



PART – MEETING #2

PLEASANT VIEW JHS

October 20, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Pleasant View JHS

Central Membership:	Ken Lister (Trustee), Beth Veale (Superintendent), Karen Buzzelli (Recorder), David Paltser (Planning), Peter Naperstkw (Planning), Lori Moore (Special Education), John Tancredi (French), Kristina Laperle (FSLAC)
School Administrators:	Linda Nardea (Pleasant View), Linda-Sue Thomas (Ernest), Phyl Jackson (Cherokee), Paul Farrell (Brian), Rick Tarasuk (Sir John A Macdonald), Huw Chinnery (L'Amoreaux), Pat Chater (Muirhead)
Parent Council Chair/Reps:	Tom Mitsopoulos (Cherokee), Bianca O'Brien (Brian), Nancy Simich (Brian), Nellemarie Hyde (Brian), Angela Morelli (Ernest), Joanna Hodson (Muirhead), Athena Tsimidis (Muirhead), Aretha Phillip (Brian)

<i>Item / Presenter</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Attachments / Actions / Results</i>
Objective of Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of concurrent processes happening, focus is moving Gr 9 students out of Junior High Schools into secondary schools. • Every move made has ramifications like dominos. • Rather than closing schools, what can we do to change demographics? • Two main reasons for this process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some schools under-utilized/some schools over-utilized ○ Ending Junior High model so grade 9s can have a 4 year secondary school experience consistent with rest of TDSB • We want to receive feedback on preferred scenario from PART participants, see yourselves in an advisory role (similar to School Councils) • Helps us decide at board on how we proceed • Review any questions re the preferred scenario 	
Positives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • takes pressure off schools like Brian that are over subscribed • Gr 9 moving to high school is great for the students • likes new French programs, lot of parents interested in different programs • nice that concerns raised for many years about over enrolment at Brian is finally being addressed 	

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Negatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian PS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parents have significant concerns around safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ gr. 6 will have to travel the extra distance to Don Valley (walking, buses, etc.) ▪ feel that grade 6 students are more protected in the elementary environment than middle school ▪ what are checks and balances for students being able to leave the environment (school grounds), i.e. peanut plaza, crossing major roads? ▪ this is not an issue with Pleasant View because of its location. Feel it is more protected environment. ○ Can there be before and after care at Don Valley? ○ feel that the FI students are taking the extra hit because of the extra transition (Brian - Don Valley – Windfields – York Mills). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ would like to see York Mills get capital investment to expand to take Gr. 9 ▪ FI children with special needs will be hardest hit with extra transition to Windfields for Gr 9 ▪ David Paltser confirmed that Windfields does have room to take in Don Valley French immersion students ○ parents currently have option at Gr. 6 to go to Don Valley, Sir Ernest MacMillan or Windfields, but what if optional attendance status at Windfields closes due to proposed changes. This would now reduce the option to Don Valley only, as Sir Ernest MacMillan does not have grade 6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ John Tancredi clarified that parents are expect to follow a designated FI pathway such as Brian, Don Valley, York Mills. Student could apply to another FI site through the Optional Attendance Policy • Muirhead PS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parents were concerned with the loss of students. School losing grade 6 students in interim before new condo developments are complete means they may lose special education classes due to the smaller number of regular classes available for integration. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder that French placement is guaranteed all the way to graduation. Some areas in the city don't have many options for French, but a pathway is always guaranteed. • Noted that Ernest which is underutilized is big, nice school and has lowest repair backlog. It is also air conditioned and has 2 large gyms. If Brian continues to be over-utilized may mean your child is in a portable for at least one year. • Question raised why board is not looking at York Mills CI and making it Gr. 9-12? Response was that there currently is no space to do this. Trustee Lister working on for the future. If current processes go through there will be only one 10-12 secondary school and two JHSs remaining in TDSB (York Mills CI, St Andrew's JHS, Windfields JHS). If we had the funds would be potentially looking at making capital changes to schools. Trustee Lister noted they he is not sure how the TDSB could go ahead but will be looking into it. 	
Suggestions/questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does this work with public consultation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the preferred scenarios we see what we like and don't like. This meeting helps our team know some of the "hot spots" and community concerns before the public meeting in order to be prepared. 	
Next Steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to forward any comments to Trustee Lister or their principal. • It was noted that Council Reps would like to receive rationale for the suggestions. 	
Next Meetings:	Public Consultation Monday, October 26 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pleasant View JHS	
Adjournment:	4:50 p.m.	

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