

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW 2013:01 MIDLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL/

PENETANGUISHENE SECONDARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. - ROY EDWARDS ROOM

AGENDA

- A. (1) Roll Call
- (2) Approval of Agenda
- (3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

PUBLIC SESSION

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- (1) **Staff Reports – Items for Decision**
 - (a) Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 – Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School

C. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting – June 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Georgian Room
Retirement Dinner – June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – Southshore Centre
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. - Georgian Room
Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting – June 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Georgian Room
Program Standing Committee Meeting – June 11, 2014 following the Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting. – Georgian Room
First Nations Education Advisory Committee Meeting – June 12, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. – Christian Island Elementary School
Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Georgian Room (if required)
Regular Meeting of the Board – June 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will resume at 7:00 p.m. (Roy Edwards Room)

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SPECIAL ARC BOARD MEETING**

**PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW 2013:01
MIDLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL/PENETANGUSHENE SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**PUBLIC SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. – ROY EDWARDS ROOM
RECOMMENDED ACTION**

REPORT	FYI	Decision Req.	MOTION
			Call Meeting to order. Roll Call
		√	That the agenda be approved as printed.
			Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
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<p>B-1-a Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 – Midland Secondary School/ Penetanguishene Secondary School (cont'd)</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>(7) That the Board direct staff to establish an ad-hoc committee as per Policy 4440 to recommend to the Board a school name for the Board's consideration and decision prior to June 30, 2016, as set out in Report No. B-1-a, Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 – Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School, dated June 3, 2014.</p> <p>(8) That the Board retain Penetanguishene Secondary School as an asset until the viability of potential users for the building, or part of, is assessed, as set out in Report No. B-1-a, Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 – Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School, dated June 3, 2014.</p>
<p>Future Business</p>			
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn</p>

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

FROM: Associate Director

SUBJECT: **PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW 2013:01 – MIDLAND SECONDARY
SCHOOL/PENETANGUISHENE SECONDARY SCHOOL**

1. **Background**

The Board approved that a pupil accommodation review be undertaken that included Midland Secondary School (MSS) and Penetanguishene Secondary School (PSS), as set out in Report No. BF-D-1, Capital Plan – 2012, dated January 9, 2013.

The Ministry released revised Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines in June 2009. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide direction to school boards regarding pupil accommodation reviews undertaken to determine the future of a school or group of schools. The guidelines ensure that any decision regarding the future of a school is made with the full involvement of an informed local community and is based on a broad range of criteria regarding the quality of the learning experience for students. The guidelines recognize the importance of schools to communities, local economies and boards themselves.

Board Policy No. 2313, Pupil Accommodation Review (revised March 24, 2010) recognizes the need to assess changes in demographics, enrolment, the environment, facility condition, partnerships, and the Ministry's funding model in order to equitably provide quality learning environments to students in an efficient and effective manner. This policy's Terms of Reference was used to guide the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and provided criteria that addressed a school's value to the student, board, community, and the local economy. The policy is supported by Administrative Procedures Memorandum A5500, Pupil Accommodation Review (revised May 20, 2010).

2. **Process**

Accommodation Review Committee 2013:01 – Midland Secondary School/ Penetanguishene Secondary School was established in November 2013. The ARC membership was approved as per Board policy and represented the schools and municipalities that brought forward representation. The ARC received data and information for each school in the form of a School Information Profile (SIP) to be used as a reference in the process. Further information and professional opinions were presented by staff from the Planning, Enrolment and Community Use Department, Design and Construction Department, and Program Services. All information provided to the committee and made available to the public, including all working session and public meeting minutes, is available on the board website.

Four public meetings were held by the ARC to present the work of the ARC and obtain feedback. The first public meeting was held on November 12, 2013 at which time the ARC process was outlined and the initial staff alternative accommodation option was presented. The second and third public meetings, held on December 10, 2013 and February 4, 2014, updated the public on ARC activities, presented preliminary options, and provided an opportunity for the public to ask questions of board staff and the committee. The ARC presented a framework of its draft report and recommendations at the final public meeting on March 4, 2014.

The final ARC report was delivered to the Director of Education on March 27, 2014 and was subsequently presented to the Board at the Special Board Meeting of April 15, 2014 (Report No. B-1-a Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School Accommodation Review Committee Report). The staff report, Report No. B-1-b Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School – Staff Report was also received at the Special Board Meeting.

On April 29, 2014, a Special Board Meeting was held to receive delegations. A total of ten delegations were received that represented student, parent/guardian, community and municipal interests.

The ARC process has been thorough, transparent and adheres to Board Policy No. 2313, Pupil Accommodation Review and Administrative Procedures Memorandum A5500, Pupil Accommodation Review. The ARC members, students, communities, and delegates are thanked for their dedication, valuable input and contributions to the process.

3. Accommodation Review Committee Final Recommendations

Throughout the working sessions the ARC considered 12 potential accommodation solutions which were presented at public meetings for feedback. After discussion, debate, and consideration of feedback, the basis for the final recommendation was formed. The ARC presented a framework of its draft report and recommendations at the final public meeting on March 4, 2014. As set out in Report No. B-1-a Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School Accommodation Review Committee Report, dated April 15, 2014, the ARC final recommendations are as follows:

1. Both Midland Secondary School and Penetanguishene Secondary School remain open;
2. Reduce the building sizes through demolition and/or utilization efficiencies (partnerships, reconfiguration, etc.) of Midland Secondary School and Penetanguishene Secondary School in order to eliminate excess capacity;
3. Encourage Administration/Principals at Midland Secondary School and Penetanguishene Secondary School to cooperate and explore the full sharing of programming opportunities for students.

Additional considerations the ARC wished to include as part of their report and convey to the Simcoe County District School Board include:

- The ARC will recommend to the Ministry of Education, through the Board, the amalgamation of school boards in order to make better use of available space and resources, locally, and across the province. It is recommended the Simcoe County District School Board solicit the Ministry of Education to either merge the 72 coterminous boards into a single system based on language, or establish a program that strengthens the incentive for coterminous boards to work together. An example would be replicating a program similar to the Student Transportation Reform Strategy. The ARC, through the Board, will invite the Ministry of Education to create a condition where coterminous school boards are forced to share resources instead of voluntarily.
- It was further recommended that the Simcoe County District School Board align their efforts with any or all of the other 30 English public school boards that are experiencing similar deficiencies to harness the collective interests and influence of these district school boards.
- The ARC also recommends the Simcoe County District School Board engage in marketing activities and evaluate the influencing factors that contribute to the decision about which of the four secondary schools in North Simcoe students choose to attend. Once the influencing factors are better understood, the ARC recommends that the Simcoe County District School Board implement actions that address the reasons students make their choices (programs, extracurricular, etc.).

4. Staff Recommendations

At the initial working session of November 5, 2013 staff presented an alternative accommodation option. This option proposed closing Penetanguishene Secondary School (June 2016) and consolidating the student population with Midland Secondary School. It was also proposed to submit a business case to address facility renewal needs and upgrade specialized teaching space at Midland Secondary School while also continuing to pursue partnership opportunities in order to utilize any remaining excess space.

The option was re-evaluated, taking into account the findings of the ARC final report, input received by the community, and consideration of the following factors:

Program
Ministry of Education 2014-15 Grants for Student Needs
Facility Condition
Demographics, Pupil Yields and Development
Enrolment and Accommodation
Partnerships and Facility Use
Finance
Transportation
Community Input
Attendance Areas

The staff recommendations set out in Report No. B-1-b Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School – Staff Report, dated April 15, 2014 are summarized as follows:

1. That the Board approve the closure of Penetanguishene Secondary School effective June 30, 2016.
2. That the Board approve the consolidation of the Penetanguishene Secondary School student population with the Midland Secondary School student population on the Midland Secondary School site effective June 30, 2016.
3. That the Board approve the consolidation of the Penetanguishene Secondary School and Midland Secondary School attendance areas (APPENDIX A) effective June 30, 2016.
4. That the Board approve relocating the Extended French as a Second Language (EFSL) program to the Midland Secondary School site effective June 30, 2016.
5. That the Board approve a capital priority to replace Midland Secondary School on the current Midland Secondary School site and be included as part of the 2014 Capital Plan.
6. That the Board direct staff to submit a business case for a capital priority to replace Midland Secondary School on the current Midland Secondary School site.
7. That the Board direct staff to establish an ad-hoc committee as per Policy 4440 to recommend to the Board a school name for the Board's consideration and decision prior to June 30, 2016.
8. That the Board retain Penetanguishene Secondary School as an asset until the viability of potential users for the building, or part of, is assessed.

5. Conclusion

The goals of the Simcoe Path consist of four main pillars: relevant, purposeful learning supporting high achievement, well-being and learning for life; inclusive, equitable and safe learning and working environments; confidence in public education; and, responsible stewardship of resources.

The staff recommendation is consistent with the Simcoe Path, placing value to the students of the entire Simcoe County District School Board at the forefront while also taking into consideration the individual needs of the many communities involved in this pupil accommodation review.

While program and accommodation pressures (underutilization) were the primary reasons for this review process, consideration was also given to facility conditions and the most effective use of board and public resources when developing the recommendations. It has been determined that the cost of refurbishment and renewal of existing facilities to meet the current and future needs of students would not be the most effective use of resources over the long term. It is therefore being recommended that a

Secondary School student populations. In addition to the long term financial efficiencies of a new facility, future generations of students will benefit from modern teaching spaces and technology. It is also anticipated that a new facility would be better able to retain existing students and attract new students to the Simcoe County District School Board.

Rationale for the recommendation to consolidate on the Midland Secondary School site as opposed to the Penetanguishene Secondary School site is multifaceted. The Midland Secondary School facility and site is of a sufficient size with sufficient amenities to immediately accommodate the population of Penetanguishene Secondary School without the need for additions or temporary accommodations. This allows for consolidation to occur while at the same time pursuing capital funding. The Midland Secondary School location is also more central to a larger concentration of the current and future population of the area and to the elementary feeder schools. This maximizes the number of students having the ability to walk and will minimize additional busing requirements.

In summary, the following recommendations will enable the board to be well positioned to effectively and efficiently accommodate students in the review area for the foreseeable future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Report No. B-1-a, Pupil Accommodation Review 2013:01 – Midland Secondary School/Penetanguishene Secondary School, dated June 3, 2014.

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Respectfully submitted by:

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Approved for submission by:

Kathi Wallace
Director of Education

June 3, 2014

Proposed Secondary Attendance Boundary

