

Report To: Lambton Kent District School Board
From: Accommodation Review Committee Wallaceburg Area of Schools
Date: April 9, 2013
Subject: Recommendations from the Wallaceburg and Area ARC

At the 5th and final meeting of the Wallaceburg and area Accommodation Review Committee, the following recommendation was determined by an 8 to 4 vote:

RECOMMENDATION A

1. The three elementary schools in Wallaceburg be consolidated into two schools with the closure of DA Gordon Public School at the end of the 2013-14 school year.
2. AA Wright Public School, HW Burgess Public School and Riverview Central School become JK-6 schools. DA Gordon JK-6 students to be reassigned to AA Wright or HW Burgess based on new boundaries to be determined during transition period.
3. Grade 7 and 8 students from Wallaceburg and Riverview elementary schools to attend W.D.S.S. as a "school within a school".
4. Implementation of the JK-6 and 7-8 at W.D.S.S. model to occur in September 2014.
5. Transition planning to begin September 2013 with the involvement of parents, staff and students on a variety of planning committees.

It was the unanimous decision of the voting members of the Wallaceburg and area Accommodation Review Committee to recommend the following:

RECOMMENDATION B

That the LKDSB consider the viable, economic and sustainable reuse of the DA Gordon building and property and that while statutory obligations are followed, the Board commence discussions with the community and the Municipality respecting the opportunity that reuse of this property might offer the community. Further, that the Board give these same considerations to all future school closings in the Lambton Kent Board jurisdiction.