

## PART – MEETING #2

### DON VALLEY/WOODBINE JHS

October 20, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Woodbine JHS

<b>Central Membership:</b>	Ken Lister (Trustee), Beth Veale (Superintendent), Karen Buzzelli (recorder), David Paltser (Planning), Peter Naperstkov (Planning), John Tancredi (French), Lori Moore (Special Education), Kristina Laperle (FSLAC), Tracy Hayhurst (Superintendent), Ian Allison (Special Education)
<b>School Administrators:</b>	Annie Slater (Don Valley), Marisa Cocco (Don Valley), Paul Farrell (Brian), Tamara Grealis (Georges Vanier), Debbie Tierney (Dallington), Danila Duliunas (Dallington), Alisa Cashore (Woodbine), Lisa Laliberte (Woodbine), Mary Outow (Kingslake), Mario Perri (Lescon), Marie Haddad (Crestview)
<b>Parent Council Chair/Reps:</b>	Daria Abdoulchama (Lescon), Adina Balaban (Kingslake), Gayathri Samaroo (Crestview), Alifia Yusuf (Forest Manor), Marie-Louise Soulodre (Forest Manor), Aretha Phillip (Brian), Nellemarie Hyde (Brian), Nancy Simich (Brian), Julie Kwok (Don Valley), Esther Chung (Don Valley), Rudaba Akhand (Georges Vanier), Yesie Funes-Eng (Dallington), Bayan Sanassra (Woodbine), Pushyami Suren (Forest Manor)

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Objective of Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of concurrent processes happening, focus is moving Gr 9 students out of Junior High Schools into secondary schools</li> <li>Every move made has ramifications like dominos.</li> <li>Rather than closing schools, what can we do to balance enrolments?</li> <li>Receive feedback on preferred scenario.</li> <li>Helps us decide at board on how we proceed.</li> </ul>	
Positives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vanier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>very happy that they are getting grade 9 to increase capacity and making it a Gr. 9-12 school like the other secondary schools</li> <li>already has specialized programs and TOPS would be great addition. TOPS program is very popular and would save student travelling all the way to Marc Garneau</li> <li>south of Sheppard, east of Don Mills – a lot of parents would have preferred to have gifted in Vanier due to the subway line. (Noted: this is not part of proposed scenario)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Crestview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had large turnout at parent council last night – feedback was that the Gifted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>Seneca Hill to Zion to AY Jackson path very positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ had concerns about transportation and the distance young grade 6 children would have to travel</li> <li>● Having all secondary in same building and collecting credits in one building is very positive....appreciate this change immensely</li> <li>● No school closings, efficiency of facility use (less empty classrooms). Avoids provincial imposed school closings.</li> </ul>	
Negatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extra FI transition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Don Valley to Windfields to York Mills is an issue because it means that FI kids have to transition to 4 schools instead of 3.</li> <li>○ Noted that there is no physical space at York Mills to make it Gr. 9-12</li> <li>○ concern for FI special needs students where extra transition is going to be extremely challenging...two years of transitions in a row.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Extended Fr in area opened new site at Renee Gordon to Milne Valley to Leaside. Also have Cliffwood to Sir Ernest MacMillan to Newtonbrook. None are part of this proposal</li> <li>● Crestview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ has Gr. K-6 YMCA afterschool program</li> <li>○ What will to grade 6 before and after care programs if Crestview no longer has grade 6?</li> <li>○ Same concern at Brian</li> <li>○ Could before/after school care be added to Don Valley and/or Woodbine? (really need this to be addressed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Lescon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boundary changes for Lescon was a concern – noted this would be grandfathered with siblings</li> <li>○ Concern with adding busses at Lescon PS where bus traffic is already an issue. With new development will be more students coming (need to emphasize looking into solving issues related to busses at Lescon PS sooner than later if</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>this is to happen in Sept. 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peter noted that there are two choices – do now or when new buildings are finished. Parent rep noted would be better to wait until the buildings are up. Best to have students come to Lescon at one time from both developments</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safety of grades 6 travelling further from Brian community to Don Valley.</li> <li>○ Noted that Cliffwood would have the same concerns.</li> <li>○ Transportation aspect a concern, especially when children are small for their age. Not comfortable putting grade 6 students on TTC.</li> <li>○ Forest Manor has same concern.</li> <li>○ Many Gr. 6 students are only age 10, not 11 yet.</li> <li>○ Would Grade 6's at Don Valley be allowed to leave the premises at lunch hour? Would prefer Gr. 6 be kept on site. Noted that this can be arranged at school level with Principal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Suggestions/Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How is support which now covers up to Gr 6 going to be addressed when moving to 6-8...specifically around special needs?</li> <li>○ Gr 6 placements are based on IPRC would look to minimize transition (look for 6-8). Could also be returned to regular class. Would shrink 4-6 program to 4-5. If needed program would continue at another school. Catchment areas for ISP are more flexible than regular attendance catchment areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Next Steps:	<p>All to forward any comments to Trustee Lister or their principal.</p> <p>It was noted that Council Reps would like to receive feedback for any suggestions they submit.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Public Consultation Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Woodbine JHS</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.</p>	