



District School Board Ontario North East

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

November 5th, 2008

7:15 P.M.
Coronation Public School

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rosemary Pochopsky	Chairperson of the Accommodation Review Committee
Linda Knight	Director of Education
Steve Pladzyk	Superintendent of Schools
Peter Osterberg	Trustee
Bert Schaffer	Trustee
Rob Galloway	Local Business Representative
Alberta Litt	School Council Representative – Coronation PS

REGRETS:

Barry Peterson	Superintendent of Business
Heather Bozzer	Trustee
Tracy Hautenen	School Council Representative – Flora MacDonald PS
Pat Bamford	Municipal Representative

CALL TO ORDER:

Rosemary Pochopsky, Chairperson of the Accommodation Review Committee for Coronation Public School, Queen Elizabeth Public School and Flora MacDonald Public School called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with approximately 14 school and community members present.

Introductions:

Introductions were made all around.

Rosemary Pochopsky briefly shared an overview with those in attendance the last public meeting that was held at Flora MacDonald PS on October 15th, 2008.

Rosemary Pochopsky opened the floor to presentations, requesting that anyone addressing the Committee tonight to state their name and affiliation prior to their presentation and submit a hard copy to Dianne Gaudreau, recording secretary.



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PRESENTATION

- **Parent Council from Queen Elizabeth Public School, Sandro Purifacati, Kathy Loreto, Sean Lee and Sandra Comand-Mainville** addressed the Committee with a power point presentation which focused on the value to the students, location of new school, accommodation for the English students, also to allow stakeholders the opportunity to be part of the business plan process, and shared their concern that the last public meeting minutes were not yet posted on the Board website.

(Copy of presentation attached)

Linda Knight, Director of Education apologized on behalf of the Accommodation Review Committee for not having the previous minutes and power point presentation made by Barry Peterson, Superintendent of Business, on the Board website. She assured those in attendance that they would be posted first thing Thursday morning.

Clark MacFarland, parent of two students who attend Queen Elizabeth PS, addressed the Accommodation Review Committee as to why some questions that were raised in the power point presentation could not be answered this evening.

Linda Knight, Director of Education replied that the Accommodation Review Committee would meet to review the questions raised by the Queen Elizabeth Parent Council presentation, and will give their responses at the next public meeting which is scheduled for December 18th, 2008.

Steve Pladzyk, Superintendent of Schools, responded to Mr. MacFarland statements, thanked him for sharing his questions and his thoughts, and assured him his concerns would be addressed.

The following items were discussed at length by the Accommodation Review Committee and those present at the meeting:

- Much discussion was focused on the fact that the process itself is not very clear, and it was felt that the process does not allow for public consultation.
- The Accommodation Review Committee explained that the same process took place for the Accommodation Review in Kirkland Lake (please see our website) <http://www.dsb1.edu.on.ca/boardinfo/accrev-0607.php>
- In addition to the process, letters go home from the schools inviting parents to attend and be part of our consultation process as we review the possibilities for these three Timmins schools, and ads are also placed in the newspaper for future meetings.



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DATES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- Thursday, December 18th, 2008
Queen Elizabeth Public School
- Wednesday, February 4th, 2009
Flora MacDonald Public School

ADJOURNMENT:

Rosemary Pochopsky thanked everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.