



SUMMARY OF POLICY 409 CONSULTATIONS

Hazen White/St. Francis School

JANUARY 2018 – APRIL 2018

Meeting Date & School Name	Numbers Attending	Questions
<p>Hazen White/St. Francis School February 20, 2018</p>	<p>15 Community and 5 staff 7 DEC members 3 District Staff</p>	<p>DEC Chair, Rob Fowler welcomed all in attendance and introduced DEC and District staff. He advised that Council and staff were here to discuss the sustainability of their school and the Ernst & Young report that outlined options for seven schools in the city. He provided information on the Policy 409 process, including: school sustainability and triggers, public consultation process, Ministerial approval and long range planning, the Ernst & Young option supported by the DEC – to build a new K-5 school to replace Hazen-White/St. Francis and Centennial. He advised that the second meeting would take place on March 28, 2018 and advised of the many ways to provide feedback. A handout was circulated with the website for the information and Mr. Fowler’s address at District office.</p> <p>Mrs. Watson then provided quick facts on our District, information on our schools including: aging infrastructure and infrastructure planning; historical enrolments in the District and Saint John Education Centre, functional capacity, Ernst & Young options supported by DEC – build a new K-5 school to replace Hazen-White/St. Francis and Centennial and have grades 6 – 8 from Hazen-White/St. Francis join Millidgeville North when the new K-5 school is complete.</p> <p>Ms. Thomas reviewed slides on staffing at the school; school boundaries, operating expenses; transportation; capital improvements (ASD-S is not responsible for capital improvements for the St. Francis side of the building); key community partners and support programs for students as well as businesses located in/and or supporting the school community.</p> <p>Summary slides were reviewed which outline the criteria that determine a school’s sustainability.</p>



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		<p>Mr. Fowler offered to provide a tour of Seaside Park Elementary School for the school community to see exactly what a new, state of the art school has to offer. He explained the Ernst & Young report is posted on the ASD-S website and the power point form this meeting will be posted as well.</p> <p>Mr. Fowler then opened the floor to questions.</p> <p>One speaker noted that very few parents are here; parents are being impacted by this. This is not a good time of day for a meeting. If a tour is being offered, it needs to be offered when they can attend. Many parents put children to bed early. Could a tour be arranged during the day? Could we arrange for a meeting in the community – at the Resource Centre? Parents are not coming to the school at night. Mrs. Watson advised that the tour could be arranged for day time hours.</p> <p>Question was raised about translation – Mrs. Watson explained that we do have a translator here tonight, and she translated the parent letter. Mr. Garey advised that messages did go home to families.</p> <p>One speaker noted that there are community centres and we could use them for meetings. People are not comfortable in this setting; politicians will come to this type of a setting. The space at the Resource Centre is not huge, could seat about 40 people.</p> <p>Mr. Fowler advised that Ms. Thomas and Mr. Garey and the Crescent Valley Resource Centre staff would work out a date and time for a meeting.</p>
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Crescent Valley Resource Centre March 28, 2018 12 noon	9 family/community members 2 DEC 2 District Staff	<p>Mrs. Watson introduced herself, Debbie Thomas, Director of Schools, and DEC members Gerry Mabey and Linda Sherbo. She noted there had been a tour of the new Seaside Park Elementary School on March 16, 2018 and 14 people from Hazen-White/St. Francis and Centennial participated. She noted that Mr. Mabey had worked closely with the PSSC during the Policy 409 review process for that school and everyone loves the new school.</p> <p>Mrs. Watson spoke about the meeting to be held tonight at Hazen-White/St. Francis School at 6:30 pm – the 2nd public meeting of this Policy 409 process. She noted that it is important to point out that this is a long range plan and if a new school were approved, it takes at least two or more years to build. The DEC will review the information received from all of these meetings as part of the consultation stage. At the April DEC public meeting, a decision will be made whether to recommend an ask for a new school for Centennial and Hazen-White/St. Francis. The DEC worked this fall on the St. John the Baptist/King Edward and Prince Charles sustainability review.</p> <p>DEC are often asked where a new school would be built. They will request that it be built in a central location to both schools. It is the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure who identify a location.</p> <p>Mrs. Watson explained why the DEC is looking at a new school. DEC is looking at new schools as the average age of our buildings is 60 years old. Many require repairs; roofs, windows, bathrooms - accessibility is also an issue in many schools; student enrolment is declining – the only area of growth is in the Anglophone East area. The arrival of our Syrian families has helped with enrolment at Hazen-White/St. Francis. Hazen-White is</p>



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	<p>owned by the District and the St. Francis side is owned by the Diocese.</p> <p>Comment was made that parents and the community worry about our school partners and whether or not they will follow students if a new school is built. Mrs. Watson explained that Seaside Park has lots of partners with the new school community.</p> <p>DEC members Mr. Mabey and Ms. Sherbo were invited to comment. Mr. Mabey reflected on working together - the gift is yours, Seaside Park is my school! Ms. Sherbo spoke of the challenge of Policy 409 for 7 central city schools. Community input is difficult in some locations. She explained the three phase approach and noted that this will not happen for September and there is value in a new building.</p> <p>Community partner asked the question on whether a new school could be built on Taylor Avenue. Ms. Watson explained that it often comes down to where the government owns property or where there is land available. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will determine where a new school would be located. DEC recommends to minimize the walking distance.</p> <p>A grandparent asked a question about what happens to the playground equipment – Mrs. Watson advised that we always try to relocate equipment if it is in good repair.</p>
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<p>Hazen White/St. Francis March 28, 2018 6:30 pm</p>	<p>12 family/community members including the Mayor, Councillor MacKenzie and MLA Trevor Holder; Principal and Vice Principal, 2 staff members and a translator. 7 DEC members 2 District staff</p>	<p>DEC Chair, Rob Fowler welcomed everyone to the 2nd scheduled 409 sustainability review for Hazen White/St. Francis School. An explanation was given for the purpose of the meeting; to receive feedback on the proposed options for the school. He explained that this is not the last chance to provide input and he outlined how feedback could be provided.</p> <p>No registered speakers were scheduled so Mr. Fowler opened the floor for comments.</p> <p>Mr. Fowler explained that this is a long term process. He noted that both buildings have repairs that are required and that if anything was an emergency and had to be done, it would be.</p> <p>Mr. Mabey commented that he was at the Crescent Valley Centre meeting and was talking to people about the new school on the west side. He stated how much he enjoyed working with the PSSC, staff and students. He stated that it is a wonderful facility and he enjoyed attending the opening.</p> <p>One parent noted that she was at the west side school and saw many places where a student could hide. The parent noted that Hazen-White/St. Francis is a school where students are comfortable, the breakfast program was one of the first ever, kids who are hungry come here, some eat at home and then come here and eat again. Teachers are great here – parent had issues with grandchild - and everyone is helpful. It was noted that some Syrian families think we may move the children now.</p> <p>Mr. Fowler explained that we keep in touch with our partners and they want to help the children and they will move with the children.</p>



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	<p>The Mayor asked where we are in the process, and what the next steps are. Mr. Fowler explained we had one meeting in February and this is meeting #2. The sustainability of the school will be discussed at our April public DEC meeting and a motion for a recommendation could come out of that. If there is a recommendation, then we will send that to the Minister. It is a long range plan.</p> <p>The following comments are grouped based on the eight categories below identified within Policy 409.</p> <p>Enrolment: ASD-S historical enrolment data shows a 21% drop in the last 15 years (6,233 students) and in the Saint John Education a 24% drop over the same time period (3,422 students). Hazen White/St. Francis enrolment has increased the last few years with the influx of Syrian students. At Sept. 2017, enrolment is at 207 students which is less than a 2% decrease from 2000 (211 students). Maximum capacity of the school is 432 students.</p> <p>Health and Safety: Hazen-White/St. Francis was built in 1961. There are a number of outstanding projects required at Hazen-White/St. Francis including window replacement and a ventilation system on the Hazen-White side estimated at \$650,000. The St. Francis side of the building is owned by the Diocese. No capital improvements projects have been completed over the last five years. No health and safety issues.</p> <p>Quality of Programs: Both Hazen-White/St. Francis and Centennial offer strong education programs. The quality of the education programs would be enhanced in a new school with work spaces for students and community partners.</p> <p>Hazen White/St. Francis has a Youth Enhancement Program with school partners such as McInnes Cooper, Stewart McKelvey, Crescent Valley Resource Centre, PALS, summer programs, UNB, Inner City Youth Ministry, Horizon Health, and</p>
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	<p>Brunswick Pipeline/Emera. There are many activities and support programs at the school and many businesses located in/and or support the school community.</p> <p>Transportation: The boundaries of both schools border on each other and can easily be combined for transportation purposes. There are 207 K-8 students at the school and only 13 take the bus. The average distance from the school for all students is 870 meters and for bused students it is 760 meters. The average time on the bus is 11 minutes 46 seconds. There is special needs busing only. Currently there are two buses serving this school. The entire school zone is within 1.5 km.</p> <p>Finances: As noted in the District's power point presentation, there are currently 32.86 full time equivalents staffing the school. The total yearly operating costs are \$2,373,882.</p> <p>Community Impact: Expectation would be that a new K-5 school with up to date facilities would be a huge benefit to the local community and may draw families with young children to the North end of the city.</p> <p>Impact on other schools: Centennial and Hazen-White/St. Francis would be closed. Middle level students at Hazen-White/St. Francis would be re-zoned for Millidgeville North School. No other impact noted on other schools.</p> <p>Economic Development: If a new school is able to draw in new families, it would have a positive impact on the City of Saint John, in particular the north end.</p>
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