**ELP SUMMARY UGDSB – Meeting #1, February 2010.**

* Although 13 schools were chosen, Board is going to initially start with 7 and then as demand grows, they have prioritized the other 6 locations and will fill in priority sequence.
* Board has issues with ETFO collective agreement in that class sizes are capped at 20.
* Board is only being funded for 624 students, but conservatively projected enrolment is 643. After one week of kindergarten enrolment board is already at 350 students.
* “Until we hear otherwise, we are honouring collective agreements of ETFO.
* Board will use money to staff programs with teachers and then hire ECE’s with leftover money. This means there may not be ECE’s in every location. This idea submission was sent to the Ministry as a possible alternative. Ministry has not responded.
* Actively involved in planning over past few months have been directors of child care programs in both Wellington and Dufferin-Peel.
* Board sees day organized as ECE and helper in extended morning; ECE and teacher during class day; ECE and helper in extended afternoon.
* Liz Sandals reportedly supportive of the board’s 7/13 strategy.
* Committee includes approx 30 people including supts of ed, finance, communication, director, kindergarten teachers, trustees, ETFO reps, directors of childcare programs in both counties, Wellington Catholic and Dufferin-Peel Representatives, Principals, Vice-Principals, EA/SPA Union President (who asked for CUPE rep and OCT rep to be present also), Transportation Service Representative, Human Resource Executive Officer and Elementary Curriculum Leader.
* Sub- committees were struck in areas of Operation, Communication, Finance, Human Resources, Transportation, Program and Misc.
* Next mtg date of large committee is March 10.

If you need further clarification, please call Tracey Selkirk