

South East Norfolk Accommodation Review

Requests for Information (after March 22 meeting)

There was a casual comment made at the March 22 ARC meeting about moving the DD class at Walsh, but, to the best of my knowledge, nothing in the current ARC proposal suggests this move is on the table.

Response: You are correct: there is presently no recommendation to move the DD class from Walsh.

The opening discussion at the March 22 meeting spoke of “student satisfaction of the school”. Are there stats per school? Was this data collected from students or auditors, or it merely a calculation with assumptions?

Response: School Information Profiles include a profile of the school facility, a profile of the instructional programs offered, and a profile of any non-school programs or services offered. All are measures of the value of the school to the student. SIPs are compiled with input from the school principal.

Would it be possible to see plans of the finished Elgin upgrades?

Response: Yes.

Many of our parents were interested in seeing documentation of the building inspection completed in regards to Elgin. Is this possible?

Response: Reviewing a building inspection is not within the purview of the ARC. However, Resource Staff could review the document to determine what information – other than that already shared – could be provided for ARC members.

My children have attended West Lynn as out of area students and should attend Walsh. They have attended West Lynn since 2008. If West Lynn does close and I want my children to move to Elgin with their peers that they have been with since JK, will I have that option to enrol them as out of area student in Elgin or Lynndale?

Response: There is an Out of Attendance Area policy that will remain in place regardless of the final ARC decisions. Acceptance for OAA status depends on space availability at a particular school.

In regards to the plans and costs for Elgin, how is this information used by the ministry of education? And how does it influence options available to us here in Norfolk?

Response: The Ministry of Education can choose to support any project/option that reduces excess pupil spaces. Grand Erie Trustees will determine which option best serves the students of South East Norfolk, then apply for funding.

Also the question of the catholic school French program taking students out of the public school French program would it not already be seen in the pre-registration of next year's kindergarten class at Walsh?

Response: Possibly, although not all students who register but don't attend have gone to the Catholic system.

The only question that I had a parent ask was where does each student live that attends French Immersion at Walsh. They wanted to know if a large enough portion of kids lived in Simcoe and Port Dover to have a French program put in Port Dover.