

**BLOOR-DUFFERIN ARC**  
**Alpha II Alternative School, Brock Jr. P.S., Dovercourt Jr. P.S.,**  
**Kent Sr. P.S. and Pauline Jr. P.S.**

**PUBLIC MEETING #2**  
**January 14, 2010**  
**Bloor CI**

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION RESPONSES**

**A. Kent Sr PS's Options (to date):**

<b>OPTION</b>	<b>BROCK GROUP</b>	<b>DOVERCOURT GROUP</b>	<b>KENT GROUP</b>	<b>PAULINE GROUP</b>
Option A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close Kent</li> <li>• Convert all feeder schools to JK to 8 schools</li> <li>• Dewson FI stays JK-6</li> </ul>	This group only commented on Option A and made the following overall comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should not be reacting but acting</li> <li>• We would be closing a valuable institution</li> <li>• King Edward is too far for Dewson's FI students</li> <li>• The closing of Kent does not bring dollars immediately (i.e. disposal/selling)</li> <li>• Funding formula flawed</li> <li>• Middle School should be kept</li> </ul>	Best: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pauline's utilization rate gets to 85%</li> <li>• Dovercourt parents have wanted to go to JK-8 model</li> </ul> Worst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Kent does not get the others close enough to 80% utilization rates</li> </ul>	Best: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (none recorded)</li> </ul> Worst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• closing Kent since it already has labs with specialty staff attached and facilities for tech studies</li> </ul>	Best: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• smaller class sizes for grade 7 and 8</li> <li>• if a school is closed, there will be more money to maintain other schools; higher enrolment = additional funding</li> <li>• mixing of older and younger students - grade 7 and 8 students may take a leadership role</li> </ul> Worst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if grade 7 and 8 numbers are too small, won't get some specialized programs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If space is available, the board can lease space</li> <li>• Multipurpose building/school</li> <li>• Partnership model</li> <li>• MP does not agree with closing Kent</li> <li>• According to Councillor Giambrone (closings) are not the city's jurisdiction</li> <li>• Older buildings can be turned "green" more easily</li> <li>• More choice in programs should be offered everywhere</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mixing of older and younger students may be a problem</li> <li>• middle schools are a good prep for high school</li> </ul>
<p>Option B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close Kent</li> <li>• Convert Brock, Dovercourt and Pauline to JK-8 schools</li> </ul>		<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pauline gets to 85% utilization rate</li> <li>• Brock gets a better utilization rate</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Kent doesn't get the others close enough to 80%</li> </ul>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilization rates are better</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everything because Kent should not close</li> </ul>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See comments in option 1 regarding grade 7 and 8</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See comments in option 1 regarding grade 7 and 8</li> <li>• increases distance for kids from Dewson to walk to Brock</li> <li>• does not minimize transitions for Dewson and Montrose</li> </ul>

<p>Option C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close Brock</li> <li>• Kent is converted to a JK-8 school</li> <li>• Other feeder schools SQ</li> </ul>		<p>Best: (none recorded)</p> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brock is closed</li> <li>• there is little effect on utilization rates of the others</li> <li>• No real advantage for Kent becoming Jk-8</li> <li>• Some parents don't want young students going to school in a busy area (Dufferin/Bloor corner) - therefore no benefit to anyone</li> </ul>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent stays open</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no JK to 6 south of Bloor</li> <li>• No separate 7 and 8 school</li> </ul>	<p>Best: (none recorded)</p> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• distance for students to walk from Brock area to Kent</li> <li>• closing Brock with its Arts/Ecology focus</li> </ul>
<p>Option D:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent building closed</li> <li>• Kent continues as a separate school at Bloor CI with a program for pre-Tops students from across the city</li> <li>• Convert Brock, Dovercourt and Pauline to JK -8 schools</li> </ul>		<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent gets to stay as an entity</li> <li>• other feeders move to the JK-8 model</li> </ul> <p>Worst: (none recorded)</p>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• keeps Kent in a good location</li> <li>• more options for kids in our area (TOPS)</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cohort of 7 and 8 students at the other schools may be too small</li> </ul>	<p>Best: (none recorded)</p> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/8 students will not mix well with secondary school students</li> </ul>

<p>Option E:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate Kent to Central Commerce CI as a separate school within the school</li> <li>All feeder schools remain SQ</li> </ul>		<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kent gets to survive</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>this does not help any of the feeder schools</li> </ul>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>does not address issues with low utilization rates</li> <li>Central Commerce is too far away</li> </ul>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>could see two schools within one building</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no increase in the low utilization rates</li> <li>distance to Central Commerce</li> <li>don't like Kent students going to Central Commerce</li> <li>grade 7 to 12 school not a good combination (although there would be access to facilities)</li> </ul>
<p>Option F:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate Kent to Bloor CI as a separate school within the school</li> <li>All feeder schools remain SQ</li> </ul>		<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kent gets to survive</li> <li>this option makes better sense than moving to Central Commerce because Bloor is in the same neighbourhood</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>this does not help any of the feeder schools</li> </ul>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location is better</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>does not address issues with low utilization rates</li> </ul>	

**ALPHA II options (to date):**

**Note:** The Brock group, the Dovercourt group and the Pauline group did not comment on the Alpha II options.

OPTION	ALPHA II GROUP	KENT GROUP
Option G: Relocate Alpha II to Brock	Best: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no best features</li> </ul> Worst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• high school/senior students should not be with JK-6</li> <li>• if it were Jk-8, it still does not allow Alpha II to build</li> </ul>	Nothing positive
Option H: Relocate Alpha II to Dovercourt	Best: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no best features</li> </ul> Worst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• high school/senior students should not be with JK-6</li> <li>• if it were Jk-8, it still does not allow Alpha II to build</li> </ul>	Nothing positive
Option I: Relocate Alpha II to Bloor CI	Best: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If Bloor moves to Brockton: new facility, on the subway and is a city school, demographics suit, has secondary facilities (e.g. labs), matches TOPS self-directed philosophy, Alpha II easily expands with grades 7-12 in one facility</li> </ul> Worst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing</li> </ul>	Nothing positive
Option J: Relocate Alpha II to Central Commerce CI	Best: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing</li> </ul> Worst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• too far from the subway</li> <li>• physical plant does not support "open flow"</li> <li>• not great access to the community</li> </ul>	Nothing positive

<p>Option K: Alpha II remains at Kent which converts to a JK-8 school</p>	<p>Best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can stay in the community; consistency</li> </ul> <p>Worst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presence of younger children detracts from the model already built</li> </ul>	<p>Kent stays open</p>
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**New options proposed:**

<b>Alpha II Group</b>	<b>Brock Group</b>	<b>Dovercourt Group</b>	<b>Kent Group</b>	<b>Pauline Group</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent (all students) to Bloor or explore an enriched 7/8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move Bloor CI into Kent</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a grade 6,7 and 8 model possible?</li> <li>• Kent relocates to Brock and the other schools stay as Jk-6</li> </ul>

**Questions/more Information Requested:**

<b>Alpha II Group</b>	<b>Brock Group</b>	<b>Dovercourt Group</b>	<b>Kent Group</b>	<b>Pauline Group</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please check utilization rates for Brock - we believe they are incorrect</li> <li>• What were the utilization rates 20 years ago?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do Dovercourt students actually go for grades 7 and 8?</li> <li>• What is the academic performance for Kent students like?</li> <li>• What would the boundaries be in the possible options?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If Pauline becomes JK-8, will it get shops, home ec room etc.?</li> </ul>