

## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
West Lincoln Room

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1. Call to Order
  2. Approval of the Agenda
  3. Approval of the Minutes of December 1, 2015
  4. Business Arising from the Minutes
  5. New Business

### INFORMATION SESSION

- Consolidation of Lakeview and Central School Kindergarten Programs.....K. Pisek

6. Other Business
7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. – West Lincoln Room
8. Adjournment

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

**Report to Program and Planning Committee**

**January 19/2016**

**Consolidation of Lakeview and Central School KG programs**

**Background:**

On February 4, 2014 the Program and Planning Committee approved the recommendation that French Immersion Grades 1 -8 be offered at Central Public School and that the English program boundary for Central school be incorporated into the Lakeview Public School boundary for September 2014. This has resulted in enhanced programming at both schools. The only modification to this recommendation was that Central school continued to offer the English KG program until clarification and assurance that child care arrangements were stabilized at both schools. This was feedback from the parent meetings and this request was implemented to help support families during the transition.

**Rationale:**

In consultation with both school principals and based on other factors outlined below, the timing is now optimal to complete the initial recommendation by amalgamating the two KG programs at Lakeview school. Child Care opportunities exist at both Central and Lakeview to support families. This change will align Central school with the DSBN's other single track French Immersion schools who offer Grades 1 -8 French Immersion.

Transportation is already established to transport all K -8 English program students in the shared boundary and Planning Department supports the amalgamation of the KG programs based on current and projected enrolments.

Central school continues to utilize portables in order to accommodate the students that access this West End French Immersion program. By transferring the KG program, Central will gain access to key space which will accommodate an additional classroom.

As well, the Part time gifted program that is currently hosted at Lakeview could relocate to Central school. With French Immersion bus routes being accessed by students across the west end it makes sense for the gifted program to be hosted at Central as space becomes available.

**Implications:**

Central School would not participate in the DSBN Kindergarten Open House on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Through newsletters at both schools parents would be redirected to Lakeview to enrol their JK students.

For the 2016/17 school year the current 16 Junior Kindergarten students at Central will have the opportunity to remain at Central for Senior Kindergarten if they are intending to enroll in the French Immersion program in Grade 1. This would eliminate the need for an additional transition for this cohort. Parents will receive a letter asking them to select either remaining at Central or transferring to Lakeview for Senior Kindergarten.

**Recommendation:**

That the Program and Planning Committee support the plan outlined in this report to complete the initial recommendation of a K – 8 English program at Lakeview and a Grade 1 -8 French Immersion program at Central.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Superintendent of Schools

January 15, 2016