



SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the **2nd PUBLIC MEETING** of the Accommodation Review Committee for the South/Central Planning Area, of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board which was held in the gymnasium of St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School, 2993 Algonquin Road, on Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Board Representation Present:

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

School Representation Present:

Corpus Christi School

John Tarini, Principal
Daniela Visentin, School Staff

St. Benedict C.S.S.

Guy Mathieu, Principal
Maurizio Visentin, School Staff

St. Theresa School

Mario DeMarco, Principal
Geraldine Meskell, School Council Chair
Ben Benson, Community
Mirella Fleury, School Staff

Marymount Academy

Karl Dreger, Principal
Pat Shewring, School Council Chair
Claire Morrison, School Staff

St. Francis School

Carmela Pitman, Vice Principal
Cathy Kulos, School Council Chair
Sandra Frappier, Community
Lise Malette, School Staff

St. Christopher School

Enzo Del Riccio, Principal
Michelle Watkins, School Council Chair
Karen Bennett, Community

St. David School

Diana Salvador, Principal
Tina Timpano, School Staff
Jennifer Brohart, School Council Chair

St. Michael School

Sherry Bortolotti, Principal
Cindy Vintinner, School Council Chair
Sarah Smith, School Staff
Dr. Scott Keenan, Community

St. James School

Lucie Cullen, Principal
Leslie Stepanchich, School Staff

St. Joseph School

Enzo Del Riccio, Principal
Jenny Herbert, School Council Chair
Rosanne Roque, Community
Irene Dembek, School Staff

Board Resource Present:

ARC Coordinator Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services
Board Official Dennis Bazinet, Manager of Finance
Facilitator Lygia Dallip, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd

Community Representation:

Father Larry Rymes, Diocesan Representative
Paul Baskomb, Greater City of Sudbury

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“SCHOOLS TO BELIEVE IN”

Absent:

Christi-Anne King	Corpus Christi School
Pina Mastroianni	St. Benedict C.S.S.
Allison Catalano	St. Benedict C.S.S.
Clara Steele	Regional Parent Involvement Committee
Sue Horvath	St. James
Norman Soucy	St. James
Liza Gigliotti	Corpus Christi School

Recording Secretary

Sharon Cormier

Call to Order:

Chair Roland Muzzatti called the meeting to order @ 7:15 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

The Chair Roland Muzzatti 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 thanks to Mr. Guy Mathieu, Principal of St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School. and his staff for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments.

Mr. Muzzatti introduced all other ARC Committee members that were present.

Mr. Muzzatti provided the public with a brief review of the purpose, mandate and intent of the Accommodation Review. The Chair identified the ten schools within the South/Central Planning Area and reviewed the structure of the Accommodation Review Committee.

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 with the addition of comments for parent volunteers in the elementary schools and changing the public submission time from 24 to 48 hours. The changes were brought forth by public input from the first public meeting. He also reminded all present that public meetings are not the forum for formal presentations but are the 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 public meeting.

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 deadline dates for the application form for presentation to the Board, the special board meeting where the Accommodation Review recommendations will be voted on by trustees, and the deadline date for a Ministerial Review of the Accommodation Review procedures.

Mr. Muzzatti informed the public that the purpose of the second public meeting was the presentation of the completed School Valuation Framework Reports for each of the schools within the planning area.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL VALUATION FRAMEWORK REPORTS

Each school had approximately 15 minutes to present the completed Valuation Framework Report in the order as outlined on the agenda. Each presenter, using the values within the framework (Value to Student, Value to Board, Value to Community, Value to Employer) presented their school report to the public. Each presenter highlighted the uniqueness, individuality, and distinctiveness of their school. At the end of each presentation there was the opportunity to ask questions of the presenter but there were no questions asked at that time.

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. The Chair stated that written briefs would be accepted until 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 15, 2008.

The Chair stated that the next public meeting would take place at St. Benedict C.S.S., on January 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at which time options for the planning area would be presented for public input and feedback. Chair Muzzatti explained the difference between options and recommendations. Mr. Muzzatti stated that at the next working meeting, representatives from Watson would be presenting to the ARC the methodology and analysis behind the enrolment projections provided to the Sudbury Catholic District School Board. Mr. Muzzatti reminded the public that status quo is not a feasible option and stated that there is still two working meetings for the ARC to look at alternatives before presenting to the public on January 29, 2009. Once there is feedback and analysis of the options presented, a recommendation will be proposed. The Chair stressed that all options and alternatives must meet the needs of all our students and reflect the best interest of our school system.

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.

Chair Muzzatti wished everyone present a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions were as posed by Father Hutton from St. Patrick Church and responded to by the Chair:

- Q. In reference to page vii of the Watson Report, where there are 4 options presented there is no mention of St. James School or St. Joseph School. Is there a reason why?
 - A. The reason there is no mention is that these options do not include changing the structure or enrolment at these schools.

- Q. There is a very unique situation at St. Theresa School in that it is the only fully French Immersion School. Will that be respected wherever it goes?
 - A. As we continue looking into the options and developing recommendations for this planning area, we must not forget the uniqueness identified within the Valuation Reports and these unique aspects must be taken into account.

- Q. Has there been any analysis of the possible impact of closing catholic schools on the public school board?
 - A. No detailed analysis has been done to date.

- Q. Just down the road there is a brand new French Catholic school being built. Has there been any dialogue with that school board to house St. Theresa's French Immersion program as part of that complex?
 - A. The committee will look into that and respond to that question.

CLOSING PRAYER

The Chair Roland Muzzatti led the group in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Muzzatti adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Roland Muzzatti, Chair
Sudbury Catholic District School Board

Recording Secretary
Sharon Cormier