



County Line Elementary Site Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 09, 2010 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

- A) Introductions
- 1) Composition/intent of the site committee in attendance:
- Omer Magusin, PAC President
 - Mike Haladin, PAC Parent Representative
 - Brenda Verhelst, Administrative Assistant, CUPE
 - Alexis Barnscher, Teacher, LTA
 - Melodie Twemlow, Custodian
 - Charlie Etchell, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 - Suzanne Hoffman, District Principal
 - Kirsten Ulmer, Principal
 - Alice Boyd, Executive Assistant

Changes to the Agenda of January 26, 2010

- 5) Communication
- through site committee members
 - newsletters
 - local newspapers (outlining process)
 - written submissions from the public
 - delegations to Board meetings

~~February 16, 2010~~

Feb. 23, 2010 - Revised Board Meeting date – (it was advised by the Committee that there will be a delegation at this meeting)

March 18, 2010 (Community Meeting)

- 6) Future meeting dates

February 9, 2010

~~February 23, 2010~~ **rescheduled to February 22, 2010 - CONFIRMED**

March 2, 2010

Suzanne Hoffman read through all the questions and answers pertaining to the questions that were submitted at the January 26, 2010 meeting. Listed below are the questions that required further clarification as per the Site Committee Representatives.

Question from PAC President –

7. What will the class break down for North Otter be next year?

At the February 9th meeting, classroom grids were distributed.

The site committee requested further clarification on the estimated savings of the teacher costs.

Suzanne provided details at a meeting. (Interim meeting held on Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.)

Questions from Parents -

7. It has been said that the school is at the age when it will need upgrades. What do these upgrades include and how much would they cost?

There is significant work to be done at County Line in the coming years:

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| - replacement of building mechanical equipment | \$750,000 | (within 2 years) |
| - roof replacement | \$400,000 | (within 5 years) |
| - fire alarm panel replacement | \$ 20,000 | (due now) |
| - gym floor lining | \$ 8,000 | (due now) |
| - replacement gym flooring | \$ 80,000 | (5 yrs away) |
| - full internal painting | \$ 40,000 | (5 yrs away) |
| - exterior painting | \$ 30,000 | (due now) |
| - floor replacement | \$ 5,000 | (due now) |
| - P.A. replacement | <u>\$ 15,000</u> | (due now) |
| | <u>\$ 1,348,000</u> | |

Further clarification requested for the above:

1. In which years are these anticipated replacements required?

See above highlighted.

2. What is the past history for upgrades at County Line and how much was invested within the last five years?

- **Water cistern was replaced last year (\$70,000).**
- **Septic pump was also recently replaced (\$5,000).**
- **County Line PAC recently paid for paving.**

3. What repairs will be needed at North Otter and when are they anticipated?

North Otter has no critical upgrades or changes required other than regular maintenance. Some minor cladding to the exterior will be required.

4. How often are repairs needed at North Otter?

According to the Maintenance Department, North Otter does not typically require many repairs. They are completed on an as needed basis. North Otter recently had an electrical upgrade. The HVAC system at North Otter is fully functional and does not require work.

* A request was made by the Committee if the above answers could be received before the next meeting.

Second Site Committee Meeting Questions 3:15 – 4:50 p.m. on February 9, 2010

Questions:

1. Number of TA's in large schools?

The number of TA's varies depending on the number of students at each school. TA hours also depend upon the needs of students they work with.

2. How much does the School District get from property taxes in the catchment areas?

The School District does not receive any funds from the property taxes.

3. Has the School District considered adding 10 minutes onto every school day and to give an extra week at spring break (like other districts)?

There are no plans at this time, for the Board to consider an extended spring break.

4. Has the School District examined the possibly consolidating bus routes?

Yes, the Transportation Department will be looking into possibly consolidating bus routes.

5. How many students are there in the catchment area and where are they going to school?

An elementary catchment grid was provided at the meeting and Mr. Etchell explained the grid in detail.

6. What does the School District get per student from the Ministry?

The per pupil funding for Langley is \$5,851.

7. What other programs are there at North Otter that aren't at County Line?

County Line

**Library Tech
LA/Resource Teacher
Reading Recovery
Preps are from Music**

North Otter

**Library Tech
LA/Resource Teacher
Reading Recovery
Preps are from Music, P.E. and Band**

Some of the above are paid for by the District, others by the school.

Both schools have sports team.

8. What time will the Trustee meeting on March 18 be held at?

7 p.m.

9. Who will compile the speaker list for the March 18 meeting?

It will be compiled at County Line by submitting the names to the Principal.

10. Exactly how many students are require to enroll to make it profitable?

The Board of Education took the following into consideration when approving a recommendation for consideration of a closure -

- **the enrolment, enrolment pattern and future enrolment projections**
- **the school's ability to provide programming and services to support student achievement given the enrolment**
- **the need to consider consolidation of programs to benefit students within that school and across the district**
- **the impact on surrounding schools and the ability of surrounding schools to accept students from the closed school**
- **specific program implications for students**
- **the financial impact of being able to maximize services to all schools**

11. The projections for enrollment show only 2014 with decreased numbers the other years are increased or maintain. What is so important about 2014?

Projections for enrolment usually go out approximately 5 years.

12. How much money is planned for the upkeep and security of the grounds and building in the case that we are closed?

There are some costs for ongoing care. Depending upon the site itself it would be between \$10,000 - \$20,000. Closed schools do not receive extra funding for maintenance support if there are no students in attendance. We secure and de-commission the building. Some of the closed buildings are used for storage or are rented, offsetting costs.

The District's Grounds Department maintains the fields; graffiti is taken care of by the District. The building would continue to be alarmed and monitored.

13. What about making the school a year round school? Are there other possible alternatives that could be considered to help boost enrollment?

A year round school has an altered calendar that must be approved by the Board. There may be other possible alternatives, but the problem arises in the fact that there are only so many students in the District and it is possible to enroll them in fewer schools.

14. What is the advantage of a Vice-Principal instead of a Principal at County Line and what would be the cost savings?

The difference between the salary of a principal and vice-principal is \$9,843. However, an annexed school's principal receives a \$3,000 stipend so the difference would be \$6,843.

15. Who maintains the sports groups, equipments and who maintains the cost of the playgrounds at County Line?

The District has a facilities use partnership with the Township regarding our schools and grounds. The playground and fields would remain opened to public use.