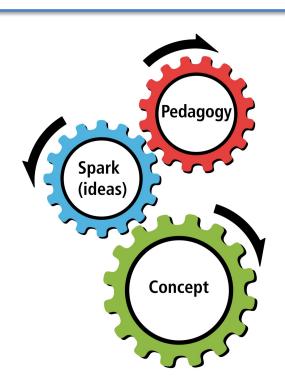
Focus Exploration Open House





Aldershot High School Monday, November 13, 2017





Why are we here?

In June 2017, the Board of Trustees passed a motion ...



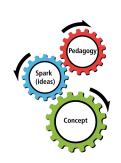
... stating:

A committee will be established in the fall of 2017 to investigate the concept of a specialty focus for Aldershot High School including but not limited to a theme, magnet, incubator and/or alternative school concepts.

The committee will be comprised of a variety of stakeholders from the Aldershot school community, central board staff in addition to School Program staff.



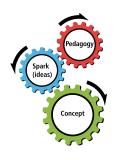
In October 2017 a committee was established ...



What is the role of the Focus Exploration Committee?



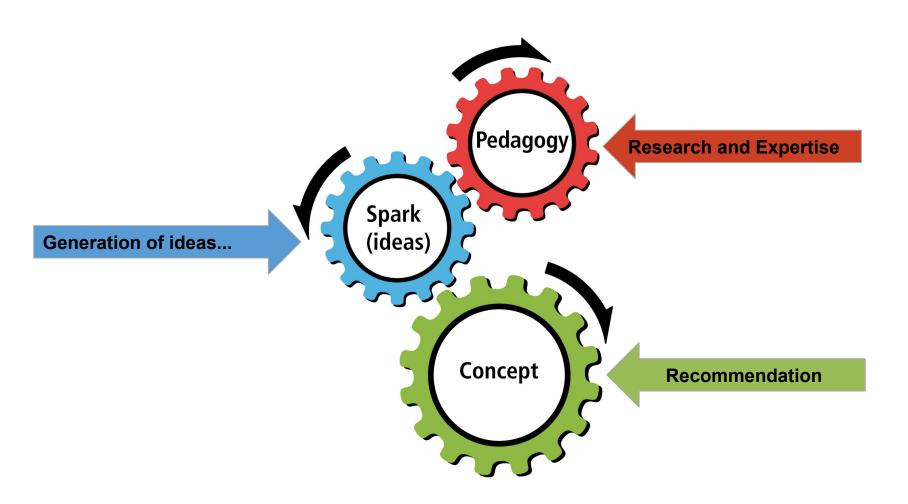
Committee Mandate



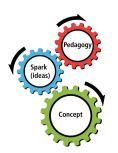
The Focus Exploration Committee is tasked with investigating and considering viability of a variety of innovative approaches and making recommendations.



Framework in Concept Development







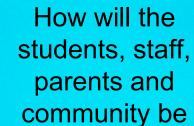
What has been done so far?



We started with questions...



Will this concept attract students from Halton and beyond?

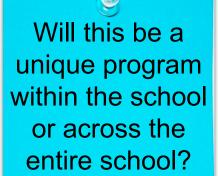


What is already out there?



Are there opportunities to connect with businesses or community organizations?

included?





We set out to research and seek ideas...

- Researched unique concepts provincially, nationally and internationally;
- Created a Suggestion Box; and
- Connected with (and continue to) staff, students, parents, community members, etc. to further explore concepts.



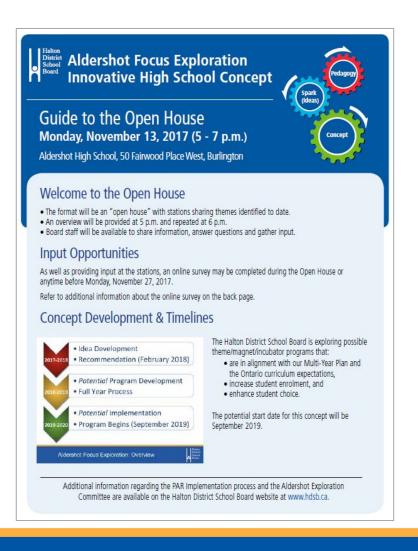


Suggestion Box September 21 - October 20

- A Suggestion Box was setup to submit ideas
- 200+ submissions were received
- HDSB Research Department generated "Themes"
- "Themes" were reviewed by the Committee and are shared with you tonight



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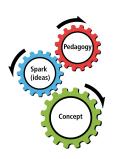


 An opportunity to share the 15 themes to date

 A brochure developed to share these themes and posted at <u>www.hdsb.ca</u>

 Input collected from attendees



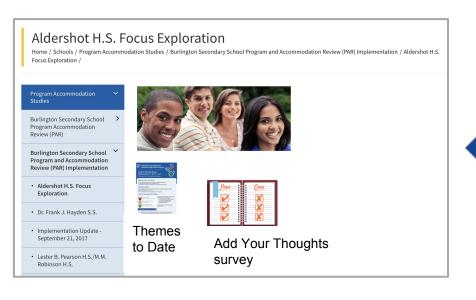


What if I was unable to attend the Open House?



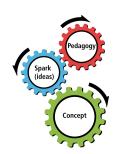
Open House Resources

The "Themes to Date" and an opportunity to provide input via "Add Your Thoughts" survey is accessible ...



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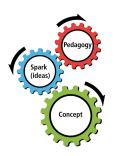
What happens next?



Next, we will...

- 1. Gather further input/ideas via:
 - Open House input at the event
 - Add Your Thoughts survey (open until Nov. 27)
 - Student Focus Groups (week of Nov. 20)
- 2. Summarize survey and focus group data (HDSB Research Department)
- 3. Share data with the Exploration Committee





How is the concept determined?

Criteria will guide committee, stakeholder and Board discussions/actions in exploring a variety of innovative concepts.



Criteria

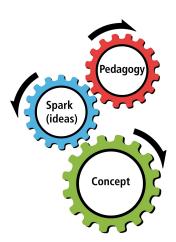
- Student interest/engagement Reach of potential students (from across Halton and beyond)
- Increase of overall enrolment (grades 9 12)
- Alignment with Ontario Curricula, Multi-Year Plan and Global Competencies (Ministry of Education)
- Equitable (7 Equity Lenses)
- Staffing considerations
- Pedagogically sound
- Continuity of regional and specialized programs within Burlington
- Viable numbers to support existing English and French programs
- Cost effectiveness of program development
- Fiscal responsibilities (e.g., facilities)
- Other criteria recommended by the Exploration Committee



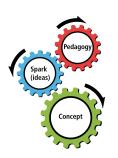
Decision Making

The recommendation to the Board of Trustees for decision, will be made by Board staff involved in the Exploration Committee, in consultation with appropriate staff as required:

- School Program Department,
- Research Department,
- Student Services Department,
- Facilities Services,
- Human Resources,
- Business Services, and
- Information Services.







When is this concept being put in place at the school?



2017-2018

- Idea Development/Consultation
- Recommendation (February 2018)

2018-2019

- Potential Program Development
- Full Year Process

2019-2020

- Potential Implementation
- Program Begins (September 2019)





How can I stay up to date with what is happening?



Stay up to date ...

The HDSB website will continue to provide:

- FAQs
- Committee Agendas and Records of Action
- Updates



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For more information please contact PARimplementation@hdsb.ca via email.



On behalf of the Committee...

Thank you for your input.

