



District School Board Ontario North East

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

December 18th, 2008

7:00 P.M.
Queen Elizabeth Public School

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rosemary Pochopsky	Chairperson of the Accommodation Review Committee
Linda Knight	Director of Education
Barry Peterson	Superintendent of Business
Bert Schaffer	Trustee
Rob Galloway	Local Business Representative
Pat Bamford	Municipal Representative
Alberta Litt	School Council Representative – Coronation PS
Tracy Hautenen	School Council Representative – Flora MacDonald PS
Peter Pidskany	School Council Representative – Queen Elizabeth PS

REGRETS:

Steve Pladzyk	Superintendent of Schools
Peter Osterberg	Trustee
Heather Bozzer	Trustee

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 7:05 pm with approximately 17 school and community members present.

Introductions:

Introductions were made all around.

Rosemary Pochopsky briefly shared an overview of this evening's agenda which would focus on the responses to questions posed by the Queen Elizabeth School Community at the last meeting which was held at Coronation PS on November 5th, 2008, as well as an Executive Summary - Proposed New French Immersion School, presented by Linda Knight, Director of Education.



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Barry Peterson shared the responses to the 8 specific questions posed by the Queen Elizabeth School Community.

(Copy attached which will be posted on our Board website)

Linda Knight shared an Executive Summary which focused on:

- Curriculum Expectations
- Advantages of having a new school
- At this time the new school as planned will not have combined grades
- Another positive aspect will be Student Support within the classroom
- In the new school the students will continue to have access full range of program options
- Teacher Professional Development – the opportunities for teacher professional will be greatly enhanced
- The students in the new school will have the opportunity to participate in more curricular, extracurricular and team sports
- The new school will have sufficient staff to provide the required supervision within reasonable agreed guidelines

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Questions raised from those in attendance regarding:

- Playground equipment, extra curricular activities, computer labs, lunch supervision.

Linda Knight, Director of Education stated that this will come under conversation once we have the plan to move forward to the building stage, as well it is the Board's intent and every effort would be there to replace what has been fundraised in terms of playground equipment.

- Was there an oversight in the Executive Summary presentation not mentioning a Principal & Vice Principal in the plan?

Linda Knight stated that we have looked at succession planning, and we see a Principal and Vice Principal in the new school.



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- Where will the Coronation English students be accommodated?

Linda Knight stated that the students would go to their catchment area they are in, starting with WE Miller PS, Pinecrest PS, then overflow to Schumacher PS.

- Does this new school have an opportunity to go up to grade 8?

Linda Knight stated at this time is not in our Capital plan.

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.

Sandro Purificati - Queen Elizabeth School Community shared with the Committee a power point presentation of results of a survey that went out to parents of Queen Elizabeth Public School.

(Sandro to e-mail J. Sharpe an electronic copy of power point presentation)

Much discussion was focused on how to encourage community input and exchange of views for those who cannot attend the public meetings. A link has since been set up on the Board website.

DATE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

- Wednesday, February 4th, 2009
Coronation Public School

ADJOURNMENT:

Rosemary Pochopsky thanked everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.