

Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) update: February 2018

On Feb. 8, the Transition Planning Committee for the South of the 401 PAR held its first meeting to discuss updates at schools impacted by the upcoming closure of Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School. The committee consists of board staff, as well as administrators and School Council Chairs from , Glenforest, Gordon Graydon, and TL Kennedy secondary schools.

At the meeting, the following updates were discussed:

Programming

- The heads of curriculum from Glenforest and TL Kennedy continue to visit Gordon Graydon to learn more about the existing programs to ensure a smooth transition to the new locations.

Construction/renovation

Glenforest

- Construction and renovation plans for Glenforest have been submitted to the Ministry for approval. The proposed plan includes a new 13,000 sq. ft. addition, as well as renovations to 23,000 sq. ft. of the building, including fully renovated teaching kitchens, as well as cosmetology and landscape program classrooms. Workrooms and prep rooms will be modified to increase useable space, as per Peel District School Board and Ministry guidelines.
- The Peel board's senior project manager discussed proposed plans for the drop-off zone, which is anticipated to alleviate traffic and parking congestion at the school. In order to meet the City's fire code and bylaws, the zone will be segregated from the main traffic area and will not be gated.

TL Kennedy

- Renovations plans have been submitted to the Ministry and the City of Mississauga for approval. Preparation for renovations, including asbestos removal, is presently underway. Renovations will take place in three Graphic and Design Management (GDM) classes, existing DD classrooms as well as some other classrooms. A letter was sent home to all TL Kennedy families regarding this renovation work, including details about asbestos removal at the school after school hours.
- Renovation areas will be zoned off to ensure the safety of staff and students. Ten portables have been placed on site for relocated classes. *(Please note, since this meeting, there was a fire in the strip plaza directly south of the school, which damaged some of the portables. These portables have been replaced and will not impact the renovation plans.)*
- All renovation work is anticipated to be completed by the end of August 2018.

Staffing

- Ben Keeley, currently the vice-principal at Gordon Graydon, will remain as the administrator on-site for Glenforest South.
- Staff will be allocated to support TL Kennedy and Glenforest South, as needed and in accordance with the board's staffing procedures.

School climate/spirit

- Student Council reps from TL Kennedy and Gordon Graydon have met to discuss possible joint events and activities for students.
- Students at Gordon Graydon are currently discussing school traditions to bring over to their new school locations next school year.
- TL Kennedy and Gordon Graydon are currently planning co-curricular trips together to help students transition to their new schools.

The next Transiting Planning Committee meeting will be on April 9, 2018. If you have questions for the meeting, please speak with your School Council, your principal or email par@peelsb.com.

We are committed to providing families with regular communication during this transition. Following each monthly Transition Planning Committee meeting, a summary of the meeting will be posted on your teen's school website. To receive email updates, please ensure you are subscribed to your child's school website.