

REPORT OF THE LONDON AREA 3 STUDY COMMITTEE Thursday, November 1, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Brick Street, Manor & Highland Park Public School and Woodland Heights

VOTING MEMBERS	ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS
Michelle Burnett Beth Petersen Karen Henderson-Harrington Suzanne Obbema Lloyd Stevenson Deb Gregor Shelley VanderWeyst David Winner	Ruth Tisdale, Trustee Lyn Thompson, Principal, Brick Street P.S. Barb Lawson, Principal, Manor & Highland Park Leslie Atkinson, Vice Principal, Woodland Heights Valerie Neilsen, Superintendent of Education Scott Hughes, Superintendent of Education

1. **WELCOME**

Regrets: Valerie Nielsen, Superintendent of Education

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as printed.

3. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest stated.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as printed.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Ruth Tisdale provided the committee members with the square footage for the schools as follows:
Brick Street - 27, 494
Manor & Highland Park - 25,147
Woodland Heights - 58, 691

6. **COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The templates information for Manor & Highland Park PS shows as JK to 6 school, this should read JK - 8.

7. **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

R. Tisdale reviewed the rules for Public Input. Individuals are allowed five minutes with Group Presentations allowed ten minutes. Participants can only present to the committee once during the Public Input meetings but will be allowed to make another presentation after the draft report has been presented to the community by the ARC prior to submission to the Thames Valley Trustees and Senior Administration for comment.

Moe Hage, AJ's Discount Grocers - School Closure

M. Hage spoke to the committee about operating a convenience store in the community for 17

years, owning property in the neighbourhood and she has two children that went to Manor & Highland Park Public School. She stated that the school is a value to the community.

She spoke of how the school is the heart, home for children and for the community, it is the community's home. Her business and the school are connected. She stated that if the school closes, it will have a big effect on her business. She currently has her store up for sale because of the possibility of the school closure. She stated that the children in the community know her, come to her store, talk with her about things. This is how she makes a living in this community with the help of the school community. She stated that the school board will be breaking up a family, community if they close this school. She relayed that at the end of the day, it is should be about the kids, cousins, teachers, special needs students, etc and should not be about budgets and money.

D. Winniger clarified with M. Hage whether she is going to stay in this area when her business sells. M. Hage responded she would like to stay in this community.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

The committee reviewed the templates as provided for this meeting. The following is the information / questions that were asked of administration for a response at next ARC meeting.

Section D.12 (templates) Does the school receive additional staff in order to offer a minimum expected program? This question raised the question of what is a minimum expected program? Clarification on this question will be sought.

Section F.2 The committee requested information on F2. needs improvement, the group would like to have specific information as to what standards are and where each school is at within those standards?

Section I. The committee requested information a specific list of all of the backlog of renewal projects for each school and with respect to the cost figures is that based on information from last year and when were the backlog numbers generated?

The committee requested that Gil Owens come to a meeting to discuss possible boundary changes and provide projected enrolments. Gil Owens has been asked to come and speak to the group. G. Owens is unavailable for the next meeting. G. Owens is scheduled to come and speak at our January 16, 2008 ARC meeting.

8. **QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

No further questions were raised.

8. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Public Input meetings have been set for the London 3 Study Group as the following:

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at Woodland Heights Public School, 7:00 p.m. - Resource Rm.
 Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at Brick Street Public School, 7:00 p.m. - Gym
 Thursday, February 28, 2008 at Manor & Highland Park, 7:00 p.m. - Gym

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.