

Eastern School District

Summary of Board Decisions Eastern School Board Public Meeting Coley's Point Primary

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

CBS - Holy Spirit System

Motion 1:

The Planning Committee recommends that, effective September, 2007:

- *Topsail Elementary will be reconfigured from a K-5 to a K-4 school. The Grade 5's will move to Villanova School.*
- *Villanova will be reconfigured from Grades 6-9 to Grades 5-8;*
- *The Grade 9's will move from Villa Nova to Holy Spirit, which will be configured from Levels 1- 4 to Grade 9 - Level 4.*

The result will see:

- Topsail Elementary K-4
- Villanova School Grades 5-8
- Holy Spirit Grade 9 – Level 4

Further, it is recommended that District Staff move immediately to work with Schools and school councils to ensure the necessary renovations/transition issues are addressed.

Decision: Carried

Motion 2:

In response to ongoing and projected growth, it is recommended that the Board apply for an extension to Holy Family Elementary School (K-6), Paradise.

Further, it is recommended that an adjustment be made to the catchment area for Holy Family such that enrolment (as projected) can be maintained at about the current level. This extension will ensure that appropriate learning spaces are provided for students, factoring the provincial class-size cap, as well as the provision of a cafeteria/lunch room.

Decision: Carried

Mt. Pearl Sr. High System

Motion 1:

In response to further projected growth in the current Paradise Elementary catchment area, the Committee recommends that Eastern School District immediately make application to Government for one new school for Paradise (K-6, giving the community 3 K-6 schools.)

Further, the Committee recommends the catchment area for Paradise students be adjusted from two to three, to more equitably distribute the Paradise Grade K-6 student population over the three schools (i.e. Holy Family, New School, and Paradise Elementary).

Decision: Carried

Motion 2:

I move that the Board make application to government for a new facility to replace the existing Paradise Elementary. This request to Government will be in addition to our previously submitted Capital Works Plan.

Decision: Defeated

Motion 3:

The Planning and Priorities Committee recommends that an application be made to government to redevelop the current Paradise Elementary School facility. This project will include the following:

- Removal of all current exterior walls, and a reconstruction to current standards (concrete block construction with complete air barrier system and new aluminum windows; cladding to be split face block and metal siding);
- All interior walls (gyproc, wood construction, etc.) will be demolish and reconstructed, to current standards.
- The redevelopment is to include a complete mechanical ventilation system and the addition of new cafeteria.
- Site work is to include reconstruction of the parking lot (complete with storm drainage) to accommodate bussing.
- The project will include moving forward with the proposed extension to ensure adequate learning spaces are provided for students, considering the provincial class-size cap currently being implemented.

The anticipated completion date of this project is September 2008.

Further, district staff will develop and share a transition plan with parents which will provide details on the implementation of these recommendations, including the adjusted catchment areas, the opening of the new school, and the return to the re-developed Paradise Elementary.

Decision: Carried

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the catchment area for Newtown Elementary School be adjusted to encompass the area generally known as Southbrook subdivision. This will be on a go-forward basis.

Decision: Carried

Coley's Point Primary School

Motion 1:

The Planning & Priorities Committee recommends the Board make application to government for a new school to replace Coley's Point Primary.

Decision: Carried

Motion 2:

The Planning Committee recommends that the grade 4 students from Coley's Point Primary be moved to Amalgamated Academy, Bay Roberts, resulting in Coley's Point Primary becoming a K-3 school and Amalgamated Academy becoming a 4-9 school, effective September 2007.

Decision: Carried

Motion 3:

The Planning Committee recommends that the Board move immediately to make application to government for an extension to Amalgamated Academy which will include the appropriate number of learning spaces as well as the previously-requested cafeteria.

Decision: Carried