Schools (Alliston Union Public School, Ernest Cumberland Elementary School)		√	(1) That the Board approve the replacement of Alliston Union Pubic School on the designated school site in the northwest of Alliston, as set out in Report No. B-4-a, Accommodation Review 2010:03 - Alliston Elementary Schools (Alliston Union Public School, Ernest Cumberland Elementary School), dated December 13, 2011.
		√	(2) That the Board approve the attendance areas for the replacement facility and Ernest Cumberland Elementary School, effective upon opening of the replacement school, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. B-4-a, Accommodation Review 2010:03 - Alliston Elementary Schools (Alliston Union Public School, Ernest Cumberland Elementary School), dated December 13, 2011.
		√	(3) That the Board approve offering the Extended French as a Second Language (EFSL) program at the replacement facility, as set out in Report No. B-4-a, Accommodation Review 2010:03 - Alliston Elementary Schools (Alliston Union Public School, Ernest Cumberland Elementary School), dated December 13, 2011.
		√	(4) That the Board approve maintaining the Modified School Year Calendar at Ernest Cumberland Elementary School upon opening of the replacement school, as set out in Report No. B-4-a, Accommodation Review 2010:03 - Alliston Elementary Schools (Alliston Union Public School, Ernest Cumberland Elementary School), dated December 13, 2011.
		√	(5) That the Board approve contacting the municipality to request road and sidewalk improvements on Church Street North to enable students to travel directly to the replacement facility on Church Street North, as set out in Report No. B-4-a, Accommodation Review Committee 2010:03 - Alliston Elementary Schools (Alliston Union Public School, Ernest Cumberland Elementary School), dated December 13, 2011.
Future Business			
Adjournment		√	Motion to Adjourn

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Associate Director

SUBJECT: **ACCOMMODATION REVIEW 2010:03 - ALLISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
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SCHOOL)**

1. Background

The Board approved the 2010 Capital Plan as set out in Report No. BF-D-2, Capital Plan – 2010, dated November 10, 2010 and further approved that a pupil accommodations review be undertaken, commencing in January 2011 to review Alliston Union Public School and Ernest Cumberland Elementary School.

2. Process

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) 2010:03 - Alliston Elementary Schools was established in January 2011. Membership represented both elementary schools and the communities of New Tecumseth and Essa, and was approved as per board policy.

Four public meetings were held to present activities undertaken and knowledge gained by the ARC, and to obtain feedback from the community. The first meeting was held on March 8, 2011. The initial meeting provided the background for the accommodation review process and presented the staff alternative accommodation option as set out in Capital Plan - 2010. The Terms of Reference, Reference Criteria, and the School Information Profile for each school were also presented. Subsequent public meetings were held on May 5, June 14, and September 27, 2011.

On November 8, 2011 a Special Board Meeting was held to receive delegations. The Board heard three delegations about the accommodation review process.

3. Accommodation Review Committee Final Recommendations

The ARC initially developed two options as set out in the ARC report. These options were discussed in the context of the reference criteria and considerations established by the ARC as well as the information presented to the ARC by staff and the municipal planner. After discussion and a recorded vote, a single recommendation was presented to the public at the final public meeting and set out in the ARC report submitted to the Board.

The ARC recommended building a replacement school for Alliston Union Public School on the northwest site, and defined the attendance area boundary for the replacement school. The ARC also recommended that the board retain the existing Alliston Union Public School site for ten years as a potential future school site. The recommendation presented to the public and to the Board was not unanimously supported by all members of the ARC.

4. Staff Recommendations

At the beginning of the ARC process in January 2011, staff presented the alternative accommodation option for Alliston as set out in the 2010 Capital Plan. This option proposed building a replacement school for Alliston Union Public School in the northern portion of the community where new homes have been built. The staff recommendation considered the reference criteria as set out in Policy 2313 addressing school size and grade configuration, school utilization, partnerships, financial considerations, transportation, and program offering.

In finalizing staff's recommended options, the following factors were considered: demographics and development, school size and grade configuration, school utilization, partnerships, finance, transportation, program delivery, and community input.

The staff recommendations as set out in Board Report No. B-2-a, Accommodation Review 2010:03 – Alliston (Alliston Union P.S., Ernest Cumberland E.S.) dated October 24, 2011 were as follows:

1. That the Board approve the replacement of Alliston Union Public School on the designated school site in the northwest of Alliston, as set out in Report No. B-2-a, Accommodation Review Committee 2010:03 – Alliston Elementary Schools, dated October 24, 2011.
2. That the Board approve the attendance areas for the replacement facility and Ernest Cumberland Elementary School, effective upon opening of the replacement school, as shown in APPENDIX F, Report No. B-2-a, Accommodation Review Committee 2010:03 – Alliston Elementary Schools, dated October 24, 2011.
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4. That the Board approve maintaining the Modified School Year Calendar at Ernest Cumberland Elementary School upon opening of the replacement school, as set out in Report No. B-2-a, Accommodation Review Committee 2010:03 – Alliston Elementary Schools, dated October 24, 2011.
5. That the Board approve contacting the municipality to request road and sidewalk improvements on Church Street North to enable students to travel directly to the replacement facility on Church Street North, as set out in Report No. B-2-a, Accommodation Review Committee 2010:03 – Alliston Elementary Schools, dated October 24, 2011.

5. Conclusions

The condition of the Alliston Union Public School facility was the key consideration for reviewing the Alliston elementary schools and seeking Ministry funding for a replacement facility. The facility conditions were deemed an exceptional circumstance and Alliston Union Public School was included in a second accommodation review within a five year period. Conducting an accommodation review enabled the board to further examine the need for a replacement facility in the community of Alliston.

Enrolment in the Alliston community has been relatively stable at approximately 1100 students. Growth in the new subdivisions balances the natural decline in enrolment experienced in the more mature neighborhood where Alliston Union Public School is located. This trend is projected to continue.

Enrolment at Alliston Union Public School as of October 31, 2011 was 479 FTE and the enrolment at Ernest Cumberland Elementary School was 611 FTE, totaling 1090 students. The projected enrolment for 2014 at Alliston Union Public School is 390 FTE and the projected enrolment at Ernest Cumberland Elementary School is 662 FTE, totaling 1052 students. It is anticipated that the construction of the replacement facility and the realignment of the attendance area boundaries will balance the enrolment between the two schools.

During the accommodation review process the Ministry of Education announced the availability of funding for a replacement facility for Alliston Union Public School. The ARC recommendation to construct a replacement facility on the designated school site in the north western area of the community makes the best use of the funding available by directing all funds to construction of the new facility. The purchase of the new site would be funded through educational development charges (EDC). The Ministry will permit EDC funds to be used for the purchase of a school site up to 5 acres in size for a 500 pupil elementary school.

If the replacement school were to be constructed on the existing site, funds would be taken from the construction budget for the temporary accommodation of students and the demolition of the existing facility and rehabilitation of the site. Demolition costs are estimated at \$10 per square foot which equals approximately \$500,000. Temporary accommodation estimates of \$210,000 include only the cost of the placement of portables. No estimate was provided for the provision of washroom facilities, field and play space, or parking areas.

Retaining the existing Alliston Union Public School facility after the replacement school opens will require decommissioning the building and maintaining life safety systems, security alarms, electricity, minimal heat, and property standards. The cost of maintaining the decommissioned facility is estimated to be \$32,000 annually. Repairs resulting from vandalism would be made as needed. The Board will determine the future of the Alliston Union Public School facility and site when appropriate.

Constructing the replacement school on the designated site in the northern area of the community and implementing the proposed attendance areas for the replacement school and Ernest Cumberland Elementary School will be the least disruptive for students. Students will not be displaced during construction of the new facility and many students will remain within the same school community.

A transition team will be established in January 2013 to facilitate the reorganization of students between Ernest Cumberland Elementary School and the replacement Alliston Union Public School in preparation for the opening of the new facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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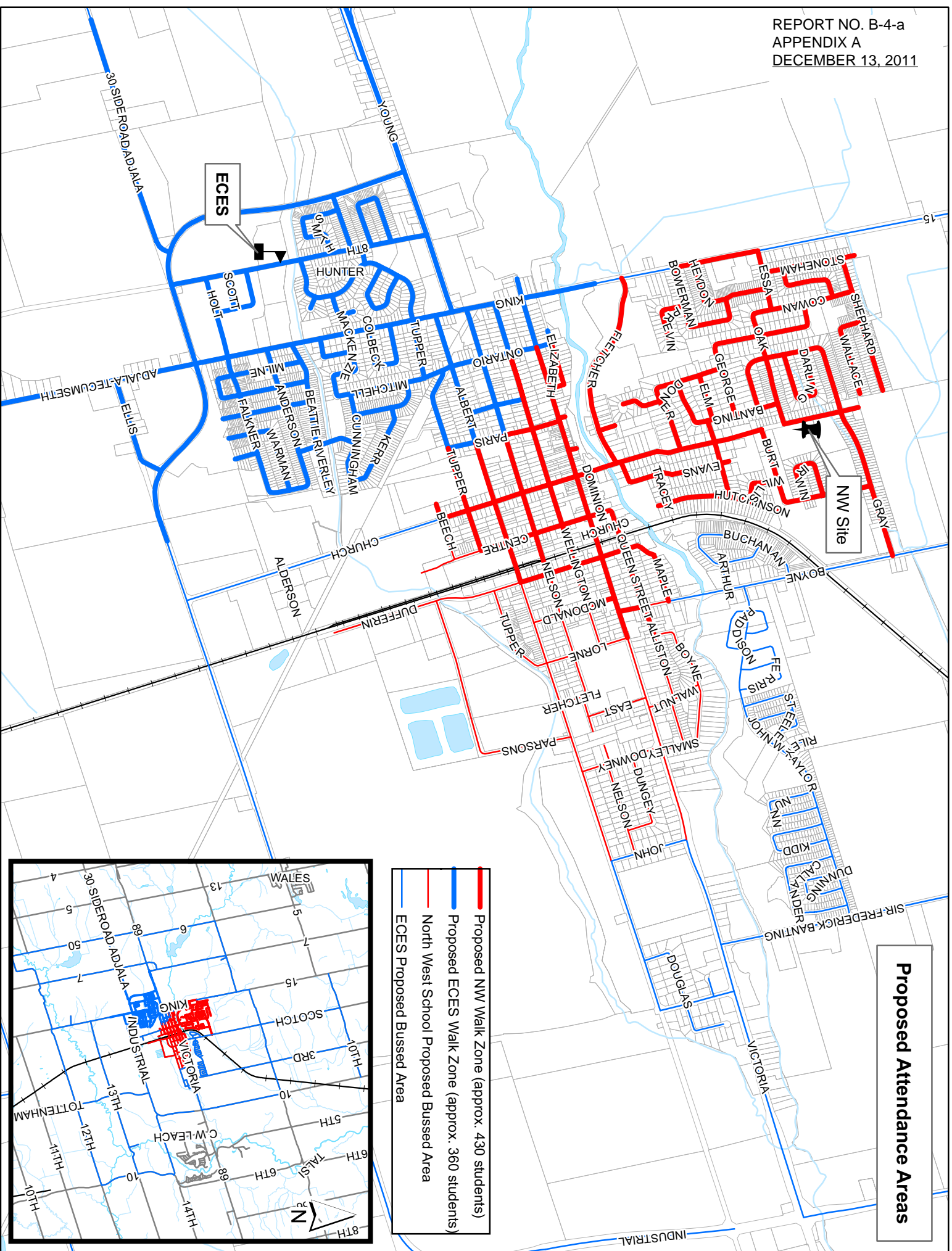
Respectfully submitted by:

Janis Medysky
Associate Director

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

October 17, 2011



Proposed Attendance Areas

- Proposed NW Walk Zone (approx. 430 students)
- Proposed ECES Walk Zone (approx. 360 students)
- North West School Proposed Bussed Area
- ECES Proposed Bussed Area

