



**The Pupil Accommodation Review Committee  
Public Meeting - Open House Synopsis  
(Albion Heights JMS, Elmbank JMA, Greenholme JMS,  
Humberwood Downs JMA, Melody Village JS)**

**Public Meeting #4 – Open House  
Date: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Location: Elmbank JMA, Gymnasium**

**Synopsis:**

Present:

<i>Albion Heights JMS</i>	Sandra Buie – Principal
<i>Elmbank JMA</i>	Aldona Volunge – Principal, Fitz-Roy Gordon – Vice-Principal, Hersi Ali, Maria Ali
<i>Greenholme JMS</i>	Terry Singh – Principal
<i>Humberwood Downs</i>	Beverley Muir – Principal, Joan DeMurrell – Vice Principal, Denise Domise, Nilesh Mehta
<i>Melody Village JS</i>	Pauline Miller – Principal, Saima Ashraf
<i>Interpreters</i>	Chandra Kanagaratnam, Ali Haider, Parveen Bhalagamwala, Abdisalam Shakul, Cathine Chung, Khaleda Rahman, Mita Chakrabarty
<i>Childcare Staff</i>	Sadia Abdullahi, Hwo Ali and Marlene Powell Annie Appleby – Superintendent of Education, John Hastings – Local Trustee, Claude N. Grimmond – Facilitator, Reema Khanna, Andrew Gowdy, John Tancredi, Abdi Ali, Sandra Gatti, Dina Pizolinas, Janet Mills, Bonnie Johnston, Claude Grimmond
<i>Parent Ed. Network Note Taker:</i>	Barbara Frinpong Bernie Daya

<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Responsibility Attachments</b>
<b>1.</b>	The Open House Public Consultations are intended to share information as well as gather feedback. Community members were given the opportunity to talk with staff whilst sharing their insights and concerns.	Annie Appleby
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Welcome/Overview</b></p> <p>Everyone who registered was given a Passport to the Open House for the Ward 1 REXDALE Elementary School Pupil Accommodation Review as well as a Feedback Survey upon arrival. Participants were greeted and directed to tour all stations surrounding the gym: Pupil Accommodation Review Process, Understanding the 5 Schools, Possible Accommodations: Models # 1 2 3 and 4 were displayed for community reflection for possible accommodations. The discourse was managed by Planning; French Immersion Programming – FSL Program Coordinator and CCP, Garden by students: Parenting &amp; Family Literacy Centre, Roots of Empathy –TDSB Partners.</p> <p>The drop off box for suggestions and feedback surveys as well as sending comments to the website <a href="mailto:brighterfutures@tdsb.on.ca">brighterfutures@tdsb.on.ca</a>.</p>	

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	<p><b>Welcome/Overview Continued:</b></p> <p>Display Board with all PARC committee members identified with photographs and position/role + notation of those with voting rights. Members of the committee escorted visitors around the stations answered questions and directed them to the appropriate staff person.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Questions/Comments/Responses:</b></p> <p>*Comments were written on the large poster about French Immersion (FI) by Elmbank teachers. The staff from Elmbank is not in favour of FI at Elmbank. They can see that Elmlea JS is a long bus ride but feel another school should accommodate the students whose families support and request French Immersion programming.</p> <p>*A few parents from Queen's Plate Drive stated that they do not wish to leave Elmbank JMA and asked about optional attendance in order to remain at Elmbank JMA should the model that garners the most votes be a one whereby the homes West of Highway 27 are to go to Albion Heights JMS.</p> <p>*Some parents believe that more parents should have been included in the vote because large and small schools have the same representation instead of representation by population.</p> <p>*Why are you closing Elmbank? <u>Response:</u> None of the 5 schools are being closed. It's about reviewing the resources including spaces in the schools involved, and determining how best to utilize these resources in order to better program for students in order to improve student achievement.</p> <p>*Albion Heights was closed to optional attendance. In 1999 when the boundaries were re-drawn AHJMS was full with close to 800 pupils (currently there are just under 400 pupils attending). <u>Response:</u> Albion Heights did not have space to accommodate optional attendance a few years ago. Since then there have been changes to the school's enrolment. In some Models there is a plan to add to the school's building with a porta-pack of 6 classrooms.</p>	
4.	<p>Participants were encouraged to participate in the Survey <a href="mailto:brighterfutures@tdsb.on.ca">brighterfutures@tdsb.on.ca</a>. It is important that we hear back from the community throughout this process. Input will be considered along with feedback from others. All ideas will be considered by the PARC Committee in its deliberations and report to the TDSB Board.</p>	<p><b>Annie Appleby</b></p>