

Educators adopt long term plan for Halton public schools

by Eric Elstone
Halton's educators have a home-made crystal ball into the mid-'80s.

Halton Board of Education trustees gave their qualified blessing Thursday to the multi-million dollar gaze into the future, otherwise known as the Long-Term Plan (LTP).

Briefly stated the board is heading into these directions:

- 1) within schools, the board will try to balance its staff in terms of experience, age, leadership and others,
- 2) teachers will learn to be better teachers,
- 3) ensuring students have equal chances to learn what they need regardless of where they live in the region,
- 4) meeting the needs of students—such as children with cystic fibrosis—what the board calls special education,
- 5) improving buildings,
- 6) expansion of core French.

The increasing of class time devoted to learning French is one of the controversial directions taken by the board. Students will receive 40 minutes of French instruction each day. They were getting 40 minutes every other day. Also French as a second language will be compulsory in elementary schools.

Fourteen new French teachers are slated for hiring by next fall and another 40 are to be

added by 1985. Milton trustee Ivan Armstrong said he discovered, on vacation in Quebec, that language does not matter to Quebecers, they want financial concessions.

Another Milton trustee, John Bradley, outlined a romantic notion of what benefits can be gained from another culture. Bradley said he was glad he took Latin and French in school. "It will be a terrible disgrace" if Halton does not expand its program.

Under the rationale for

adopting the expanded program, there is the statement "support for this direction represents an acknowledgement of a provincial and national priority". Burlington trustee Bill Priestner said that "if it's really worthwhile, can't we mandate that kids learn a second language".

Acton-Esqueving Trustee Betty Fisher was in favor of expanding the program to 40 minutes. Some parts of the LTP, such as the hiring of teachers, will be brought back to the board table

for trustees to discuss, according to education director Em Lavender. The board's third direction, the provision of equal and balanced curriculum opportunities for students, was reworded at the board table at the last minute.

Under the direction the board would bus children to a school where the program they wanted is

offered. Their neighborhood school may be too small to offer everything they would like.

Trustee Priestner got the words "within available resources" added to ensure that French immersion would not be included in the busing. Halton's board does not bus children to French immersion courses; parents drive their children

to schools offering the course. French immersion was not implied in the offering of the bus for equal and balanced curriculum opportunities, said Lavender.

"It may not be the intent, but I can see it happening," said Fisher. "French immersion may be separate, but transportation of students for program reasons is the

same thing."

A second one of the board's direction was also reworded by trustees. "Facilities consolidation and improvement" had added to it "and increased utilization by the community."

The second change came at the urging of Burlington trustee Cam Jackson who said that the renting of space may save off the declaration of a school as being redundant.



Acton Firefighters pour water on a \$2,500 blaze at Hornby Box and Pallet Friday afternoon.

Fire causes \$2,500 damage

Acton Firefighters were called to extinguish flames in the dust collector at Hornby Box and Pallet on Main St. Friday afternoon.

The fire was the second at the plant this year. The \$2,500 fire damage was caused by a spark, according to Halton Hills Fire Department spokesman Larry Brassard.

A spring fire was also confined to the dust collector at the plant's rear.

Brassard went on to say that fires, such as Saturday's chimney fire at 2 Rosemary Rd. can be expected to be more common since autumn has arrived. There was no damage at the fire, he added.

Chimney fires can be prevented by having the chimney cleaned, observed Brassard. Factory built chimneys and fire places usually have to be replaced after a

chimney blaze. Factory built chimneys are certified by the Canadian Standards Association for 1,000 degrees, however, chimney fires are much hotter, he said.

The fire in a shed last week on the Fourth Line is still under investigation. Brassard said the estimated damage in that blaze was \$28,000.

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