

DRAFT REPORT OF THE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW STUDY COMMITTEE
 Elgin Study Area 2 - Homedale French Immersion/Wellington Street

VOTING MEMBERS	ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS
<p>School Council: Homedale - Janet MacFarlane Wellington Street - Deanna Guernsey</p> <p>Citizens for French Immersion: Homedale - Stephanie Mitchener Wellington St. - Boris Georgijev</p> <p>Business: Paul Nicli</p> <p>Municipal Leader: City of St. Thomas - Heather Chapman - regrets</p>	<p>Tracy Grant, Trustee and Chair of Area Review Committee Barry Wagner, Superintendent of Education Céline Bourbonnais-MacDonald, Superintendent of Education - regrets Jane Parker, ARC Assistant</p> <p>Principals: Wellington St. P.S. - Heather Coughlin Homedale Sr. Elem. P.S. - Jane Hanbuch</p>

1. **Welcome**
 Trustee Tracy Grant, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 The agenda was approved as printed.

3. **Chairperson's Remarks**
 Chair Tracy Grant advised Committee members that the Senior Administrative response to the Elgin 2 ARC would be presented to the Board on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Chair Grant extended an invitation to Committee members to attend the meeting to thank them for their time and contribution to the accommodation review process.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 20, 2008 Meeting**
 The minutes were approved as printed.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes of February 20, 2008**
 - 5.1 Homedale P.S. Square Footage
 Facility Services Manager Kevin Bushell confirmed the following:
 - square footage of the Homedale P.S. building 29,382 SF
 - square footage of the portables 6,144 SF
 - = total square footage 35,526 SF

 - 5.2 French Immersion Enrolment Statistics
 Information is attached to the minutes which reflects FSL enrolment in Ontario from 1999-2005 as well as enrolment in French Immersion in the Thames Valley DSB from 2001-2008.

6. **Comments from Committee Members**
 D. Guernsey advised that she had received positive feedback from parents and staff regarding the Committee's recommendation. Projected enrolment information for the 2008-09 school year was discussed.

 J. MacFarlane commented that working with people with similar goals working towards one common goal had been a positive experience.

B. Georgijev shared that he had received positive feedback from individuals in the community.

S. Mitchener noted that the ARC process itself had been easy and she is looking forward to moving on to the next steps.

Paul Nicli echoed the comments of the other Committee members and added that the community appreciated the openness and transparency of the process and have realized that the school board does in fact care about and supports the public input process.

7. Public Input Session

Chairperson Grant stated that no requests were received from individuals or groups to make presentations at this meeting.

8. New Business

8.1 Final Approval of the Report of the Elgin 2 (Homedale French Immersion, Wellington Street Public Schools) Accommodation Review Committee

No public input was received in response to the posting of the draft report. The Committee members approved the Report of Elgin 2 Accommodation Review Committee as printed.

Chair Grant expressed her appreciation to Trustee Frank Exley for attending the meetings and being part of the process. She also thanked Principals Jane Hanbuch, Heather Coughlin and Diane Herter for providing the facilities for the meetings and being available for meetings and as a resource. Jane Parker was thanked for providing administrative assistance to the Committee. Chair Grant thanked Superintendent Barry Wagner for his support and assistance provided throughout the process as well as Superintendents Bourbonnais-MacDonald and Wilkinson for their input.

9. Questions/Comments from Members

Trustee Grant and Superintendent Wagner explained the process that would be used at the April 8th Board meeting to present the Elgin ARC 2 Committee report. Trustee Grant would provide in her introductory comments the following rationale:

- the Elgin 2 ARC endorsed the recommendation of the Elgin CPAC which was to support a regional model of single track SK-8 French Immersion and recognized the need to consolidate the school populations of Homedale and Wellington Street
- since Wellington Street P.S. was Prohibitive to Repair the schools would be consolidated at Homedale
- the Committee determined that Homedale would require: additional space to accommodate current and future growth; and renovations to meet Program needs and necessary improvements to modernize the facility
- in doing so, the Homedale English students would return to their home schools and Wellington Street P.S. would close

The process would then include the administrative response to the ARC report and a motion to disband the ARC. The final ARC report is posted for 60 days allowing for public presentations to the Board and then a Board vote.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tracy Grant, Chairperson
Accommodation Review Study Committee
Elgin Study Area 2

FSL ENROLLMENT IN ONTARIO 1999-2005
(Source: Canadian Parents for French)

GRADE	IMMERSION ¹																			
YEAR	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004*	2004-2005														
JK	4,014	3,873	4,670	4,839	4,648	4,667														
SK	12,873	11,911	10,709	10,822	11,228	11,383														
1	11,824	11,866	11,888	11,470	11,778	12,602														
2	10,855	10,501	10,395	10,800	10,185	10,682														
3	9,801	9,855	9,467	9,589	9,854	9,440														
4	9,464	9,486	9,363	9,347	9,233	9,695														
5	10,093	10,772	10,446	10,673	10,298	10,192														
6	9,316	10,190	9,991	10,033	10,168	9,706														
7	9,524	10,742	10,452	10,696	10,683	10,761														
8	9,272	10,101	9,853	10,156	10,294	9,956														
9	6,075	5,810	5,807	5,815	5,611	5,609														
10	5,413	5,131	5,012	4,983	4,965	5,126														
11	4,348	4,119	3,634	3,517	3,310	3,455														
12	408	295	213	2,912	2,537	2,496														
OAC/13 ²	3,277	3,332	3,251																	
OTHER ³	230	1	4																	
TOTALS	116,787	117,985	115,155	115,652	114,792	115,770														
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	2,131,626	2,143,599	2,163,108	2,164,940	2,129,724	2,123,904														
FSL AS % OF TE	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5														
ELIGIBLE ENROL. ⁴	2,063,564	2,076,060	2,070,270	2,072,589	2,039,586	2,034,065														
FSL AS % OF EE	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7														
1. Includes early, middle and late immersion.																				
2. OAC: Ontario Academic Course, a secondary school course required for university entrance.																				
3. Data 1999 - 2001 include students enrolled in ungraded or special education programmes and students 21 years and older.																				
Data for 2001-2002/2002-2003 include pre-grade 9 and students 21 years and older.																				
4. All students except those whose first language is French. 1999-2000 eligible student enrollment includes Native Language enrollment.																				
Data for 2002-2003 Grade 12 includes Grade 12 students with and without OACs																				
* Preliminary data																				

Thames Valley District School Board									
French Immersion Enrollment Numbers by year (Body Count)									
School	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03	2001-02		
Centennial	223	171		139	136	109	100		
Colborne	221	201	172	166	141	138	152		
Huron Heights	350	317		302	278	251	219		
Jeanne Sauve	404	391		379	387	373	381		
Kensal Park	613	540		575	546	492	482		
Lord Roberts	380	373		399	394	387	351		
Princess Anne	572	614		612	626	594	546		
Princess Elizabeth *	37								
Tollgate	236	190		142	109	60	49		
VMS					13	14	17		
Wellington St.	312	351		316	321	278	299		
Homedale	115	51		57	41	35	37		
* was part of PA area									
Total District	3463	3199	information not available	3087	2992	2731	2633		