



PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW UPDATE

Yarker Family School & Odessa Public School

February 2017

Extension of PARC timeline

At the most recent (February 16, 2017) Yarker Family School and Odessa Public School PARC Meeting, the PARC requested a timeline extension of up to one month to complete its work. Area Trustee Wess Garrod brought forth a request to extend the PARC at its February 22, 2017 Education, Policy & Operations Committee (EPOC) Meeting of the Board. Trustees passed a motion to allow for a three-week extension from March 21 to April 11, 2017.

This extension will still allow the decision on the Public Accommodation Review for Yarker Family/ Odessa Public School to be made in the spring of 2017. As a result of the extension, the following changes to meeting dates have been made:

Former date	New date	Location	Agenda
April 3 SE/SCC (6 p.m.)	April 24 (6 p.m.)	LDSB Board Office	Presentation of Final Staff Report
April 24 SE/SCC (6 p.m.)	May 9 (6 p.m.)	Yarker Family School	Meeting to receive delegations

Options presented by PARC

As part of its work to provide feedback on the Initial Staff Report that recommends the closure of Yarker Family School and the relocation of students to Odessa Public School, PARC members have been discussing proposed alternatives.

At the February 16 PARC Working Committee Meeting, PARC members confirmed that closing Odessa Public School – a suggestion from the community – is not a viable solution. New alternative options being considered are:

- Changes to school start/end times
- Changing boundaries
- New busing options

These are in addition to these previously discussed alternative options:

- Rental option – use classroom as community sharing centre (community hub)
- Increase grades to 4/5
- Hold off on process due to flaws
- Provide specialized programs at Yarker
- Introduce French Immersion program

These options are included in the PARC Working Committee Meeting minutes, which are available on the LDSB website at <http://limestone.on.ca/PARC/Yarker>.



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Public Meeting – March 7, 2017

The PARC has an opportunity to share and receive feedback on its proposed alternative options at the next public meeting on March 7, 2017. The meeting will include a review of the recommendation to close Yarker Family School, a presentation of PARC feedback to date, followed by community feedback (each speaker will be provided with a maximum of five minutes and may only speak once during the meeting to allow all attendees an opportunity to be heard). Members of the public who do not wish to speak publicly may provide their feedback via e-mail or letter to the Accommodation Review Facilitator at baileyr@limestone.on.ca

How to provide feedback

Community consultation and feedback is an important part of the accommodation review process. Here is how you can provide feedback:

1. Parents and the community are encouraged to provide input to the PARC (via your school representatives).
2. Parents and the community can participate in a public meeting scheduled for March 7, 2017.
3. Parents and the community are invited to provide feedback to the PARC Facilitator via email to: baileyr@limestone.on.ca
4. Parents and the community can apply to be a public delegation at a Special Board Meeting scheduled for 6 p.m., May 9, 2017 at Yarker Family School.

All questions and comments received by the PARC, and the feedback from the two public meetings, will be used to assist Board staff in developing a final report for the Board of Trustees. The Final Staff Report will be delivered to the School Enrolment/School Capacity Committee (SE/SCC) on April 24, 2017.

You can read the staff report and more about the process by visiting the LDSB website at <http://www.limestone.on.ca/PARC/Yarker>

PUBLIC MEETING

**to receive feedback on the Initial Staff Report
recommendation to close Yarker Family School**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017
at 6:30 p.m. at Odessa Public School
Gymnasium**



EVERYONE IS WELCOME