

SARNIA SOUTH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE WORKING MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 @ Sarnia Ed. Centre at 6:00 pm

6. Presentation and Examination of School Accommodation Options

Pros and Cons for Sarnia South Secondary ARC Options

Please note that this is an incomplete list. The ARC Committee can discuss any of these points and add items as well. Individual members of the Committee should be prepared to choose which option(s) they would still like to consider at the next working meeting and which option(s) they would not consider.

Status quo		
Item No.	Pros	Cons
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* each school maintains their present identity* no risk of either school building being left vacant* each school continues to be a hub for their local community* each school supports its local business community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* On-going reductions in staff affect number of program options for students including;<ul style="list-style-type: none">* variety of courses* types (pathways) of courses* specialized programs* more combined courses* fewer sections of coursesresulting in more timetable conflicts* Co-curricular program for students remains unchanged* On-going financial implications of unfunded pupil spaces and the ability to offer program and maintain buildings. Impacts students across the district as loss of funds will result in funding cuts to program.* At SCSS there is approximately 14 linear feet of door caulking, presumed to contain asbestos, on the exterior of the building to be removed/repair. The removal of the caulking is scheduled for the summer as it is difficult to install new caulking in the winter due to issues with it curing/hardening.* The Board has been advised by the asbestos consultant that significant repairs at SCITS are necessary to maintain the plaster in good condition and this work will be ongoing. The plaster also presents challenges when it comes to updating and renovating the building.

		<p>* SCITS has had several significant water intrusion events inside the school over the last several years. Several attempts have been made to resolve the issue. The last time a flood occurred was in June of 2015. This flooding usually coincides with heavy rainfalls.</p> <p>* The SCITS pool area presents safety considerations. The ventilation system will need an engineering review as the current system lacks dehumidification</p> <p>* Combined cost for Facility Work as outlined by the Ministry of Education will be \$31M over the next 10 years</p> <p>* Loss of top-up funding in next three years for both schools combined will be \$255K annually</p>
	Additional Items from Working Meeting	<p>Additional Items from Working Meeting</p> <p>* \$80,000 elevator/lift repairs to SCSS</p> <p>* accessibility items are under review for both schools and is being investigated for the next working meeting.</p>

SCSS 7-12 School and SCITS 7-12 School		
Item No.	Pros	Cons
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * greater utilization percentage in buildings * opportunities for cross panel dialogue among teaching staff * Follows similar model to WDSS and RDHS * Allows for use of science labs, gyms, auditorium (SCITS), pool (SCITS), greenhouse (SCSS), track (SCSS) and other facilities at SCSS and SCITS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * greater utilization percentage by moving 7 & 8 students from present feeder school to both secondary sites, but still results in 500+ unused pupil spaces * less utilization percentage in feeder schools which will cause more elementary school closures than planned * program/timetable options for secondary students remains unchanged * co-curricular program options for students is unchanged * may result in additional busing costs based on current bused percentages and elementary walk distance (based on preliminary conversation with CLASS) * Would make the school set up different than NCIVS and AMSS

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Extra transition for students attending AMSS * Combined cost for Facility Work as outlined by the Ministry of Education will be \$31M over the next 10 years * Loss of top-up funding in next three years for both schools combined will be \$255K annually * Issue of moving FI 7/8's from SJM
	Additional Items from Working Meeting	Additional Items from Working Meeting

Consolidation at SCITS/SCSS and Consolidate Elementary Schools at either site		
Item No.	Pros	Cons
6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCITS/SCSS buildings continues to be used as a school * SCITS auditorium continues to be used (PSI Grant continues to be available) * Local business community in either location continues to be supported * Traditions continue at both schools * SCITS/SCSS can accommodate student populations of both schools * SCITS/SCSS have amenities for students not found in elementary schools (auditorium, larger gyms, science labs, pool, track, greenhouse) * Larger staff required to support increased number of students resulting in an increased number of program options for students including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * variety of courses * types (pathways) of courses * specialized programs * fewer combined courses * more sections of courses resulting in fewer timetable conflicts * additional co-curricular program options for students at high school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Renovation/capital costs would be necessary at both schools * Relocating SCSS students to SCITS and the consolidation of elementary schools at the SCSS site (and vice-versa) may result in more elementary school closures and impacts more students and families across the City of Sarnia * Creation of elementary school of 1000 would be significantly out of balance amongst neighbouring schools * Combined cost for Facility Work as outlined by the Ministry of Education will be \$31M over the next 10 years * Loss of top-up funding in next three years for both schools combined will be \$255K annually * Costs to update SCSS and/or SCITS to accommodate program and needs of elementary school students (JK/SK rooms, washrooms, playgrounds etc.) * Would still need to apply to Ministry for any further funding to update SCSS/SCITS
	Additional Items from Working Meeting	Additional Items from Working Meeting

Consolidation at SCITS – Closure of SCSS		
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6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCITS building continues to be used as a school * SCITS auditorium continues to be used * Local business community continues to be supported * the tradition of Sarnia's oldest secondary school continues * SCITS can accommodate student populations of both schools * SCITS has an auditorium and a swimming pool * Larger staff required to support increased number of students resulting in an increased number of program options for students including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * variety of courses * types (pathways) of courses * specialized programs * fewer combined courses * more sections of courses resulting in fewer timetable conflicts * additional co-curricular program options for students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCSS closes * The renovation/capital costs are greater at SCITS (17M compared to SCSS 13M) * Need to take a long range plan to deal with structural issues in SCITS which are higher than SCSS * Unsure of future occupancy of SCSS * Students would need to go to the SCSS site for a year prior to moving to the renovated SCITS site * time frame for plan is fast * Loss of unique student spaces at SCSS (greenhouse/track) * Potential for economic impact on area of the City of Sarnia. * Would still need to apply to Ministry for any further funding to update SCITS
	<p>Additional Items from Working Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * land value of SCSS is suggested at higher property value * Shedding 13M in 10 year costs and annual operation cost reductions should SCSS close * Shedding of 1100 unfunded student spaces 	<p>Additional Items from Working Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Additional space constructed such as a Greenhouse would increase utility costs * cost to maintain an empty building * increased costs for pool upgrades and maintenance as necessary * additional costs to add greenhouse facility as required to provide SHSM Horticulture and Landscaping * potentially will have to accommodate an approximate number of 50 students
Closure of Additional Sarnia Secondary School(s) and Application for Construction of New School		
Item No.	Pros	Cons
6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A truer consolidation of high schools as opposed to one school closing and joining the other * Potential for an efficient and modern school facility * Larger staff required to support increased number of students resulting in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Little expectation that the funding would be provided by the Ministry * May have to propose the consolidations of 3 or 4 high schools * A large school of about 2500 students * Increased transportation costs for athletics with few schools to compete

	<p>an increased number of program options for students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Larger staff required to support increased number of students resulting in an increased number of program options for students including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * variety of courses * types (pathways) of courses * specialized programs * fewer combined courses * more sections of courses resulting in fewer timetable conflicts * additional co-curricular program options for students 	<p>with locally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Land would need to be purchased to accommodate site potentially on outskirts of City of Sarnia * Loss of unique aspects of AMSS * Four potential economic impacts to present Sarnia neighbourhoods
	<p>Additional Items from Working Meeting</p>	<p>Additional Items from Working Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If enrollment continues to decline, still have a large school with lots of empty seats. * cost to maintain empty buildings

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6.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCSS is a newer building than SCITS * SCSS has a lower FCI rating from Ministry * SCSS has more land than SCITS * Renovations to SCSS would be less expensive than renovations to SCITS for the LKDSB * Operating costs at SCSS are significantly lower than costs at SCITS * Shedding 17M in 10 year costs and annual operation costs of 1.1M reduced * Shedding of 1000 unfunded student spaces * Larger staff required to support increased number of students resulting in an increased number of program options for students including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * variety of courses * types (pathways) of courses * specialized programs * fewer combined courses * more sections of courses resulting in fewer timetable conflicts * additional co-curricular program options for students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCITS closes * Unsure of future occupancy of SCITS * Students would need to go to the SCITS site for a year prior to moving to the renovated SCSS site * time frame for plan is fast * Loss of unique student spaces at SCITS (auditorium/pool) * Potential for economic impact on area of the City of Sarnia * Would still need to apply to Ministry for any further funding to update SCSS

	Additional Items from Working Meeting	Additional Items from Working Meeting * additional space constructed would increase utility costs? i.e. Auditorium should funding be available. * cost to maintain an empty building
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