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School review suggests reconfigured grades in Eastern Passage

The review hinges on moving Grade 4s from over-used Tallahassee to Seaside and having Grade 9s go to the new high school.



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The "historic" first recommendation under the new school review policy would see the reconfiguration of Eastern Passage schools.

The School Options Committee (SOC) regarding Eastern Passage Education Centre (EPEC) and elementaries Seaside, Ocean View and Tallahassee presented their final recommendation to the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) on Wednesday night and said its main goal was minimal student disruption and optimal utilization of facilities.

"They ... really at times felt the weight of the decision for trying to decide what was going to be best for the community," facilitator Kathy Jourdain said during the presentation.

In light of the new Eastern Passage high school expected to be ready for 2018, the SOC is recommending that EPEC house Grades 6-8 with English/French Immersion since the Grade 9's will move to the new school and the building can take on new Grade 6 classes; Seaside be Grade 4-5 English/French Immersion allowing the Grade 4s to be in one school rather than split; Tallahassee lose the Grade 4 classes and be a P-3 English/French Immersion to help with its over-utilization and use of portables; and Ocean View become a P-3 English school.

"It's a momentous, historic first time for this new process. You should be proud, this is


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remarkable work," board member Cindy Littlefair said during the meeting.

"It's a community-made solution in the end, which is what we can all get behind."

The report also said a boundary change to reassign Birch Hills Estates, Greenridge Mobile Home Park and the Hornes Road area from Tallahassee to Ocean View would affect about 30 kids in Grades P-3.

Although the SOC said they would have liked to see more community engagement (around 25 people attended each of the three public meetings from February to May), but multiple board members said that likely speaks to the level of trust residents had in the SOC.

of boundary changes for the 30 kids affected, and form a campus committee responsible for bridging social and other gaps between the schools that would allow more students to meet and feel more comfortable before they meet in older grades.

Michelle Myers, SOC member, said one of her daughters has mental health issues and it's important to do everything possible to ease transitions between schools for her, especially since there are so many in their area.

"Some [children] fly through with all the colours of the rainbow and others would rather crawl under a rock," Myers said.

Superintendent Elwin LeRoux said while staff doesn't technically support a board-mandated committee, there are ways for principals and parent groups to meet and improve collaboration between the schools which they are "100 per cent behind."

HRSB will make their decision on the recommendation during a special July 6 meeting.

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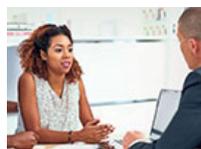
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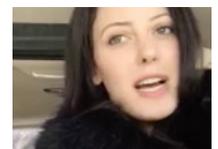
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