

LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

YARKER F.S and ODESSA P.S. INTEGRATION COMMITTEE

Monday February 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Odessa Public School

Present: Rob Richer (School Council Chair), Jenny Monroe (Parent), Judy Skinner (Community Member), Wess Garrod (Trustee), Darren Seymour (Principal of Odessa P.S and Yarker F.S.), Alison McDonnell (Associate Superintendent of Education)

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Welcome and introductions

Trustee Garrod, Chair of the Integration Committee welcomed new members Jenny Monroe (Parent) and Judy Skinner (Community Member) to the committee.

3. Review of Policy #15 s.5-The School Integration Process

Associate Superintendent of Education, Alison McDonnell reviewed Policy #15 section 5 The School Integration Process (5.1-5.6).

As per Section 5.1 Mandate of the Integration Committee, the Integration Committee will plan for and implement the positive integration of students and staff affected by the consolidation, closure or program relocation into their new school environment.

4. Integration Activities

The committee considered a variety of possible integration activities between students at Yarker Family School and Odessa Public School.

The following activities were suggested and will be followed up with further discussion at the next committee meeting on Tuesday March 6, 2018:

- 'Welcome Wednesdays'-once per month (April, May, June) students from Yarker Family School join students at Odessa Public School for an afternoon of learning and socialization with peer groupings
- Parent/Guardian Open House at Odessa Public School for families from Yarker Family School-May 2018 (exact date tbd)
- Invitation for all Yarker Family School parents/guardians to attend the May School Council Meeting-May 15, 2018
- Welcome to Kindergarten at Odessa Public School-May 2018 (exact date tbd)

5. Closing Activities/Ceremony at Yarker Family School

The committee recommended closing ceremonies be held on Friday June 15, 2018 at Yarker Family School from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Judy Skinner will take the lead in planning the closing ceremonies.

The following items were discussed and will be addressed further at the next committee meeting on Tuesday March 6, 2018:

- Budget allocation for the closing ceremony-including cost of large tent (due to space restrictions at Yarker Family School), table and chairs, refreshments, caretaking etc.
- Program for closing ceremonies including MC, speakers, invitations to previous staff etc.
- Role of the Limestone District School Board Communication Department

6. Other Business

The committee discussed how best to archive awards and special memorabilia from Yarker Family School to Odessa Public School. Judy Skinner and Darren Seymour will follow up with staff at Yarker Family School to determine next steps.

Judy Skinner inquired around the plan for the playground equipment at Yarker Family School. Alison McDonnell will follow up with Board staff.

Both items will be added to the March 6, 2018 agenda for further

discussion.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

The Integration Committee will reconvene on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at Odessa Public School.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.