



District School Board Ontario North East

Accommodation Review Committee Meeting
For
Coronation Public School
Flora MacDonald Public School
Queen Elizabeth Public School

October 14th, 2008

Schumacher Board Office

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rosemary Pochopsky	Chairperson of the Accommodation Review Committee
Barry Peterson	Superintendent of Schools
Linda Knight	Director of Education
Steve Pladzyk	Superintendent of Schools
Peter Osterberg	Trustee
Rob Galloway	Local Business Representative
Pat Bamford	Municipal Representative
Dianne Gaudreau	Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Bert Schaffer	Trustee
Heather Bozzer	Trustee
Alberta Litt	School Council Representative – Coronation PS
Sandro Purifacati	School Council Representative – Queen Elizabeth PS
Tracy Hautenen	School Council Representative – Flora MacDonald PS

CALL TO ORDER:

Accommodation Review Committee for Coronation Public School, Queen Elizabeth Public School and Flora MacDonald Public School called to order at 7:12 pm.

REVIEW OF POLICY:

Linda Knight reviewed the Accommodation Review Policy and what factors led to establishing an Accommodation Review Committee. She discussed the process and the responsibility as a Committee. (*copy of School Accommodation Review policy attached*)

The following items were discussed by the Committee:

- A question was raised about setting public meetings dates. Linda Knight referred to the policy 5.5 Timelines and how the process works, and giving examples of how the process was done for the Accommodation Review in the Southern Region last year.
- The number of public meetings was discussed. Linda informed the Committee that one public meeting was already held on September 8th, 2008 to discuss process, which was positive meeting attended by approximately 20 people, staff, parents and students.



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DATA REQUIREMENT

Barry Peterson reviewed a handout showing the School Profiles for Coronation PS, Flora MacDonald PS and Queen Elizabeth PS. Barry stated planning for a new JK to grade 8 school for 2011 would be a 3 year process. Barry continued to review the power point presentation to discuss the School Profile which included information on how funding is made and how he arrived at those numbers. The floor plans for each school were also reviewed. The enrolment chart was discussed in length and Barry stated that the actual numbers will change at the end of October with the actual enrolment numbers. *(copy attached)*

The following items were discussed at length by the Committee:

- Declining enrolment which is numbers are down across the city, however over time could increase by 2011 with young family moving to Timmins.
- French Immersion and Spec Ed availability was discussed
- Current 2008-09 School organization was discussed and Barry explained how he achieved those numbers
- Specialized programs of each school were discussed at length. If one school should have a good program it will benefits the other schools
- Barry stated that this information regarding specialized programs, teacher interaction etc. was received from the principals and had not been edited by the board. Barry stated that the information received from all three schools regarding the Teacher Interaction should a new school be build would be a good opportunity between teachers and would only be stronger in a new school
- Community use information from all three schools was also reviewed
- Transportation Section was also discussed at length by Committee. Steve felt that it was important that the Tri Board policy be included in this section, which Barry will revise before the public meeting on October 15th, 2008.
- Barry explained the boundaries for each school
- Barry informed the Committee that we could be putting in a lot of money to keep these schools operational for the life cycle of the schools which is usually 10 years
- Barry stated that the Ministry expects when a new school is built it should be operational for 10 years, and should repairs to a school be more than building a new school then an bid should be put in
- Committee inquired if the cost to tear down has been taken into consideration? Barry stated that no Ministry money is available for that, and it would be at the Board's cost.



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The following items were discussed at length by the committee cont'd:

- Barry stated that once a new school has been approved by the Ministry, then a Cost Outlook meeting will then take place.
- Barry stated that with these numbers we can prove to the Ministry that we have the capacity in our other schools if students switch from the FI program to our English program schools, which the Committee then reviewed the numbers for Pinecrest, WE Miller and Schumacher PS.

PREPARATION FOR PUBLIC MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2008

At the first public meeting, the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) will review the basic information and mentioning the following key points:

- Linda informed the committee that there will be no in-camera meetings
- Rosemary Pochopsky will be our Chairperson of the Accommodation Review Committee
- Share with the public that we are looking for a green school concept
- The public meetings held will be to share information and seek input from the community.
- The Committee were concerned that we not lead the public as to what site has been chosen and that any site can be considered or discuss where the site will be, other than we have 3 potential site (one of the 3 schools)
- The Committee felt that we should not have a lengthy discussion of location, however discuss the quality of education one school will provide to the students
- Committee stated that the public will want to discuss bussing, however Steve felt that this should not be an issue as most French Immersion students are bussed
- It was cautioned about discussing with staff regarding programs, teams events as staff may be challenging each other. The Committee should stress that we are bringing the best to the school and a potential of these programs with a new school, and delivery additional programs
- It was important to state that we are not downsizing we are right sizing for the future, and the impact the quality of education that can be provided with a new school being built
- Wards were discussed and how it can have an in pact on the public
- Dianne Gaudreau will be the recording secretary and it will be stated to the public to submit their hard copy of their presentation to the recording secretary which will then be posted on the Board website.
- Accommodation Review Committee to meet at Flora MacDonald PS at 6:45 pm October 15th



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DATES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS:

The following dates have been scheduled for the four (4) Public Meetings:

- Wednesday, October 15th, 2008
Flora MacDonald Public School
- Wednesday, November 5th, 2008
Coronation Public School
- Thursday, December 18th, 2008
Queen Elizabeth Public School
- Wednesday, February 4th, 2009
Flora MacDonald Public School

NEXT ARC MEETING DATE

The next Accommodation Review Committee Meeting will be set at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary: Dianne Gaudreau