

Request to Delegate at a Meeting of the Trustees of LKDSB - February 28, 2017

RE: Forest Area -ARC

Applicant's Name: Andrea Walden
Organization/Affiliation: Resident of Lambton Shores,
Parent of Bosanquet Central School Students
Names of those making delegation: Andrea Walden

Topic of Delegation: Recommendation #1 = The Economically Rational Choice

Final Staff Report - Recommendation #1: The Final Staff Report on the Consolidation of Aberarder Central School, Bosanquet Central School, Kinnwood Central School and North Lambton Secondary School into a Kindergarten to Grade 12 School – Report No: B-17-19 recommends that the Board approve the consolidation of the abovenoted schools on a site to be determined as of September 1, 2020 and the submission of grant applications to the Ministry of Education for funding for the construction of a new school and the acquisition of land and that the Board then close Aberarder Central School, Bosanquet Central School, Kinnwood Central School and North Lambton Secondary School (Final Staff Report No. B-17-19, page 19) (“Recommendation #1”) (*emphasis added*)

Topic of Delegation and Outline: The following are my personal comments in support of Recommendation #1:

- **Recommendation #1 = The Economically Rational Choice – “it checks more boxes”**
Recommendation #1 of the Final Staff Report, the acquisition of land and construction of a new school, ideally located near the Shores Recreation Center in the Town of Forest is arguably the economically rational choice.
 - A. **The Economically Rational Choice:** Locating the New School near the Shores Recreation Centre is arguably the economically rational choice for the following reasons:
 - a. **PREVENTS THE DUPLICATION OF RESOURCES:**
 - Recommendation #1 presents the LKDSB with an exciting opportunity to “partner” with the Municipality of Lambton Shores and increase the usage of the Shores Recreation Centre during school hours.
 - By locating the New School near the Recreation Centre, and assuming that the LKDSB and the Municipality can reach an agreement relating to terms of usage of the Recreation Centre, the students at the NEW School could access the Recreation Centre during school hours and the **LKDSB would potentially not have to DUPLICATE some resources** (e.g. a gymnasium, in-door track, and weigh room/exercise room (currently operated by the YMCA)) **which already exist in the community.**
 - b. **New Building = Potential for Increased Energy Efficiency & Reduced Maintenance:**
As noted in the Initial Staff Report B-16-113, page 6, the existing Kinnwood

Elementary School will require numerous upgrades¹ (mechanical heating/cooling upgrade, plumbing upgrade, electrical and lighting upgrade, new PA system and fire alarm replacement and a partial new roof replacement). The original section of the Kinnwood Elementary School was constructed in 1962². A New School located near the Shores Rec. Centre would presumably be more energy efficient.

B. Recommendation #1 – “Checks More Boxes”:

- a. **Community Support:** The Recommendation #1, a New School located near the Shores Rec. Centre, has the support of the community as evidenced by:
 - i. Letters received by the LKDSB and LKDSB Trustees,
 - ii. Public comments during public meetings³,
 - iii. ARC committee members⁴, and
 - iv. The comments of the representative of the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation⁵.

- b. **No Traffic In Residential Neighbourhood:** Building a New School Near the Shores Rec. Centre eliminates community concerns regarding traffic in the residential area surrounding Kinnwood Elementary School. However, a New School located near or adjacent to the Shores Rec. Centre is still within walking distance for many students in the Town of Forest.

- c. **Enhanced Educational Opportunities:** Access to Existing Sports Facilities: Locating the New School near the Shores Rec. Centre has the potential to increase the students’ access to the existing sports facilities.

- d. **Proximity to EMS Services:** If the New School is located near the Shores Rec. Centre, it will be located closer to existing EMS services than the Kinnwood Elementary School site.

Attached: See Chart “Recommendation #1 – “It Checks More Boxes”

¹ Initial Staff Report No.: B-16-113, page 6

² Ibid. page 5

³ Final Staff Report No.: B-17-19, page 13

⁴ Final Staff Report No.: B-17-19, page 11

⁵ Final Staff Report No.: B-17-19, page 31