SARNIA SOUTH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE WORKING MEETING 2

Monday March 21, 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 like to consider and which option(s) they would not consider.

Consolidation at SCITS of Secondary School with the creation of a dual track City of Sarnia French Immersion K-8 school, along with a portion of an English language school at SCSS site		
Item No.	**Pros**	**Cons**

6.1	* SCITS/SCSS buildings continue to be used as a school
	* SCITS auditorium continues to be used
	* Local business community in either location continues to be supported
	* SCITS can accommodate student populations of both schools
	* SCSS has amenities for students not found in elementary schools (larger gyms, science labs, track, greenhouse)
	* Larger staff required to support increased number of students at the consolidated secondary school resulting in an increased number of program options for students including;
	   * 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
		* Renovation/capital costs would be necessary at both schools
		* Relocating SCSS students to SCITS and the consolidation of elementary schools at the SCSS site may result in more elementary school closures and impacts more students and families across the City of Sarnia
		* Majority of students in French Immersion live in present catchment area of NCIVS (59% of students currently enrolled in FI program grades K-8)
		* Creation of elementary school of 1000 would be significantly out of balance amongst neighbouring schools
		* Would be significantly larger than any other elementary school in the LKDSB
		* Combined cost for Facility Work as outlined by the Ministry of Education will be $31M over the next 10 years
		* Costs to update SCSS 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 both SCSS/SCITS sites

	Additional Items from Working Meeting * Elementary school in Sherwood area and decrease need for busing reduction in busing.	Additional Items from Working Meeting

	* Keep FI as a combined dual track school. * Knock off a portion of SCSS and put elementary students in there.	

Consolidation at SCITS – Closure of SCSS

Item No.	Pros	Cons

6.2	* 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;
	   * 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
		* SCSS closes
		* The renovation/capital costs are greater at SCITS (15M 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

	Additional Items from Working Meeting * land value of SCSS is suggested at higher property value * Shedding 13M in 10 year costs and annual operation costs * Shedding of 1100 unfunded student spaces	Additional Items from Working Meeting * 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
	Addition from March 21 Working Meeting	Addition from March 21 Working Meeting * Asbestos and maintenance issues. * Structural needs of pool * additional cost to move Greenhouse from SCSS to SCITS

LKDSB Initial Staff Report Recommendation **Consolidation at SCSS and Closure of SCITS**		
Item No.	**Pros**	**Cons**

6.3	* 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 15M 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;
	   * 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
		* 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 the 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
	Additional Items from the March 21 Working Meeting	Additional Items from the March 21 Working Meeting *Cost of fixing elevator at SCSS

Request to revisit by ARC member.

Consolidation at SCITS/SCSS and Consolidate Elementary Schools at either site		
Item No.	Pros	Cons

6.4	* SCITS/SCSS buildings continue 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;
	   * 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
		* 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 March 21 Working Meeting CLASS would suggest that the PSI grant would still be available. LKDSB cannot guarantee the funding would be transferred from SCITS to SCSS but the LKDSB has previously successfully petitioned the Ministry to move the PSI location.	Additional Items from March 21 Working Meeting CLASS would suggest that the PSI grant would still be available. LKDSB cannot guarantee the funding would be transferred from SCITS to SCSS but the LKDSB has previously successfully petitioned the Ministry to move the PSI location.