



Public Meeting re Ward 1 Rexdale PARC

Date: January 14, 2014

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Location: Albion Heights JMS

MEETING NOTES

Item	Details
Welcome	Manon Gardner, an Executive Superintendent at TDSB, acted as the moderator for the meeting. She welcomed attendees and introduced staff including Andrew Gowdy, Manager of Planning at TDSB who spoke to the PowerPoint presentation outlining TDSB's staff response to the recommendations of the PARC.
Background	Andrew Gowdy provided background information regarding the reason for the PARC and the PARC process.
Presentation	The TDSB staff presentation can be found on the TDSB website. The link is below: http://www2.tdsb.on.ca/wwwdocuments/schools/area_review_committee/docs/P20140114-Ward1RexdalePARC-Presentation-ReducedSizeForWeb.pdf
Next Steps	Andrew Gowdy outlined the next steps regarding the PARC process. Staff's recommendations will be brought forward in a report that will be presented to the Board's Planning and Priorities Committee on January 22, 2014 at 7:00 at the TDSB's head office, 5050 Yonge Street. Attendees were told they could make a delegation to the committee if they would like. Instructions on how to make a delegation were available at the meeting.

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	The staff report will then go to the Board meeting on February 5, 2014 for a decision by the Board. The final decision will be shared with parents through a letter that will be distributed via the students.
Questions and Answers	<p>Questions and comments were expressed regarding the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reason Elmbank JMA was chosen as a possible location for a new First Nations Elementary Native Language Program. • The reason Melody Village JS was chosen for a French program and when students can enrol in the program. • The busing logistics and safety concerns regarding drop-off and pick-up areas (especially in the winter) at Melody Village JS. • The size of Melody Village JS and its ability to accommodate students in the French program. • The redirection of students living in the Queen's Plate area. • The potential sale of school properties in the area. • The location of Elmlea JS. • The main motivation for boundary changes. • How students from Queen's Plate could be accommodated at Humberwood Downs JMA. • How parents will be informed about the Board decisions re the PARC. <p>Staff provided answers to all of the questions.</p>