

Ash Lee Jefferson, Holland Road, Oldfield Elementary, Waverly Elementary and Georges P Vanier Junior High Transition

The School Advisory Councils (SAC) of Ash Lee Jefferson, Holland Road, Oldfield Elementary, Waverly Memorial Elementary and Georges P Vanier Junior High have met and discussed the composition, roles and responsibilities of the transition team in supporting the move of the grade six students from the four elementary schools listed above to Georges P. Vanier Junior High. The first transition team meeting will be held on Monday, March 30 at Georges P. Vanier Junior High.

The transition team will consist of parent, staff and student representatives for each school along with School Administration Supervisors and support staff from the regional office as required. The transition process and decisions made by the transition team will be shared at each school site. Although the school administration supervisors, human resource managers and other HRCE support staff have experience in supporting transitions due to grade reconfigurations and/or school boundary reviews, each community has unique needs and the purpose of the transition team is to include the voices of those who are involved.

Your SAC representatives have already brought forward some common questions which can be answered already:

1. What will grade six look like at Georges P. Vanier Junior High?

The Grade Sixes will still have a single homeroom teacher and access to the same curriculum and specialist classes; Core French, Physical Education, and Music. The requirements of the public school program will still be in place.

2. Will the grade six students still have recess?

Grade six students will continue to follow the provincial *Time to Learn* strategy, which does include a 15-minute recess break.

3. Will grade six students be able to eat in the cafeteria?

Grade six students will eat first in the cafeteria. Chartwell's is the food provider. There will be lunch monitors to provide supervision.

4. Will grade six students have the same start and end time?

The bell schedule is the same for all grades.

5. Will grade six students still have field trips?

Field trips at all grade levels are meant to enhance the curriculum. Grade six teachers in consultation with their school administrators will still be able to plan field trips.

Leadership opportunities, school sports, and year-end celebrations will all be discussed with input from the transition team and HRCE staff as required. Decisions and on-going questions will be shared with each school community as we work through the process.