

Accommodation Review Committee Meeting January 7, 2010
Petrolia Area of Schools
Questions and Answers Following the Meeting

Question

What are the rules about putting a school under review again if it does not close the first time?

Answer.

The Ministry of Education recommends that, wherever possible, schools should only be subject to an accommodation review once in a five-year period, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Question

What is the number of students enrolled in regular program attending Hillcrest/Queen Elizabeth who live on Marthaville Road (from LaSalle south to Petrolia Line) as well as in the hamlet, including students living on Prince Street, Caroline Street and Penny Lane?

Answer

I have prepared data for two school years for your request. Please note that this student data is as of October 31st of the year indicated.

October 2008
Regular Program = 11

October 2009
Regular Program = 9

Question

Do students on Discovery Line fall within the Lambton Centennial or Hillcrest/Queen Elizabeth Boundary?

Answer

Students living on Discovery Line (north side only) from Marthaville Road east to Centre Street, then Discovery Line (inclusive) to Hwy. 21 fall within the Hillcrest/Queen Elizabeth boundary.

Question

What is the number of empty classrooms at Centennial school which could be reconverted for student use?

Answer

There are four unassigned classrooms. Currently, the four rooms are being utilized. Each kindergarten teacher has their own room, rather than sharing one room on alternate days. One classroom is being used as a French classroom, one as a computer lab and the fourth as a Teacher Book Room.

Question

With over crowding in Petrolia schools would it not make sense to change boundaries to move students from Petrolia to Lambton Centennial, which is only a few kilometres away, and then change the boundary between Lambton Central Centennial School and Dawn-Euphemia School to balance their enrolments?

Answer

In the past the Board has never considered busing students from within a town or city to a neighbouring rural school. This is a suggestion that could be discussed at an ARC meeting.

Question

Would it be a possibility to move the French Immersion from the over crowded Petrolia Schools to Lambton Central Centennial School?

Answer

That is a possibility that could be studied by the ARC committee.

Question

The other ARCs are investigating the possibility of grades 7 & 8 in the secondary school. Could that work in Petrolia?

Answer

The secondary school enrolment would have to be studied carefully to determine if there is sufficient space. This is something that could be investigated if the ARC members were interested.