



SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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EAST ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the **2nd PUBLIC MEETING** of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the East Planning Area, of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board which was held in the Gymnasium of St. Charles College, 1940 Hawthorne Drive, in Sudbury on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.

Board Representation Present:

ARC Chairperson	Roland Muzzatti, Superintendent of Employee Relations and Schools
ARC Secretary	Steve Rinaldi, Project Coordinator
Senior Board Official	Dennis Bazinet, Acting Superintendent of Business and Finance
Coordinator	Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services

School Representation Present:

Pius XII

Louisa Bianchin, Principal
Shelley Sloan, School Council Chair
Cathy Manuel, Community
Leonard Foucault,

St. Albert Adult Learning Centre (ALC)

Cassandra MacGregor, Vice-Principal
Ann Brisebois, School Staff
Francine Dubreuil, Student Representation
Katrina Chevrier, Student Representation

St. Andrew

Melody Henry, Principal
Mary Smith, School Council Chair
Lucille Szalai, Community
Dyan Pyott, School Staff

St. Bernadette

Nicole Snow, Principal
Dan Bronicheski, School Council Chair
Mike McKeever, Community
Colette Perrin, School Staff

ARC Resource Present

Facilitator Lygia Dallip, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd

St. Charles College

Patty Mardero, Principal
Catherine Ross-Gonko, School Council Chair
Sandra Gobbo, Community
Claire Morrison, School Staff

St. John

Tricia Dowdall-Cirelli, Principal
Amanda Gagne, School Council Chair
Tina Madore, Community
Laura O'Reilly, School Staff

St. Mark

Mitch Smet, Vice-Principal
Donna Kotanko, School Council Chair
Carole Remillard, School Staff

St. Paul

Mitch Smet, Vice-Principal
Natasha Folino, School Staff

St. Raphael

Vickie McGuire, Principal
Phil Farmer, School Council Chair
Jen Bailey, Community
Ted Keehn, School Staff

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Absent:

Mark Simeoni, Senior Planner, Greater City of Sudbury
Father Remi Hebert, Diocesan Representation
Stacey Kennedy, Community, St. Mark School
Sharon Oliver, Principal, St. Paul School, St. Mark School
Anne-Marie Savage, School Council Chair, St. Paul School
Clara Steele, RPIC Representative

Recording Secretary

Sharon Cormier

Call to Order:

Roland Muzzatti, ARC Chair, called the meeting to order @ 7:05 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Roland Muzzatti, ARC Chair, led the group in an opening prayer for guiding presence.

WELCOME , INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW OF INFORMATION

Mr. Muzzatti welcomed the general public in attendance and thanked everyone for attending. He extended a special thank you to Mrs. Patty Mardero, Principal of St. Charles College and the St. Charles College community for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments.

Mr. Muzzatti requested all attendees to sign the attendance sheet and to note their school affiliation. Copies of the meeting agenda, minutes from the last public meeting, and completed School Valuation Framework Reports for the schools in the East Planning Area were available.

Mr. Muzzatti introduced the members of the ARC Steering Committee, members of the ARC Committee and the two trustees that were present. The Chair stressed that the Trustees were at the meeting as observers only and for information purposes so that they would have all the proper information they will need to make future decisions regarding accommodation options. The Chair noted the change in meeting set up with all ARC Committee members seated at the front in order to emphasize that meeting was an ARC Committee Meeting and not a Board Meeting.

The Chair reviewed and emphasized the importance of public input in the accommodation review process. The Chair identified changes to the School Valuation Framework Report that were implemented as a result of the input received from Public Meeting #1. As a result of the review and acceptance by the ARC Committee of this feedback E-Learning Courses were added to Section 2.2 of the School Valuation Report. A second submission concerning the addition of three questions to Section 1.1, Catholic Identity and Faith Dimension of the Valuation report, the ARC members review and accepted two of the three questions and therefore they were added to each school's valuation report.

Mr. Muzzatti provided the public with a brief review of the purpose, mandate and intent of the Accommodation Review. The Chair identified the nine schools within the East Planning Area and reviewed the structure of the Accommodation Review Committee. He also reminded all present that public meetings are not the forum for formal presentations from the public but rather a venue for the public to voice concerns and ask questions. Mr. Muzzatti stressed that the public can have a voice in the process by asking questions and voicing concerns at the public meetings; can submit the same in writing at the end of the meeting, or submit comments and questions via email or fax within 48 hours of the next working meeting. Comments and questions from Public Meeting #2 will be received until Monday, November 30, at 9:00 a.m. and reviewed at the next working on December 2, 2009.

Mr. Muzzatti outlined the main purpose for each of the public meetings. Chair Muzzatti presented a review of the timelines and meeting schedule for the Accommodation Review process, clarifying that the dates in bold are not subject to change but that the dates for working meetings may change and asked that anyone wishing to attend these meetings verify the time, date and location on the Accommodation Review website. Mr. Muzzatti stated that the public is welcome at working meetings but that they are only there as observers. The Chair stressed the following dates:

1. April 20, 2010 deadline date for submission of the application form for public presentation at the April 27, 2010 Board Meeting;
2. May 18, 2010 deadline date for submission of the application form for public presentation at the May 25, 2010 Special Board Meeting; and
3. June 24, 2010 deadline date for submission of a request for Ministerial Review of the Accommodation Review process.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL VALUATION FRAMEWORK REPORTS

The School Valuation Framework Reports were presented in approximately 10 minute blocks in the order outlined on the Agenda. It was noted by Chair Muzzatti that school presentations were being delivered in the alphabetized order with the exception of St. Charles College presenting between St. Mark School and St. Paul School. As St. Mark and St. Paul schools had the same presenter, a change of order was requested and implemented. Each presenter, using the values within the framework (Value to Student, Value to Board, Value to Community, Value to the Local Economy) presented their school report to the public. Each presenter highlighted the uniqueness, individuality, diversity and distinctiveness of their school. At the end of each presentation there was the opportunity to ask questions of the presenter.

The following question was posed at the end of the St. Andrew School presentation and responded to by the Chair:

- Q. This is more of a comment than a question. Just want to comment that a lot of people in this room have emotions regarding their school and that if everyone could listen and refrain from side conversations during presentations as I find that it is disrespectful to the process. The other thing that St. Andrew has is the mentorship between the young and that it is a true community.
- A. Thank you.

The following question was posed at the end of the St. Bernadette School presentation and responded to by the presenter:

- Q. The section built in 1986, can you describe what that is please?
- A. This section is now the gym, change rooms and storage areas.

The following question was posed at the end of the St. John School presentation, and responded to by the presenter:

- Q. You noted that students are bused in from Skead and Falconbridge, if St. John were to close approximately what would the distance be to have students bused to the closest catholic school in the New Sudbury area?
- A. I would approximate that it would be 10 maybe 15 kilometers. The majority of the current 356 student that presently attend St. John's live in Garson.

The following question was posed at the end of all school presentations, and responded to by the Chair:

- Q. The enrollment to a catholic school a baptismal certificate is involved. Is that still correct?
- A. That's true. Yes.

- Q. Is there any way the Board would look at accepting people from other faith dominations?
- A. The Education Act clearly states that for elementary education, either the child has to be a baptized catholic or one of the parents must be catholic. For secondary education, is it open access, as long as you live in the area you can attend, domination is not a critical factor for enrollment . If there are exceptions they must be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Director of Education
- Q. With the Accommodation Review process, if there are closures, has there been any consideration as to where children would be housed in an emergency or a disaster situation?
- A. There will be lots of opportunity once we take a look at alternative accommodation options, to look at factors such as the one you just mentioned. In other words, I don't know the answers because we are not there yet.
- Q. On page 7 of the report for St. John School, there is mention of a program, a non athletic school club called Destination Conservation. I was wonder if you could tell us a little bit about that program.
- A. That is a program that exists in all of our elementary schools, linked to the Grade 5 programming, and has to do with the stewardship of the earth and our resources on the planet.
- Q. Every school has this program?
- A. Yes, and secondary has it too. Destination Conservation is a club linked to the science and geography programming.

Mr. Muzzatti thanked everyone present for their participation and commended the members the school's Accommodation Review Committee for their commitment, hard work and dedication to the Accommodation Review process.

REMINDERS / SUMMARY

Community input was again encouraged by the Chair through questions at the Public Meetings or by submissions to the ARC email or voicemail and stated that all questions and submissions will be presented to the ARC for consideration and response. Mr. Muzzatti reminded the public that any written feedback, questions or comments from this meeting would be accepted until 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 30, 2009 to be considered at the next ARC Working Meeting on December 2, 2009.

The Chair stated that the next public meeting would take place at St. Charles College, on January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at which time alternative accommodation options that reflect the best interest of the affected students as well as the overall school system will be presented for public input.

Mr. Muzzatti thanked everyone present for their participation and attendance at the second public meeting for the East Planning Area and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mr. Muzzatti led the group in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Muzzatti adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Roland Muzzatti, Chair
Sudbury Catholic District School Board

Recording Secretary
Sharon Cormier