

Eastern School Board
Special Board Meeting, January 26, 2011

A special meeting of the Eastern School Board was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at Mary Queen of Peace School, 137 Torbay Road, St. John's. The purpose of this meeting was to present notices of motion with respect to the consultant's report: *School Facility Requirements of the Greater St. John's Area*. This report, commissioned by the Department of Education, was released on November 23, 2010, and contained recommendations for the Board's consideration.

The following notices of motion were presented and will be voted on at a public school board meeting on March 9, 2011. Public consultations will be held March 1-2, 2011 to allow stakeholders an opportunity to respond to the Board's notices of motion.

Amendment to Current Board Motion (to be voted on March 9, 2011):

Holy Heart of Mary High School:

- At the March 9, 2011 School Board Meeting, the Eastern School Board will propose an amendment to the May 6, 2008 motion on Holy Heart of Mary High School, St. John's.
- The proposed amendment will read as follows: "The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to refurbish Holy Heart of Mary High School, St. John's."

Notices of Motion

Holy Cross Elementary School:

WHEREAS the Eastern School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 10 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Holy Cross Elementary School, St. John's, will close when a new school is built to replace St. Teresa's Elementary School, St. John's, but not earlier than June 2013.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Holy Cross Elementary School's student attendance zone will be rezoned to attend St. Teresa's Elementary School, St. John's.

Holy Cross Junior High School:

WHEREAS the Eastern School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 10 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Holy Cross Junior High School, St. John's, will close effective June 2011.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Holy Cross Junior High School's student attendance zone will be rezoned to attend Brother Rice Junior High School, St. John's, and then on to Holy Heart of Mary High School, St. John's.

Macpherson Elementary School:

WHEREAS the Eastern School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 10 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Macpherson Elementary School, St. John's, will close effective June 2011.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Macpherson Elementary School's student attendance zone will be rezoned to attend Bishop Abraham Elementary School, St. John's, effective September, 2011.

Rescinding of Current Board Motion

The following motion adopted at the May 6, 2008 public board meeting was rescinded:

Bishops College/Booth Memorial High:

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zones 10 and 11 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Bishops College, St. John's and Booth Memorial High School, St. John's, will close and be replaced with a new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's, but not earlier than June 2011.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Students from Beaconsfield Junior High will be rezoned to attend the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- I.J. Samson Junior High, St. John's, will close when an extension and necessary renovations are completed to Beaconsfield Junior High School. Students from I.J. Samson will be rezoned to attend Beaconsfield Junior High School.
- Students from Cowan Heights Elementary will be rezoned to attend Beaconsfield Junior High and then proceed to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- Students from Hazelwood Elementary will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High and then proceed to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- Students from St. Matthew's Elementary will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High and then proceed to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- Students from Bishop Abraham Elementary and Holy Cross Elementary will feed to Holy Cross Junior High which will be rezoned to attend the new high school built to replace Holy Heart of Mary High School.

Notice of Motion

I. J. Samson Junior High School:

WHEREAS the Eastern School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zones 10 and 11 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Bishops College, St. John's and Booth Memorial High School, St. John's, will close and be replaced with a new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Students from Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's, will be rezoned to attend the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- I. J. Samson Junior High School, St. John's, will close effective June 2011, pending government funding for an extension to Beaconsfield Junior High School.
- I. J. Samson Junior High School's student attendance zone will be rezoned to attend Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's, when the extension to Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's, is completed.
- In the interim, current Grade 7 students from I. J. Samson Junior High School, St. John's, will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's, for Grades 8 and 9, and then on to Booth Memorial High School, St. John's.
- In the interim, current Grade 8 and 9 students from I. J. Samson Junior High School, St. John's, will feed to Booth Memorial High School, St. John's.
- Booth Memorial High School, St. John's, will be reconfigured as a Grade 9 – Level IV school for the 2011 – 2012 school year only.
- I. J. Samson Junior High School's student attendance zone will continue to feed to Booth Memorial High School until the opening of the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- Students from Cowan Heights Elementary School, St. John's, will be rezoned to attend Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's, when the

extension is completed and then proceed to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.

- In the interim, current Grade 6 students from Cowan Heights Elementary School, St. John's, will remain at Cowan Heights Elementary School, St. John's, for Grade 7.
- In the interim, Cowan Heights Elementary School, St. John's, will be reconfigured from a Grade K – 6 school, to a Grade K – 7 school.
- Grade 7 students from Cowan Heights Elementary School, St. John's, will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's, for Grades 8 and 9, and then on to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- In the interim, current Grade 6 students from St. Matthew's Elementary School, St. John's, will remain at St. Matthew's Elementary School, St. John's, for Grade 7.
- St. Matthew's Elementary School, St. John's, will be reconfigured from a Grade K – 6 school to a Grade K – 7 school.
- Grade 7 students from St. Matthew's Elementary School, St. John's, will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's, for Grades 8 and 9, and then on to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.

Amendment to Current Board Motion (To be voted on March 9, 2011):

St. Mary's Elementary School:

- At the March 9, 2011 School Board Meeting, the Eastern School Board will propose an amendment to the May 6, 2008 motion on St. Mary's Elementary School, St. John's.
- The proposed amendment will read as follows: "The student attendance zone for St. Mary's Elementary School, St. John's, will be rezoned for students to attend Beaconsfield Junior High School, St. John's."

Motions for New School Construction:

Torbay/ Flatrock/ Pouch Cove/ Bauline:

WHEREAS the Eastern School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 9 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to build a new Grade 5 - 7 school.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to build a new Grade 5 - 7 school.
- Holy Trinity Elementary School, Torbay, will be reconfigured from a Grade K - 6 school to a Grade K - 4 school, but not earlier than June, 2013.
- Cape St. Francis Elementary School, Pouch Cove, will be reconfigured from a Grade K – 6 school to a Grade K - 4 school, but not earlier than June, 2013.
- Students from the newly reconfigured Grade K-4 Holy Trinity Elementary School, Torbay, and the newly reconfigured Grade K-4 Cape St. Francis Elementary School, Pouch Cove, will feed to the new Grade 5 – 7 school, and then on to Holy Trinity High School, Torbay.
- Holy Trinity High School, Torbay, will be reconfigured from a Grade 7 – Level IV school to a Grade 8 - Level IV school, but not earlier than June 2013.

Portugal Cove - St. Phillips:

WHEREAS the Eastern School Board is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 9 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to build a new Grade 5 - 7 school in the town of Portugal Cove -St. Phillips.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Beachy Cove Elementary School, Portugal Cove – St. Phillips, will be reconfigured from a Grade K - 6 school to a Grade K - 4 school, but not earlier than June, 2013.
- Students from the newly reconfigured Grade K-4 Beachy Cove Elementary School, Portugal Cove – St. Phillips, will feed to the new Grade 5 – 7 school, Portugal Cove – St. Phillips, to Leary’s Brook Junior High School, St. John’s, for Grades 8 and 9, and then on to Prince of Wales Collegiate, St. John’s.