

Prince Philip to George R. Allan Transition. September 2013. JB.

Chronology:

- Ministry of Education capital funding announcement ,expected Fall 2012, not announced until early 2013, and so delayed construction at George R. Allan
- Decision not to place Prince Philip children at George R. Allan until George R. Allan renovations are complete, and school is safe and ready.
- October 2013 first phase of reconstruction at GRA complete: first floor washrooms, new office, staffroom, accessible washroom and new classroom.
- November 2013 commence work on 4 new kindergarten washrooms, boys' and girls' washrooms, new classrooms.
- June 2014 commence work on elevator, extension to gym, change rooms, community space and rough in for kitchen.
- September 2014 expected completion and removal of Prince Philip children to George Allan.

Transition Committee

A committee of parents from both Prince Philip and George R Allan, will meet at least 5 times this fall, hold a public meeting where the public can comment, and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees by January 2014. Workgroups suggested include:

- Culture and Traditions: what artefacts and traditions from Prince Philip will be incorporated into George R. Allan School.
- Transition Activities (including Opening and Closing Ceremonies) - what activities will help bring the two schools together and help students prepare for the changes (the two principals have already done a fair bit of thinking about this and plans have already been started);
- Traffic and transportation issues related to the new or consolidated school; will want to work with the City Councillor as most are City issues.
- Accommodation and program issues, to include outside space and stage/drama activities.
- Recommendation to the Board regarding the renaming of George R. Allan under the terms of the Board's policy (the recommendation could also be to keep the school's current name).

Dalewood:

- Architects have been retained, and work is at the conceptual phase for roof, furnace, elevator, book room, and windows. Current furnace is on life support
- Need to finalize with the City whether the City is joining with HWDSB in financing the new furnace --at present HWDSB pays \$90,000 a year to heat the Dalewood pool.
- A Public meeting will be held regarding the development at Dalewood in the course of the school year once preliminary designs are completed.

Closure of Prince Philip: Proposed Timelines

- October – Board of trustees approves commencement of phase 1 (90 day consultation process)
- February - Board declares property surplus and commences phase 2 which is Reg. 444/98.
- March to end of May - property is circulated to preferred agents --The City, Mohawk, McMaster, Boards of Education--(90 day circulation). Preferred agents either decline or put in an offer for the property.
- June 2014 – Earliest Board could have an offer before them to accept. However, this may be delayed over the summer months if the offer is not considered at fair market value. If no preferred agent puts in an offer only then could Prince Philip be placed on the open market.

