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EAST ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of the **4th PUBLIC MEETING** of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the East Planning Area, of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board held in the Gymnasium of St. Charles College, 1940 Hawthorne Drive, in Sudbury on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

Board Representation Present:

ARC Chairperson	Roland Muzzatti, Academic Superintendent of Education
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

St. Albert Adult Learning Centre (ALC)

Cassandra MacGregor, Vice-Principal
Ann Brisebois, School Staff

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

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
Tara Large, School Staff

St. Mark

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

St. Paul

Mitch Smet, Vice-Principal
Anne Marie Savage, School Council Chair
Jennifer Rocca, Community
Denise Filipovic, School Staff

St. Raphael

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

ARC Resource Present

Lygia Dallip, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd

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Absent:

Mark Simeoni, Senior Planner, Greater City of Sudbury
Father Remi Hebert, Diocesan Representation
Clara Steele, RPIC Representative
Cathy Manuel, Community, Pius XII School
Leonard Foucault, School Staff, Pius XII School
Katrina Chevrier, Student Representation
Francine Dubreuil, Student Representation
Jennifer Bailey, Community, St. Raphael School

Recording Secretary

Sharon Cormier

Call to Order:

Roland Muzzatti, ARC Chair, called the meeting to order at 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 the fourth Public Meeting of the East Planning Area Accommodation Review. Mr. Muzzatti reminded everyone present to please be sure to sign the attendance sheet and to note their school affiliation. Chair Muzzatti informed all present that copies of tonight's presentation package, minutes from the last public meeting, and a copy of the Draft ARC Report to the Director of Education and extended a special thanks to Mrs. Patty Mardero, Principal of St. Charles College and the St. Charles College community for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments.

Mr. Muzzatti introduced Mr. Barry MacDonald, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Estelle Scappatura, Board Trustee and clarified that Trustees were present at the meeting in the capacity of observers only.

Chair Muzzatti then introduced all members the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) present.

The Chair provided a brief explanation regarding the format for the meeting, explaining that the meeting was on a timed agenda and that ARC members voted on and agreed to meet this obligation by requesting that all questions be held until the end of Agenda Item # 6.

The Chair reviewed the minutes of the last public meeting held on January 13, 2010 and explained that these minutes were approved by ARC members at a previous working meeting, and are presented for information purposes only.

Mr. Muzzatti presented a summary of the ARC's response to the concerns regarding Grade 7 to12 Programming that were noted at the previous public meeting. Mr. Muzzatti explained that he was directed by the ARC to provide supporting rationale regarding 7-12 programming which was accomplished through conversations with Supervisory Officers from four (4) Ontario Schools Boards. Mr. Muzzatti stated that Grade 7 to12 Programming is not unique to the Sudbury area and noted that the other school boards have adopted this programming. Mr. Muzzatti reviewed the findings of research included in tonight's package. Mr. Muzzatti also advised that the Regional Parent Council Chair of the Ottawa Catholic Board is available to be contacted by email to discuss any parental concerns, and that the email address is available from any ARC member upon request.

Mr. Muzzatti provided the public with a brief overview of the purpose, mandate and intent of the Accommodation Review Process identifying the three (3) major challenges that the Board faces: declining enrollment, surplus spaces, and aging buildings. Chair Muzzatti reaffirmed that the members of the Steering Committee were non-

voting members of the ARC and that the ARC only has the power to make accommodation recommendations for the Trustee's consideration.

The Chair informed the public that four (4) complete samples copies of the Draft ARC Report to the Director of Education for the East Planning Area, which includes the recommendations being presented tonight, minutes from all Working and Public Meetings, as well completed Valuation Reports for review, and reminded the public that all these documents are available on the Board's Website.

Mr. Muzzatti once again stressed the importance of public input and feedback to the ARC process in order to develop recommendations that will result in the best value to our students as possible, which was the most important factor in the school valuation reports.

RECOMMENDATION #1

Mr. Muzzatti presented a brief overview of the details for Recommendation #1 outlining that school programming at Pius XII School, St. John School, St. Paul School, St. Mark School, St. Charles College and St. Albert School would remain status quo; St. Raphael School, St. Andrew School and St. Bernadette School would close; and a new "Green" dual track JK to Grade 8 school of 650 pupil places would be built on the St. Bernadette site. The Chair briefly explained the rationale on which this option was formulated and briefly outlined some of the implementation challenges identified by the ARC and listed within the Report to the Director.

Mr. Dennis Bazinet, Acting Superintendent of Business and Finance presented a short outline of the projected enrollment numbers, utilization rates and surplus spaces for each school within Recommendation # 1. Mr. Bazinet briefly explained to the public the concepts of Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) and On the Ground Capacity (OTG) in order for better understanding of the enrolment tables.

Mr. Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services presented a brief summary of the financial costs and projected savings for the implementation of Recommendation #1. Mr. Faucher explained the concepts which formulate Renewal Needs and Prohibitive to Repair (PTR). He outlined that this recommendation includes the demolition and retrofit costs for Pius XII School based on the fact that 2 sections of this school are deemed too costly to repair by the Ministry's Prohibitive to Repair program. The recommendation requires an investment of \$13M for the new "Green" School, \$4.5 M retrofit at Pius XII and an additional \$1M demolition costs. The proposed savings for deferred liability based on Renewal Needs for 2013/14 is approximately \$15.4 M

RECOMMENDATION #2

Mr. Muzzatti presented a brief overview of the details for Recommendation #2 outlining that Pius XII School, St. John School, St. Paul School and St. Mark School would continue with JK to Grade 6 programming; St. Raphael School, St. Andrew School and St. Bernadette School would close; and a new "Green" dual track JK to Grade 6 school would be built on the St. Bernadette Site; St. Charles College would be retrofitted to accommodate the Grade 7 and 8 students from all elementary schools within the East Planning Area; construction of a Multi-Media Centre at St. Charles College site and St. Albert Adult Learning Centre remains status quo. Chair Muzzatti stressed that Recommendation # 1 and Recommendation # 2 are the preferred recommendations of the ARC, with Recommendation # 3 to be considered only in the event the Ministry funding for construction of a new school is not available to the Board. The Chair briefly explained the rationale on which this option was formulated and briefly outlined some of the implementation challenges.

Mr. Dennis Bazinet presented a brief overview of the projected enrollment figures, utilization rates and surplus spaces for each school within Recommendation # 2. This scenario reflected the numbers with construction of a new dual track JK to 6 school with a total of 550 pupil places. This scenario also reflected the changes to St. Charles College based on the incorporation and consolidation of the grade 7 and 8 schools from the feeder schools.

Mr. Denis Faucher presented a brief summary of the financial costs and projected savings for the implementation of Recommendation # 2. Mr. Faucher explained that this recommendation includes the demolition costs and renovations of \$4.5M for the PTR sections of Pius XII School, an investment of \$11M for a new "Green" School, and \$4M for the construction of the Multi-Media Centre at Charles College. Mr. Faucher identified that the St. Charles College construction costs would include the renovations required for the amalgamation for grade 7 and 8

students and the proposed saving for deferred liability based on Renewal Needs for 2013/14 is approximately \$19M.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Mr. Muzzatti presented a brief overview of the details for Recommendation # 3 outlining that Pius XII School, St. John School, St. Paul School, St. Mark School, and St. Raphael School would continue with JK to Grade 6 programming; St. Andrew School and St. Bernadette School would close with current students going to St. Raphael School; St. Charles College would be retrofitted to accommodate dual track Grade 7 -12 programming with the construction a Multi-Media Centre; and St. Albert A.L.C. would remain status quo. Mr. Muzzatti reiterated that this recommendation is only to be implemented in the event that the Ministry of Education chooses not to fund the building of a new elementary school in the East Planning Area. The Chair briefly explained the rationale on which this option was formulated and briefly outlined some of the implementation challenges.

Mr. Bazinet briefly outlined the projected enrollment figures, utilization rates and surplus spaces for each school based on the scenario presented in Recommendation #3.

Mr. Faucher summarized the financial costs and projected savings to the Board with the implementation of ARC Recommendation #3 with costs amounting to \$14.6 M which includes the demolition and renovations to one section of St. Raphael and two sections at Pius XII Elementary School and the construction of the Multi-Media Centre and renovations to accommodate grade 7 and 8 students at St. Charles College. Mr. Faucher also elaborated on the definition of renewal needs by stating multiple examples of system replacements.

The following questions were posed by the public and responded to by Mr. Bazinet:

Q. Firstly I would like to commend the ARC on what I think it is a well documented report and well thought out. My only question or concern is on recommendations #1 and #2. In both recommendation with the average utilization rate in the 90's, why would we cut it so close and not build a larger school in both recommendations in order to accommodate future growth or program expansion down the road? It just seems to be a little tight to me if we are going to undertake such a project.

A. Essentially when we are developing these scenarios we try to adhere as best we can to the Ministry of Education utilization guidelines. I understand what you are saying and I guess we are still, if you wish, in the draft mode because the capacity of the school and how the Ministry loads the school and the instructional space required to deliver programming are not equivalent. If the principals had the opportunity to come up and speak they would be able to elaborate on the fact that there is a need for space to effectively deliver programming. The challenge for us as a school board is whenever you approach the Ministry, they have templates that they use to restrict how school boards can apply for new schools. I think the issue is trying to make the numbers fit on the OTG or school capacity perspective. As the process moves forward you may see some slight variations because we need to balance the actual delivery of programming versus the funding they are willing to give us if we were to actually enter into new construction.

The following questions were posed by the public and responded to by Mr. Faucher:

Q. If you decide to go ahead with the green school and I know these costs are rough estimates and if you could go with all the happenings with the hospital being built, what would happen to the children and staff if you end up five or ten million dollars over budget?

A. Based on the new Ministry template, they now request us to provide cost analysis as we progress from the conceptual design to the tendering process. Part of the Ministry template is that we must ensure that we provide to the Ministry, through a cost consultant, the costing to build the proposed school and if it is proven to be an inflationary number based on local conditions and site condition, we could always provide a new business case on why it is costing more. The Ministry is quite adamant on their benchmarks. When we look at a school with the capacity for 550 students, they have a formula that identifies how much money they will fund, and will direct us to stay within that funding allocation. We need to provide reports on a regular basis from design through construction stages. We cannot even award a tender prior Ministry approval.

The following comments were brought forth by student representatives who were representing most of the St. Charles College Student Body:

- Q. As students at St. Charles College we have come together as a group to protest the decision of bringing Grade 7 and 8 students and additional high school students in to our school. Being catholic students we have faith in our board and respect your decisions, however we disagree strongly with the idea of bringing younger grades in to St. Charles College.

We believe that bringing younger students in to our secondary school would not benefit them, current students or teachers. The high school environment is difficult enough without being thrown into it at such a young age. Having to deal with peer pressure and stress is very difficult and we don't believe that they should experience that just yet.

Also, our school is already quite full, bringing in more students would cause problems for teachers, space and funding. There wouldn't be enough one on one time thus making teachers stressed and students unprepared. The numbers you propose don't make sense because our classrooms are already in use during most, if not all periods, including the amphitheatre and chapel. Even our French Immersion religion class was so big we had to move to the amphitheatre.

Many students, including some of our peers and friends are considering leaving St. Charles College because of this idea. We have most of our school behind us, we have a petition with close to 200 signatures some from even teachers, we also have a Facebook group dedicated to this subject.

If you choose to disregard our agreement we have no choice but to oblige but we encourage you to think this through as it is making many people unhappy.

In this situation, as students we know our school and can guess the outcome already. Even though your numbers say differently you do not know how difficult it is to walk through the hallways between classes, share the attention of our teachers and find a decent spot in the cafeteria. These simple tasks have already become a challenge and by bringing more students into the school, the stress will be multiplied.

Yes, there may be positive outcomes but to what cost ? What we are trying to bring to your attention is are they worth the negative outcomes ? What's going to be done to ensure that current students are notified and have a say in this argument ? Thank you.

- A. Do you have your petition with you?

Q. Yes, we do.

- A. The ARC secretary will accept the petition from you and will make sure it is recorded in our minutes and it will be considered at the next working meeting. Please make sure you submit your petition to us.

The following questions were posed by the public and responded to by Mr. Muzzatti:

- Q. I too share some of the same concerns of the previous speakers and it is with regard to the capacity of St. Charles College. Right now for 2009 you are showing a utilization rate of 87% and as Catholic community we do run a lot of specialty programs for students with special needs student which require significant additional space and as such there is no classroom space available for additional students. Right now we are at 87%, but I am telling you we are quite full and unless you do major structural changes and remove some students or some of the programs we currently offer here. If you were to make this a 7 to 12 school you would be going well over a 100% utilization rate and I just don't see how we would be able to accommodate that. The second point I wish to raise is the projections for enrollment for St. Charles College and I want to thank Mr. Muzzatti and Mr. Bazinet for meeting with staff here yesterday and they did present some new data. One of the things that was raised was the grade 8 and 9 retention data and basically our retention data from our own schools, from the elementary schools, system wide is at 86% therefore we get about 14% of our students from the outside. However, for the East Planning Area and in particular St. Charles College, for this school year, it is 74% retention rate which means we get a significant number of our students, 26 % from the outside, from co-terminus boards. From bringing in these students from the outside I think it is extremely difficult for use to use these projections numbers that we have given because those are from our own students and I think we eliminating that big factor of 26% of our students coming from the outside which is big variable. I would hate to see us over that 100% utilization rate for near future or foreseeable future. Just as a note of caution about that. Thank you.

- A. Thank you for your comments. Just to respond to some of the concerns that you have raised . First of all, you are correct, the whole issue of the open access student is an unknown when you are doing enrollment projections You are also correct in pointing out that St. Charles College has been very successful in attracting the open access student and that is due to the student body and staff who work so hard and very proactively to promote this school and our system so we are grateful for things. I do want to make a comment about the available classrooms. There is no question that every classroom is used. But to go back to the Ministry definition, the Ministry definition says 21 students per classroom per period every day. The Ministry says the school is at 100% if in every classroom there were 21 students for eight periods for the year. The other thing the Ministry doesn't look at is if you use a classroom in a different way, such as an office, or reflection room, or a data room, whatever, those activities are all well and good but the Ministry still considers it a classroom because tomorrow, if you had to you could put 21 students in there. Another complicating factor is the specialty programs such as student success such as learning strategies etc. As one of my colleagues mentioned, the intent has never been just to take the 7's and 8's and dump them into this building. The intent would be that if the Trustees approve one of those recommendations there would have to be renovations or retrofits here, so maybe as an example some of the learning spaces, some of the classrooms, would have to be accommodated to accept as small groups of learners. Maybe some of these larger classrooms could be converted into two smaller classrooms to accommodate classes where there are only 11 or 12 students. All that said, you have raised some important concerns and those concerns are legitimate, they cannot be trivialized, they cannot be dismissed, but on the other hand those concerns would be addressed at implementation stage and there is a way of dealing with those concerns at once you get to the implementation phase if that is the decision that the Trustees make. If the Trustees make this decision, the intent would be to have further conversations, further dialogue, further consultation as we did in South/Central. As we heard today, in South/Central people are excited about the 7-12 programming. People are looking forward to it. Why? Because the consultations there have occurred and the Board has proven to the stakeholders, parents, teachers, and students because that we have listened to the concerns and have made appropriate changes of the design. Thank you for this frank conversation and we will have many more of these if the Trustees approve this.

REMINDERS / SUMMARY

Mr. Muzzatti once again stressed the importance of public input and feedback. Mr. Muzzatti reminded the public that they can have a voice in this process by submitting their concerns or comments in writing at the end of the meeting, or by submitting them via email or fax by Monday, February 22, 2010 by 9:00 a.m. He reminded everyone that the contact information for the ARC Secretary is found at the bottom each page of the power point presentation handout that they received tonight.

Chair Muzzatti presented a review of the timelines and stressed that the final copy of the ARC recommendations would be submitted to the Director of Education on March 3, 2010. Mr. Muzzatti also stressed that the Accommodation Review Committee only presents recommendations and that it is the Board of Trustees that made decisions regarding the recommendations. The Director of Education will present the ARC recommendations as well as her own recommendations if her recommendations are different from the ARC recommendations at the Board Meeting on March 23, 2010. The Chair reminded the public that they also have the right to make their own presentation to Trustees at the special board meeting of April 27, 2010 as long as an application (BR 20 and BR20A) which are available on the Board website, is received by April 20, 2010. On May 25, 2010 the Trustees will vote on the recommendations.

Mr. Muzzatti stated that all meetings with the Trustees are open to the public and were encouraged to attend. He also announced that the venue for these meetings has not yet been determined, but will be well publicized in advance and indicated on the Board website.

Mr. Muzzatti thanked everyone present for their participation and attendance at the fourth public meeting for the East Planning Area and wished everyone a nice weekend.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mr. Muzzatti led the group in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Muzzatti adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Roland Muzzatti, Chair
Sudbury Catholic District School Board

Recording Secretary
Sharon Cormier

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

East Planning Area

4th Public Meeting
 Wednesday, February 17, 2010
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 St. Charles College

NAME (Print)	SCHOOL AFFILIATION	SIGNATURE
Jennifer Bailey	St. Raphael	J. Bailey
Steve Rinaldi	Board	S. Rinaldi
Estelle Scappatura	Pat. Trustee	E. Scappatura
Clair Morrison	SCC	C. Morrison
Eric Mardero	PARENT	E. Mardero
Patty Mardero	SCC principal	P. Mardero
Debris Bazinet	Board	D. Bazinet
Shirley MacNeil	Parents	S. MacNeil
B. MacNeil	Parents	S. MacNeil
AMANDA GAGNE	ST JOHN	A. Gagne
Colette Perrin	St. Bernadette	C. Perrin
Shelley Sloan	Pius XII	S. Sloan
Dian Fyott	St. Andrew	D. Fyott
Mary Smith	St. Andrew	M. Smith
Lucille Szalai	St. Andrew	L. Szalai
Denise Filipovic	St. Paul	D. Filipovic
Jandra Gobbo	St. Charles	J. Gobbo
Kevin Krystia	St. Raphael / St. Charles	K. Krystia
Wendy St. George	St. Raphael's	W. St. George
Cassie Schlosser	St. Charles	C. Schlosser
Michelle LeBel	St. Charles	M. LeBel
Greta Laplante	St. Charles	G. Laplante
Stacy Kennedy	St. Marks	S. Kennedy
Phil Farma	ST-RAPHAEL.	P. Farma
Marshall Dean	ST Raphael	M. Dean
Vicki McGuire	St. Raph's	V. McGuire

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

East Planning Area

4th Public Meeting
 Wednesday, February 17, 2010
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 St. Charles College

NAME (Print)	SCHOOL AFFILIATION	SIGNATURE
D. Kotanko	St. Mark's	
C. Remillard	St. Mark	
T. Heenan	St. Roch	
C. MacGregor	St. Albert	
A. Brisbois	St. Albert	
T. Dowdall - Cirrell	St. John	
Stephane VanOnunen	St. John	
Tara Large	St. John	
Nasa Gauthier	Pius XII	
Jens Fauchie	CEC	
R. Muzzatti	CEC	
M. Henry	St. Andrew	
S. Coyle	SCC	
L. Dulip	Watson & Associates	
Barry MacDonnell	SCDSB	
Rachel Purch	Sudbury Star	
Sarah Charland	St. Andrew	
Shauna Sawyer	St. Andrew	
Mike McLeever	St. Bernadette	
Tina Madore	St. John	
Kerry Mosein		
Jennifer Rocca	St. Paul	
Nooreen Marier	St. Bernadette	
Marisa Chesbich	St. Bernadette	
Crystal Lacelle - Gelinas	Pius XV	
Raed Gelinas	Pius XII	

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

East Planning Area

4th Public Meeting
 Wednesday, February 17, 2010
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 St. Charles College

NAME (Print)	SCHOOL AFFILIATION	SIGNATURE
Regen Corelli	SCBDB	Regen Corelli
Sharon Cormier	Board	Sharon Cormier
Dan Charbonneau	SCCA DECTA	Dan Charbonneau
Joe Freeman	St Andrews	[Signature]
Sean Freeman	St Andrews	[Signature]
Daniel Bronicheski	St Bernadette	[Signature]
Louisa Bianchini	Pius XII	[Signature]
Cory Walker	St. John / St. Anns	C. Walker
Roy Taylor	St. John	Roy Taylor
Catherine Ross GONKO	St. Charles	Cathy Ross
Nicole Snow	St Bernadette	N. Snow
Anne-Marie Savage	St. Paul	Anne-Marie Savage
Allison Dufour	St. Albert's	Allison Dufour
MICHAEL + GIOVANNA MOORE	ST. Andrew's	M. Moore
Tammy + Andrew Whibbs	St. John's	[Signature]
Megan Murphy	PIUS XII	M. Murphy