Charles H. Best MS - Wilmington ES Program Area Review Team Community Meeting - Questions and Answers December 11, 2017

Q: In the letter sent home it mentioned program pathways for specialized programs including French and Gifted. Will these programs be moved?

A: No changes to the Gifted Program. The Gifted Program will remain at the existing sites, including Summit Heights PS.

Q: In 2027 if you look at the utilization rate for Dublin Heights, Willowdale MS and Rockford PS it will be very high.

A: Yes they are very high. Unfortunately they are not addressed at this PART, as the focus was on Charles H. Best MS and Wilmington ES. The increasing enrolment, and resulting possible future accommodation pressure are concerns of Staff, and they will be addressed in the future.

Q: What programs are currently dropped off by bus at CH Best?

A: Currently there are 5 classes for 3 special education programs [Autism, Developmentally Delayed, and Learning Disability] located at Charles H Best MS.

Q: What does Extended French coming to CH Best mean to the feeder schools?

A: The proposal will create some enrolment relief for Pleasant PS, as 5 of 14 English program schools that currently populate the Extended French site at Pleasant PS are suggested to populate the new program at Charles H Best MS. Please keep in mind that when you apply for French, you apply to a program. You are not applying for a particular school. As such, it is possible that a student could attend either school site, or even another site located elsewhere.

Q: Can students from Dublin Hts attend the proposed Extended French program at Charles H. Best?

A: Dublin Hts E&MS is currently not a feeder of Pleasant PS, and was not suggested to be a feeder for the proposed program at Charles H. Best MS. However adding Dublin Hts E&MS to the Charles H. Best MS as a feeder is possible. It is too early to state if Extended French demand at the Charles H. Best MS will allow sufficient space for Dublin Hts E&MS to be added.

Q: How will it [opening another Extended French site at Charles H. Best] impact French at Pleasant and their staffing?

A: For Extended French grades 4 to 6 at Pleasant PS, we believe the enrolment will decrease by approximately 30 students and that is the equivalent potential loss of 1 teacher. However, Pleasant PS can offset the decrease should there be additional demand for Extended French at Pleasant PS.

Q: Do the projections shown include the residences along Sheppard?

A: Yes, the enrolment projections do include those new residential developments.

Q: What is the cause of the over enrolment at Dublin Heights?

A: We have observed significant enrolment growth at Dublin Heights E&MS. There has been an increase in enrolment from residences within the Dublin Heights boundary area. Also, we have observed that multiple families residing within the same residence. Multiple families have been observed also in the McKee PS Willowdale area, and the Kennedy PS area.

Q: What accommodations will be made for Faywood ABC and Summit Heights?

A: Accommodation pressures at Faywood ABC and Summit Heights PS will be part of another review process that will be started in the coming year.

Q: How does the TDSB manage students with fake addresses?

A: Upon registration, the TDSB requires school staff to ask for several pieces of information. In addition, the school Principal can ask for additional information to verify the information already provided. In situations, such as when the school is extremely over-enrolled, the Planning Department can conduct an Address Audit of student records. Currently Dublin Hts is not extremely over-enrolled, and an Address Audit is not planned.

Q: Is there a chance that Dublin's programs will be transferred to Best?

A: No, there is no plan to move Special Education programs from Dublin Hts E&MS to Charles H. Best MS. Students with special educational needs are the most vulnerable and the most at risk, and as such, Special Education program relocation is not done often. When done, students are thoroughly supported in the change to the new school.

Q: Will we be getting a new play-scape?

A: There is a request for improvements to the tarmac, but no new outside play-scape is being discussed.

Q: Is this proposal a solid one? What were the other options?

A: The PART team met several times throughout the process and decided of all the options presented that Option H was the most feasible. The other options are shown on the boards at the side of the cafeteria

Q: What grade is moving to Charles H. Best?

A: It is proposed that Wilmington PS's Grade 4 program will be relocated to Charles H. Best MS for September 2018.

Q: Is there a chance that my child with physical disability currently at Dublin Hts. be relocated? And then what high school will my child attend?

A: The Physical Disability program at Dublin Hts will not be moved. Susan Moulton, Special Education Principal will follow up with the parent.

Feedback from "Sticky" Notes left on Display Boards

Board	Comment
Option A: Status Quo	Not good too many areas to improve
Option B: Grades remain the same French	Too many red squares showing underutilized spaces. Big
Immersion Program introduced at	Concern
Wilmington ES Existing Special Education	
Programs Remain.	
Option B:	Introduction of Immersion French at C H Best is a good
	option to fulfill speciality program
Option C: Grades Change Wilmington ES	Transitioning between two buildings is a concern for
becomes a JK to Grade 3 school, and Charles	young children
H. Best MS becomes a Grade 4 to 8 school.	
Existing Special Education Programs	
Option H: Grades Change Wilmington ES	Introduction of Extended French is a good solution. How
becomes a JK to Grade 3 school, and Charles	about Immersion French as well?

H. Best MS becomes a Grade 4 to 8 school. Introduce Extended French Program at Charles H. Best MS Boundary Change Wild Gingerway is assigned to Dublin Hts E&MS Existing Special Education	
Programs Remain.	
Option H:	Better playground for JK & SK Wilmington
Option H:	How can you project utilization up to 2027 accuracy
Option H:	Bus loop
Option H:	Playground for C H Best for Junior students
Option H:	Thank you so much for addressing the inconsistency with Wild Ginger Way. This will be a relief for my daughter.
Option H:	Huge gap between ages/maturity of Grade 4 and Grade 8 students. How will C H Best make the young ones feel safe? Floors? Recess?
Option H:	Junior Special Ed Program at Wilmington?