

**WRAPSC Meeting
3 October 2017**

I. Presentation by Ian Gaudet, Controller, Facilities Services

Gaudet is responsible for all aspects of facilities across the WRDSB's 120 schools, the oldest of which dates from 1852 (Galt Collegiate).

These were the highlights from Gaudet's presentation:

Budget His portfolio entails a \$54M operating budget, which includes, among other things, \$10M for renewal, \$10M for expansion, and \$3.4M for greenhouse gas reduction out of the global WRSB budget of \$800M

New schools His office makes the case to the Ministry of Education for new schools, based on a viable business model.

New K-8 schools aim to be between 500 – 700 pupils spaces

New JK-6 between 350 – 525 pupil spaces

New secondary between 800 – 1400 with a target of 1100 pupil spaces

All new sites include portables

- A parent asked about a school that had had portables for decades, and why the Board was not building an addition. Gaudet replied it was not a priority; that the Ministry was first concerned with places where children did not have *any* school.

"TOP 5" List Area managers meet with each principal of their respective schools annually to discuss and collect "TOP 5" issues. The projects that are deemed "CAPITAL" are entered into the long-range capital plan and are completed as funding becomes available.

- Air conditioning is an ongoing challenge, but IS considered "TOP 5" and parent councils should meet with their principals to ensure that A/C is on the principal's radar.

- Currently, across the WRDSB, out of 8M square feet, only 50% are air conditioned
- 6 schools have no A/C whatsoever
- Goal is to have at least all admin offices and libraries air conditioned
- All full-day Kindergarten spaces have A/C

Accessibility Goal is to have all schools fully accessible and compliant with legislation by 2025

- Grounds Fundraising can help school improvements, as with outdoor sun shades
- The Board is removing baseball diamonds and tracks because they are too costly to maintain properly
- Washrooms All new builds have universal washrooms open to all genders
- Fundraising **Parents on School Councils fundraise for ...**
- Assistance fund (charitable donation for trips for students)
 - Supplies, equipment, or service that compliments provincial funding (extracurricular band equipment, audio-visual equipment)
 - Field trips and excursions
 - Guest speakers
 - Ceremony awards (plaques)
 - Scholarships, bursaries
 - Team uniforms, sport trips, choir, clubs
 - Cultural supports (student retreats)
 - School yard improvements
- As an example, Elgin School Parent Council raised \$50K last year for playground improvements.

II. Motion to determine future of WRAPSC

- Should it become independent?
- Should it merge with PIC?
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