

Board rejects study of elementary lunch service

Halton Board of Education has rejected the idea of a special committee to look into lunch services at elementary schools.

Trustee Dr. Helen Howard-Lock suggested Thursday a committee be set up to look into facilities, services and costs of supervision of lunch time programs at elementary schools.

She said she has heard many comments regarding lunch programs at elementary schools and believes it will become more of a problem as more children can't go home for lunch because both parents work, weather is bad or they are bus students.

Trustee Howard-Lock noted the board has no policy regarding lunch services at

elementary schools and there is a great disparity between what is being done at various schools.

The separate school board was interested in joining in on Halton's investigation, Trustee Cam Jackson revealed.

Several trustees objected to yet another committee being set up and Trustee Edna Robinson thought the joint health-school committee should be the one to look into the problem.

Board vice-chairman Noel Cooper said any problems with elementary lunch services should simply be referred to the school principal.

Trustee Bert Hinton said individual research into any problems should be handled

by board members and referred to principals.

He warned study by a committee of any problems was the first step towards cafeterias being built in elementary schools.

Problems can be sorted out by principals and if there was a standard procedure it would cause more problems for schools. Trustee Judy Alexander declared.

Principals should be asked to be flexible and respond to parents' concerns and problems.

According to Trustee Ivan Armstrong a committee would bring all kinds of problems out of the woodwork. He has already heard from one group who wants construction done at an elementary school to facilitate lunch services.



SANTA ARRIVED at the Rockwood Post Office last Saturday to pick up some of the children's mail. Postal Clerk, Ivy Ritchie, happily helped him empty his box. Local resident John Grinwis, was just in time to personally deliver his letter to the Old Boy!

Lawson calls for second look

Trustee Bill Lawson wants Halton Board of Education to take a second look at expanding French in elementary schools before it's too late.

He filed a report dealing with the expansion of daily French instruction beginning at grade four, Thursday, and his concerns will be dealt with in 1978.

Lawson said there will be detrimental effects to middle and senior elementary school programs where 100 minutes of French will be added each week and at the junior elementary level where it will be 200 minutes additional a week.

He warned teaching staff will have reduced preparation time with more French being squeezed into the elementary program. Lawson also noted teachers won't be able to take classes for absent colleagues so there will have to be more hiring of supply teachers.

Another problem will be French will take away from other aspects of school programs when a school's budget

is sliced up. Lawson also suggested expanded French could create a need for more segregated special education classes.

At the junior level, where no French is taught now, Lawson predicted other courses will suffer. He noted since French will be part of communications arts, topics now dealt with in that course will have to be cut back.

He said addition of French means more rotary, where either students move to another teacher or the teachers move around to different classes.

Lawson also predicted expanded French will mean some teachers are teaching all day and this may force the reintroduction of recess.

Some remedial and counselling programs may have to be curtailed, extra curricular programs might be cut back, students will see more teachers each day and librarians, vice-principals and principals may be required to teach more.

"There will be a serious decline in staff morale if the French teachers do not maintain a teaching load equivalent to all other teachers," he warned.

He also said there will now be three types of teachers—home economics, industrial arts and French—which can't be declared surplus, while there used to be just two.

Lawson suggested 20 minutes daily of oral French instruction beginning in grade six continue and the board continue planning for optional French immersion programs in the fall of 1978.

He called for the mandatory French program of 40 minutes daily instruction beginning in grade four be withdrawn so it can be studied further.

Lawson warned French is not in the best interest of core-curriculum and will only increase class sizes at a time when the board wants to cut

class sizes. Trustee Bert Hinton said he agreed with Lawson and believes the board should have listened to principals who wanted a much more moderate expansion of French.

\$50,000 under budget

Operation of Halton's public school system will apparently cost at least \$50,000 less in 1977 than expected.

Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley told Halton Board of Education Thursday that the cost of running all aspects of the elementary school system will likely end up costing between \$100,000 and \$150,000 less than was budgeted.

On the other side of the coin the board will have a deficit of about \$50,000 for operation of its high schools.

Term appointments out for Halton vice-principals

Halton Board of Education has settled its controversy over whether term appointments for vice-principals appointed in the future should be renewable or non-renewable. There won't be any term appointments for vice-principals.

Nearly a year after three year non-renewable term appointments for vice-principals were instituted, they have been scrapped. Term appointments were started as a means of providing even temporary advancements in a time when enrolment is shrinking and most vice-principals and principals are young.

After several months of heated debate over the previous decision the board set up a special committee to look at the problem.

Thursday, the committee, consisting of Trustees Florence Meares, Don Long, Len Crosier and Elaine Rhiem, brought in a report suggesting the three-year non-renewable term appointments be rescinded and replaced with three year renewable term appointments so excellent vice-principals wouldn't be sent back to the classroom.

Crosier opposed the committee recommendation and suggested the possibility of principals and vice-principals teaching classes so teacher classroom sizes may be reduced.

Lavender said a survey of over 1,000 elementary teachers has shown that out of a list of nine motivators term appointments stood eighth. "It appears term appointments are not a significant motivator for teachers and the policy was to be a motivator."

Long said renewable term appointments were urged by the committee so excellent vice-principals wouldn't be turfed after three years.

Trustee Judy Alexander said any form of term appointments was simply "pulling the rug out from under people."

Trustee Ivan Armstrong said even if there is a surplus of teachers the board should still try and get the best people for every job. He described term appointments as "playing musical chairs with people."

Renewable term appointments were deemed "refreshing" by Trustee Fred Armistead. He thought it was a good idea to bring a little competition into the board's system of promotion by having performance rewarded by renewal.

Trustee Bill Priestner said three year term appointments meant vice-principals were reviewed only every three years instead of yearly.

The board has gotten itself in a "ridiculous" situation, Trustee Bert Hinton

declared. He said the board should revert to its old system of appointing vice-principals and leaving them in the position, promoting them to principals or sending them back to the classroom if they didn't do a good job.

Turstees voted to drop term appointments altogether and revert to the old system.



DECKING THE Christmas tree for the Friday night semi-formal dance at Rockwood Centennial are left to right, Janet McLeod, Anita Brace, Sue Bilton, Kathy McLeod and Corinne Gooyers. A great time was enjoyed by all the Grade 8's who danced away the evening.

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Help is on the way for the stalemated, contracted negotiations between Halton Separate School Board and its teachers.

The Education Relations Commission announced this week the appointment of Jane Develin to assist with the talks.

Ms. Develin received a law degree from the University of Western Ontario and has been a law clerk to a Chief Justice of High Court. She is now practising law in Toronto and has assisted the Brant, Lincoln and Simcoe boards on behalf of the Commission in the past.

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