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MINUTES of the **8th WORKING SESSION** of the Accommodation Review Committee for the North/West Planning Area, of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board which was held in the gymnasium at Immaculate Conception School, 1748 Pierre Street, in Val Caron on Monday, January 5, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Board Representation Present:

ARC Chairperson Roland Muzzatti, Superintendent of Employee Relations and Schools
ARC Secretary Steve Rinaldi, Project Coordinator

School Representation Present:

Bishop Alexander Carter

David Soehner, Principal
Marilyn Fitzimmons, School Council Chair
Laurie McCormack, Community
Edi Nelson, School Staff

St. Mary

Gen Waszczylo, Principal
Heather Talbot, Community
Jen Bruneau, School Staff

Immaculate Conception

Sandra St.Denis, Principal
Toby Cresswell, School Council Chair
Jolie Bianchin, Community
Erin Duguay, School Staff

St. Charles

Laurie Zahra, Principal
Emily Maxwell, School Staff

St. Anne

Cara Soehner, Principal
Tracey Labelle, School Council Chair
Dave Herd, Community
Alice Desormeaux, School Staff

Community Representation:

Jason Ferrigan, Greater City of Sudbury

Board Resource Present:

Senior Board Official Dennis Bazinet, Manager of Financial Services
Coordinator Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services

Absent:

Dave Meeks, St. Mary
Natalie Jonasson, St. Charles
Christine LeDrew, St. Charles
Clara Steele, Regional Parent Involvement Committee (RPIC)
Deacon Bill Goddard, Diocese of Sault-Ste-Marie
Hugh Lee, Superintendent of Business and Finance

Call to Order:

The Chair Roland Muzzatti called the meeting to order @ 7:25 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Mr. Muzzatti led the group in an opening prayer for guiding presence.

WELCOME

Mr. Muzzatti welcomed the group to the Accommodation Review Committee Working Meeting and thanked everyone for their dedication in attending given the inclement weather, and thanked Sandra St. Denis, Principal of Immaculate Conception Elementary and her staff in hosting our meeting and providing the refreshments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY T. Cresswell and **Seconded by** C. Soehner

“**THAT** the agenda for today’s January 5, 2009 Working Meeting be approved as presented”.

CARRIED

ARC BINDERS

The Chair asked Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services, ARC Coordinator to present updates to the ARC binders. ARC binders were updated to include the North/West Planning Area Operations Topup Report showing the funding received from the Ministry of Education for distant and rural schools, School leasing information, the minutes from the Working Meeting of December 8, 2008, and the presentation package for tonight’s Working Meeting.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

MOVED BY J. Bianchin and **Seconded by** E. Maxwell

“**THAT** the minutes of the North/West Accommodation Review Committee Working Meeting held on December 8, 2008 be approved as presented”.

CARRIED

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Mr. Muzzatti reviewed the philosophies discussed at the December 8, 2008 Working Meeting consisting of the establishment of a Multi-Media Resource Centre at Bishop Alexander Carter, and the alignment of grade 7 to 12 school programming with the Ministry of Education’s “Student Success Initiative”.

The Chair asked Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services, ARC Coordinator to review the Accommodation Options discussed at the December 8, 2008 Working Meeting, and to present the enrolment projection tables based on each of the options. Mr. Faucher outlined these options as follows:

- Option #1 Grade 7&8 students to Bishop Alexander Carter (7-12)
Includes students from St. Charles, St. Anne & St. Mary
Watson & Associates – Nov 2008 Report Option 2 & 3

- Option #2 St. Mary (JK-8) to St. Anne (JK-8)
Watson & Associates – Nov 2008 Report Option 1

- Option #3 Grade 7&8 students from St. Anne & St. Mary to
Bishop Alexander Carter (7-12)
Watson & Associates – Nov 2008 Report Option 4

- Option #4 St. Mary re-sized to accommodate JK-6

- Option #5 St. Mary (JK-6) to St. Anne (JK-6)
Watson & Associates – Nov 2008 Report Option 2, 3 & 4

- Option #6 Construction of a new elementary ‘super-school’
Includes students from St. Charles, St. Anne, Immaculate and St. Mary

Mr. Faucher stated that when considering the further option of aligning grade 7 to 12 secondary programming at Bishop Alexander Carter (BAC), a possibility of 16 scenarios were created. Mr. Faucher presented these as follows:

Chart 1

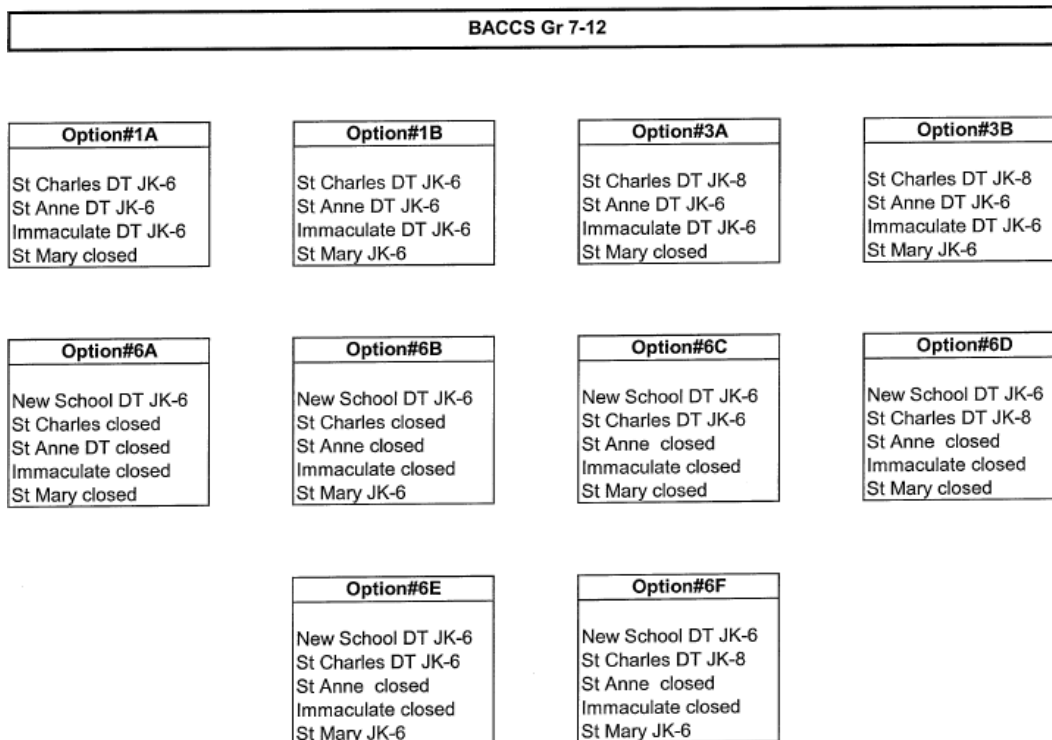
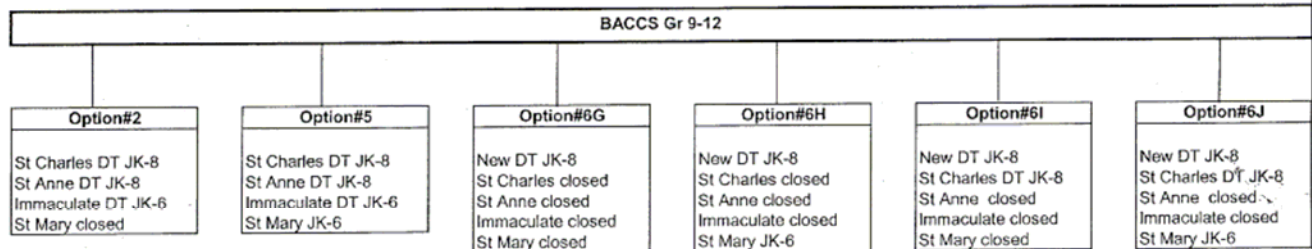


Chart 2



Mr. Faucher also presented enrolment projection tables that illustrate the implications each of these options would have on school utilization.

The following question was posed by a member of the committee and responded to by Mr. Faucher:

- Q. The number of available classrooms for the whole planning area, within the summary section of each option, is not the same number as when each school's number of available classrooms are added. Why?
- A. The summary section calculates this value by taking the total enrolment less the total "On The Ground" (OTG) capacity divided by 23 for the whole planning area, not by adding each school's available classrooms.

Mr. Muzzatti presented the staffing implications of each the stated accommodation options, for the group's consideration. Small group discussion occurred at each table to review and discuss the enrolment projection tables and staffing information provided.

After the break, the following questions were posed by members of the committee and responded to by SCDSB staff:

- Q. If we were to begin the option selection process by deciding upon either a grade 7 to 12, or the current grade 9 to 12 secondary programming, would this preclude the ability to select any options not currently presented?
- A. No, any other options that anyone may have should be brought forth for discussion.
- Q. Within Chart 1, Option #3b, what would this option mean for BAC? We heard in the School Valuation Framework Report that this school is short on available space now.
- A. The utilization from 2010-2014 shows little available space. The possibilities to make this viable may include phasing of any new/required construction to maximize teaching spaces, although this would be dependent upon completion of a comprehensive business plan to address financing.

MOVED BY D. Soehner and **Seconded by** A. Desormeaux

“**THAT** the North/West ARC adopt the scenarios within Chart 2, which contain options with Grade 9 to 12 programming only at Bishop Alexander Carter”.

CARRIED

The discussion prior to this vote included the following issues:

- current configuration at BAC does not allow for adding addition students (Grade 7 & 8’s)
- too great a change based on small community schooling expectations
- when grade 7 & 8’s were last in this school, they were segregated; did not feel part of the school.
- the other Accommodation Review Committee may recommend grade 7 to 12 programming, but the impact on staffing (teacher’s collective agreement) has not been addressed.

MOVED BY G. Waszczylo and **Seconded by** J. Bianchin

“**THAT** due to the time (currently 8:30 p.m.), we adjourn the meeting and reconvene on Monday, January 12, 2009 to complete discussion.”

DEFEATED

MOVED BY D. Soehner and **Seconded by** L. Zahra

“**THAT** the North/West ARC reject scenario 6G, for presentation at Public Meeting #3”.

CARRIED

MOVED BY D. Soehner and **Seconded by** S. St. Denis

“**THAT** the North/West ARC reject scenario 6H, for presentation at Public Meeting #3”.

CARRIED

MOVED BY E. Maxwell and **Seconded by** G. Waszczylo

“**THAT** the North/West ARC endorse scenarios 2, 5, 6I & 6J, for presentation at Public Meeting #3”.

CARRIED

TASK/DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Muzzatti reminded the group that the next meeting, to be held on January 19, 2009 at Bishop Alexander Carter C.S.S. would be for presentation of the alternate accommodation options to the public, for input. Mr. Muzzatti stated that, if the ARC so desired, there was an opportunity to have Watson & Associates Economists Ltd present the methodology used to prepare the enrolment projections and the accommodation options contained within their “Options to Address Accommodation Issues 2008 to 2022”, November 2008 submission to the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, prior to the January 19, 2009 Public Meeting.

MOVED BY C. Soehner and **Seconded by** D. Herd

“**THAT** Watson & Associates Economists Ltd be scheduled to present separately on January 19, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., with the ARC meeting to be conducted from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.”

CARRIED

It was decided by general agreement to proceed with the proposed agenda for the January 19, 2009 Public Meeting, and that the Chair and Board staff would present the Accommodation Options and subsequent enrolment tables endorsed by the North/West ARC.

Mr. Muzzatti reminded the group that the next Working Meeting of the North/West ARC would be held on January 26, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m at St. Mary Elementary, in order to consider the feedback from the Public Meeting and to proceed with drafting an ARC Report to the Director for presentation at the final Public Meeting, to be held on February 9, 2009.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mr. Muzzatti led the group in the closing prayer for guidance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY S. St. Denis and **Seconded by** L. Zahra

“THAT the eighth ARC Working Meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Roland Muzzatti, Chair
Sudbury Catholic District School Board