ASE 1 Relocation PART Public Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

6pm – 8pm

- Welcome and Introductions meeting started at 6:05pm by PART Chair and Superintendent of Education, LN 13, Kurt McIntosh Attendees (17): Cindy Kim (AL for SOE, LN13 & Notetaker), Kurt McIntosh (SOE, LN13 St Andrews), William Wallace (TDSB Educational Planning Coordinator), Denis Lopes (Principal ASE 1), Peter Chang (System Superintendent, Alternative Programs ASE 1), John Chasty (SOE, LN15 Willow Park PS), Kim Rainford (Principal St. Andrews PS), Manpreet Sian (TDSB Educational Planning Officer), Sheila Smalley (Principal Willow Park PS), Lynda Turner (ASE 1 Parent Rep) & Rachel Turner (ASE 1 Student Rep), Katherine Contreras (St. Andrews Parent Rep), Sheyi Momoh (Willow Park Parent Rep), Venkat Shanmugasundaram (St. Andrews Parent Rep), Jennifer Themelis (ASE 1 Parent Rep) & Alexander Themelis (ASE 1 Student Rep), Emtiaz Bala (Willow Park Parent Rep) + Public
- 2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment, Agenda & Meeting Norms TDSB by Kurt McIntosh (KM)
- 3. Presentation Agenda (slide 4): Kurt McIntosh, slide 5 introducing PART Members, St. Andrews Principal and parent reps, ASE 1 staff and parents introduction, Willow Park introductions, SOE introductions (HG, JC, PC), as Trustees join we will take an opportunity to introduce them, Planning team TDSB slide 5 description of process, we are in Step 3, will discuss tonight why we are considering the movement of ASE 1, we have put together participants from all communities to have a conversation about how this could look, once process is done, we will take your collective feedback and put together a proposal, slide 7, role of the PART, slide 8, LTPAS
- 4. Manpreet Sian slide 8-9-10, 11, 12, 13, why do we need to move ASE 1?, slide 14, classrooms that ASE 1 utilizing are in orange, slide 15, slide 16, slide 17, 48 students that attend ASE 1, slide 18, light green where students coming from that attend ASE 1, slide 19 decrease in projected enrolment for ASE 1, need 5 classrooms, office, washroom and easy transportation, slide 20, slide 21, both staff and PART have come to the conclusion to recommend the moving of ASE 1 to Willow Park, slide 22, 23, First Floor of Willow Park floor plan, second floor, orange is for ASE 1, small renovation for the washroom, current storage room, slide 25, questions that were raised during the PART meeting process, slide 26, slide 27, slide 28, slide 29, slide 30, slide 31, slide 32, slide 33, slide 34
- 5. MS Open up the floor to anyone who would like to ask a question review slide 35 for rules with regards to the rules for asking a question
- 6. Bill Wallace- there is one question in the chat, that we can answer live where will the 2 new portables be located at St. Andrews?, clarifying that question is regarding Willow Park, there is no projection that anticipates needing portables at Willow Park, there is enough room and a buffer built in such that we don't anticipate needing portables at Willow Park
- 7. KM you can type a question in the Q&A box if you have a question, and we can answer it

- 8. BW we have 2 hands up so just in the process of trying to figure out how to answer Basel Alriyabi the students are not leaving this year correct? I have a student in Grade 8 at St. Andrews, they aren't moving the students, are they?
- 9. KM no, we are not moving students from St. Andrews to another school
- 10. Sandra Stiff question community member of Willow Park, my children are older, I am concerned as a community, there have been large community issues, break-ins, shooting, parking in the morning and after school is a disaster, the arguments and language are atrocious, I want to make sure that everyone knows what they are getting into, what can we do to get enrolment up at the school?, there are lots of kids in the neighborhood
- 11. KM Manpreet can look at the enrolment projections over the next few years
- 12. Sheila Smalley parking is definitely an issue that requires monitoring, parents parking in the bus drop off area, when there is a staff member there in the morning then things seem to run more smoothly, when there isn't a staff member there then we do hear stories about the parking signs not being adhered to, sorry to hear about the language that you are hearing, there is a need to have respect for our community neighbors
- 13. MS with regards to the population growing, Willow Park is a mature neighborhood and there is no new developments planned for the area, we anticipate the growth of the enrolment (slide 20), adding ASE 1 grows the utilization of the school to 90%, which helps the school
- 14. SS there will be a small increase as the daycare gets established and the children mature and age into the school population
- 15. KM any additional questions for the panel? Benefits of ASE 1, can we give you greater clarification on anything that we've discussed?
- 16. Sandra the custodial person that is at Willow Park does a great job, just let the Trustees know that there is a bigger picture here, the community members have gone to other schools by using their prior addresses because they don't want their kids going to the local school, we need to get the existing community members to send their kids to Willow Park
- 17. BW we are capturing on average 85% of all students in the neighborhood, local students are attending the local school, either with specialized programs or alternatives/other options.
- 18. KM looking for ways to revitalize the school and the community, and by relocation ASE 1, that will help to revitalize the building
- 19. SS constantly reflecting on how to make Willow Park the best school that it can be, we are working very hard to make Willow Park a wonderful, vibrant learning environment, our students are proud to be Willow Park students and our parents are very supportive, we can talk about your ideas for the school and the community, we welcome your feedback and thank you for your question and your comment
- 20. MS we don't see any additional questions coming in so we will move forward with the next stage of the project

- 21. BW we have a survey for you to share any additional thoughts so please stick around for additional information
- 22. MS slide 36, a few questions to better understand how you feel about the relocation of ASE 1 to Willow Park, slide 37 next steps, slide 38, that is the conclusion of the presentation and I will drop the survey link into the chat that will take you directly to the survey, if anyone want to go to the website, you can also find it if you google TDSB reviews, the survey will only take 5 minutes so please fill it out if you have a chance, that concludes the meeting
- 23. KM thank you to everyone for joining us, responding to questions and participating in this process, I hope that you all have a good night