

LIMESTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Monday April 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Yarker Family School

Present: 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)

Regrets: Rob Richer (School Council Chair)

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Welcome

Trustee Garrod, Chair of the Integration Committee welcomed all members.

3. Integration Activities

The following updates on integration activities were shared:

- The first 'Welcome Wednesday' is to occur on April 18th (a.m.). Students from Yarker Family School will join students at Odessa Public School for a morning of learning and socialization with peer groupings. The second 'Welcome Wednesday' is to be confirmed for either May 9 or 16th.
- The Parent/Guardian Open House at Odessa Public School for families from Yarker Family School is on May 10, 2018.
- An invitation has been sent for all Yarker Family School parents/guardians to attend the May School Council Meeting on May 15, 2018.
- Date in May for Welcome to Kindergarten at Odessa Public School still to be determined.

4. Closing Activities/Ceremony at Yarker Family School

The official closing ceremony of Yarker Family School will occur on Friday June 15 from 11-11:30 a.m. at Yarker Family School.

Karen Smith, Communications Officer, provided a written update to the Integration Committee. The update included the following information:

- Principal Seymour/Vice-Principal Duncan will serve as emcees. Brief remarks will be shared by Director Rantz and Trustee Garrod.
- The students will perform a short musical number and;
- The ceremony will end with a group photo of the last class of Yarker Family School.

Invitations will be sent to families and other municipal community partners.

An Integration Newsletter featuring updates for families will be produced with assistance from Communications and will be distributed in early May and mid-June.

The evening community celebration will be held on Friday June 15, 2018 at Yarker Family School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Judy Skinner provided a written update to the Integration Committee which is appended to the minutes.

5. Other Business

- Playground Equipment

Further discussion to occur at the next Integration Committee meeting on May 8, 2018.

- Archiving Awards and Memorabilia

Yarker library has confirmed that they will accept the photo

albums from Yarker Family School and will establish a Yarker Family School memorabilia corner in the library.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

The Integration Committee will reconvene on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at Yarker Family School.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.