

# Dickson Hill parents want students to move to a new school

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Dickson Hill French immersion students still don't have a home for 2002 and the debate is getting nastier by the day.

Last week, three York Region District School Board trustees walked out of a standing committee meeting, preventing the board from voting on the issue due

to lack of quorum.

Markham's Susan Lee Pollack and Nancy Elgie of Georgina were led by Whitchurch-Stouffville and East Gwillimbury trustee Bob Burrows, insisting the Glad Park Public School community be fully informed and consulted.

"The parents were shut down completely and ended up leaving the room,"

Burrows said. "There still has not been a comprehensive information meeting with the Glad Park community."

Dickson Hill is currently a single-track French immersion elementary school. When the French board was created two years ago, many other boards were forced to hand over assets to help it get started and the Dickson Hill facility was included in that

deal, said Jaimini Randev, superintendent of schools east area, in an earlier interview. The take-over is dictated by enrollment, and while the French-language board still hasn't attained the numbers it needs to justify the move, it's coming — likely by 2002.

Dickson Hill parents would prefer students to move to a new school, such

as one being built in the Wismer development in Markham, rather than try to merge with an existing school community. That option, however, does not have the support of board staff, who say such a move could mean students in that community may have to be bused elsewhere.

Glad Park parents were told last fall their school may be the new site for Dickson Hill's immersion program, but that it was low on the list of four or five options. They

were surprised to learn the board was only days away from voting in favour of sending more than 300 students to the Elm Road-Ninth Line school.

They're worried about extra traffic, the cost of a proposed \$2 million addition and their children's safety during construction, as well as the fact they feel they weren't consulted before a final decision was made.

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9:45 a.m. - Bible Class  
Part 2 - video  
The Source of our Strength  
11:00 a.m. - pastor Gord  
Message: The Ultimate Investment  
Music: Visiting Pianist Mrs. Linda Ramer

Kids Club Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. Grades 1-6  
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**April 22nd, 2001**  
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Message Series "A View from the Hill"  
Pastor Bill Thornton  
Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Groups in Homes  
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