

Dear Judy and Catherine,

Now that the vote for the Accommodation Review has taken place what is the best way to get our previously mentioned concerns addressed?

1. One of our concerns is that we were only notified that this accommodation review is taking place as our child attends the Omemee Children's Centre. For any other parents, who do not have their children enrolled in a local daycare, will there be any communication sent out? We are asking especially since the children it will effect the most, are children currently at the age of 2 and 3, and their parents may not necessarily be thinking about school yet. But it would be those children, who would be most impacted by any change such as this, as it would be their child's first or second year of school - kindergarten. Based on the information provided on the TLDSB website, these parents are also not being given the opportunity to raise concerns, other than at public meetings, should they become aware of those since the committee that will be established is made up only of parents who's children are currently attending either school.

2. We also have questions regarding the scope of the investigation completed for each school. Were boundaries changes looked at as an option as part of a consolidation? Jack Callaghan PS is another school that is within 15 km of both Lady Eaton PS and Scott Young PS and it is also listed in the five year plan for review. It is our understanding that some of the student population of Jack Callaghan lives in Omemee and close surrounding area; have any of these factors been looked at and taken into consideration?

3. Another question we have is in regards to the washroom facilities at Scott Young. Are these equipped and would pass Ministry guidelines for kindergarten to grade 3 as this school is not currently hosting those grades? According to the initial report - part of the agenda from the Meeting of the Whole on October 11, 2016 - no proposed changes to existing facilities are required.

4. We are also hoping to obtain more information regarding the bus transportation. The report mentions that the current bussing arrangements would not have to be altered as the schools are in such close proximity that the existing bus routes service both schools. Has any consideration being given to the increase in traffic flow to Scott Young PS as there are no traffic controls at the only intersection to the school off of HWY 7? What about traffic congestion, especially for the morning commute? Will additional school crossing be added for those within walking distance as the only crosswalk currently in place is at the intersection for Lady Eaton PS and HWY 7?

5. What does it mean by "Capital investment may be required to provide additional space or renovations to classrooms, and would have to be financed from other board funding, such as the proceeds of disposition, if capital funding was not made available."

as referenced from the report?

6. We are also concerned about the only licensed daycare in Omemee; the Omemee Children's Centre. Our child is currently enrolled there and has benefited greatly in terms of his development from the shared relationship between the school and the daycare. He is currently in the senior pre-school room which is located directly in the school, not the daycare part of the building. The daycare has also previously made use of the gymnasiums when weather was bad in the winter and summer to ensure our children get the exercise they need. Would the daycare be awarded this same level of service at Scott Young PS, including outdoor yards, and overall access to school facilities. Are there any guarantees that the space of any new daycare facility would be the same or better as it is the only one located directly in Omemee? The report also mentions that funding for a new daycare may be available; is this something that the daycare would need to apply for on its own or would the application be made by the School Board? What are the contingency plans should funding not be approved as the decision to close down one of the schools has to be made prior? If the daycare is moved to Scott Young PS will there be specific safe parking available? The children attending daycare would be much younger and parents require more time to attend to potentially multiple younger children when getting out of their vehicle. Parking is currently separated at Lady Eaton PS.

7. Would we be able to obtain a copy of the staff reports and other documentation with the evaluation of the each of the school facilities, bus routes and school boundaries?

Thank You,

Kevin and Janin Deason