

Replacement of Davisville PS & Spectrum AS

Notes - Parent Meeting

Meeting Date: September 26, 2017

Meeting venue: Davisville PS

Staff Present:

Shona Farrelly, Principal

Cécile Robertson, Vice Principal

Shelley Laskin, Trustee, Ward 11

Ian Allison, Superintendent of Schools, Learning Network 2

Sal Beltrano, Manager, Capital Projects Office, Construction Project Office

Tom Schloessin, Architectural Coordinator, Design Services Architectural/Structural

Reshma Kalifullah, Assistant Manager, Student Transportation

Summary of Presentation & Comments:

- TDSB staff presented an overview of the new school project, along with an update of the proposed school relocation to VAUGHAN ROAD ACADEMY for the duration of the construction of a new facility on the DAVISVILLE site.
- The design of the new building is continuing. It was noted that TDSB staff had met with members of the community in August to review site access and address concerns regarding traffic flow. There is now consensus as to the approach.
 - the traffic flow and access to the site can be one -way from Millwood Rd, exiting onto Davisville Ave.
 - the underground parking garage is not a commercial facility and access will be controlled. Only identified, approved users will be allowed.
 - it was noted that details of this discussion have previously been posted on the web site.
- TDSB reiterated the need to relocate DAVISVILLE/SPECTRUM during the construction of a new school.
 - As noted in the earlier community meeting in June, the safety of the student population is paramount. The steadily increasing population and the existing cramped facilities have added to concerns. A recommendation by staff has been made to the TDSB Board to relocate the school. It will come to committee on September 27 and to Board on October 18.
- TDSB staff presented a summary of the accommodation of the DAVISVILLE School at VRA. This was also a recap of the bus trip and tour provided to parents on September 12. TDSB transportation services presented the proposed bus routing that would bring the student population to VRA. Key issues:
 - the pick-up locations as well as the timing of buses are not fully resolved and will be established with community input.

- flexibility is in place to allow for before/after care programs, extra-curricular activity. The details will be established with school community input.
- TDSB staff provided information regarding student/bus tracking to allow parents to be aware of timing and location of buses. The process of assigning students to buses will be developed in discussion with the school community.
- parents identified concerns regarding possible bullying during the bus ride. The option of parent volunteers as “ride monitors” was raised and remains an option. It was also noted that a “buddy” system could also be used.
- TDSB staff were challenged as to whether the replacement school construction process could be correctly managed and if the new school would be ready on time. Staff acknowledged that any building project had risks, but also noted that a two-year window had been allowed for, and that a typical school would require an 18 month construction window.
- Next Steps
 - Continue to respond to questions from parents and develop bussing scenario in more detail.
 - Continue to update the parent community.
 - Meet again after the Board meeting (October 18) to share information.

Please note the meeting presentation can be found on the TDSB website here –

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/default/ARC_helpful_info_docs/DAVISVILLE%20-%20Status%20SEPT%202017.pdf

