

DATE: January 12, 2021

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Shelagh Dunn, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #21 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held December 8, 2020)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the December 8, 2020, Caucus Committee meeting:

Surplus Declaration of Vacant School Sites in Haddow and Callingwood

1. *That the declaration of the vacant school site in Haddow neighbourhood as surplus to Division need, be approved.*
2. *That the declaration of the vacant school site in Callingwood North neighbourhood as surplus to Division need, be approved.*

BACKGROUND

Administration initiated a review of the vacant school sites in Haddow and Callingwood North to determine if the assembled school sites could be declared surplus to Division need.

The number of students residing in the Haddow neighbourhood peaked in 2015 and can continue to be accommodated in existing Division schools. Given the need for additional capacity in new growth neighbourhoods to the south of Anthony Henday Drive, it would be difficult to prioritize a new school in Haddow as a new construction priority for the Division over a new school in the new growth neighbourhoods.

The Callingwood high school site is located within the West Jasper Place Outline Plan area, in the Callingwood North neighbourhood. The resident student population in this plan area is stable with a slight decline and is located within the Jasper Place School attendance area. The Division has a vacant high school site in The Hamptons neighbourhood and a future high school site planned in the Riverview area. In the future, the Division could look at developing a new high school on either site if needed to accommodate the high school students residing west and south of Anthony Henday Drive.

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