



SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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SOUTH / CENTRAL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
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MINUTES of the **6th WORKING SESSION** of the Accommodation Review Committee for the South/Central planning area, of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board which was held in B3 of the Catholic Education Centre, 165A D'Youville Street, in Sudbury on Thursday, November 20, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Board Representation Present:

ARC Chair (acting) Denis Faucher, Manager of Facility Services
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
Allison Catalano, School Council Chair
Maurizio Visentin, School Staff

St. Theresa School

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

Marymount Academy

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

St. Francis School

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

Community Representation

Paul Baskcomb, Greater City of Sudbury

Board Resource Present:

Senior Board Official (acting) Rossella Bagnato, Academic Superintendent
Coordinator (acting) Dennis Bazinet, Manager of Custodial Services and Health & Safety

General Public

Graziella Visentin, Corpus Christi

St. Christopher School

Enzo Del Riccio, Principal
Michelle Watkins, School Council Chair

St. David School

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

St. Michael School

Sherry Bortolotti, Principal
Cindy Vintinner, School Council Chair
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

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“SCHOOLS TO BELIEVE IN”

Absent:

Roland Muzzatti, Superintendent of Employee Relations and Schools
Hugh Lee, Superintendent of Business and Finance
Liza Gigliotti, Corpus Christi
Cristiann King, Corpus Christi School
Pierre Dumont, St. Christopher
Pina Mastroianni, St. Benedict C.S.S.
Norman Soucy, St. James School
Sue Horvath, St. James School
Lorrie Petryna, St. Francis School
Sarah Smith, St. Michael School
Fr. Larry Rymes, Diocesan Representative
Clara Steele, Regional Parent Involvement Committee
Karen Bennett, St. Christopher

Call to Order:

Mr. Faucher called the meeting to order @ 6:05 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

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

WELCOME

Mr. Faucher welcomed the group to the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Working Meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY D. Salvador and **Seconded by** P. Shewring

“**THAT** the agenda for today’s November 20, 2008 Working Meeting be approved as presented”.

CARRIED

ARC BINDERS

The Chair asked Steve Rinaldi, Project Coordinator, ARC Secretary to present updates to the ARC binders. ARC binders were updated to include the School Valuation Framework Reports submitted by Marymount Academy, St. David, St. Francis, St. Michael and St. Theresa school representatives, and the handout of today’s presentation.

PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOOL VALUATION FRAMEWORK REPORTS TO THE ARC

Marymount Academy

The school representatives presented the school representative's assessment of their school to the group, as detailed within the hardcopy of the School Valuation Framework Report provided in the handouts.

The following questions were posed by members of the committee and responded to by the school representatives:

Q: You stated your current enrolment to be 470. How many are in grades 7 & 8?

A: We have 249 secondary students, with the balance in grades 7 & 8. Traditionally, we have a 75% retention rate of grade 8 graduates.

Q: How do you deal with non-Catholic students?

A: We are a Catholic community at Marymount. The same participatory expectations are applied to all students.

St. David Elementary

The school representatives presented the school representative's assessment of their school to the group, as detailed within the hardcopy of the School Valuation Framework Report provided in the handouts.

The following question was posed by a member of the committee and responded to by the school representatives:

Q: What percentage of your student enrolment is aboriginal?

A: Last year, a Board-wide survey was conducted that showed approximately 30 students of aboriginal descent attended St. David. As many surveys were not returned, we believe the number is higher.

St. Francis Elementary

The school representatives presented the school representative's assessment of their school to the group, as detailed within the hardcopy of the School Valuation Framework Report provided in the handouts.

The following question was posed by a member of the committee and responded to by the school representative:

Q: Given the recent announcement by the Rainbow District School Board to close their Wembley School, do you expect to see an increase in enrolment?

A: Yes.

St. Michael Elementary

The school representatives presented the school representative's assessment of their school to the group, as detailed within the hardcopy of the School Valuation Framework Report provided in the handouts.

The following question was posed by a member of the committee and responded to by the school representative:

Q: What would happen if St. Michael no longer offered the communication class?

A: This is an elementary communication class with students drawn from the whole system. If necessary, this class would be relocated.

St. Theresa Elementary

The school representatives presented the school representative's assessment of their school to the group, as detailed within the hardcopy of the School Valuation Framework Report provided in the handouts.

TASK FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Faucher thanked each of the schools for presenting their School Valuation Framework Report's to the ARC this evening, and reminded that the by December 1, 2008, members are to provide an electronic copy of each summarized proposal of additions/changes to any of the School Valuation Framework Reports presented, on the submittal document provided. At the next Working Meeting at St. Theresa Elementary on Thursday, December 4, 2008, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., these proposed additions/changes will be reviewed.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following question was posed by a member of the committee and responded to by the Chair:

- Q: The timeline document we were provided identifies that after the second Public Meeting, we begin discussion at the Working Meetings concerning the accommodation options for this planning area. Are these Board options or ARC options?
- A: On January 8, 2009, a representative from Watson and Associates will be presenting the enrolment and their accommodation options to the ARC. All other Board options will be shared at that time as well.
- Q: Will the Watson report be provided prior to this January 8, 2009 meeting?
- A: Distribution of reports by planning area requires some work to prepare. Senior Administration will address the timing of the distribution of information.
- Q: Why did the School Valuation Framework Report examine rolling year (average) EQAO scores versus static, 1-year scores?
- A: The group who developed the generic School Valuation Framework Report it was important to use average scores in order to eliminate inconsistencies in any one year (a very high or low score).

NEXT MEETING DATES

The group discussed the presentation plan for the second Public Meeting to be held on December 11, 2008.

MOVED BY P. Shewring and **Seconded by** B. Benson

“THAT the agenda for the second Public Meeting on December 11, 2008 be approved as presented; **and**

“THAT the school presenters attempt to limit their School Valuation Framework Reports to 15 minutes.”

CARRIED

Mr. Faucher stated that in order to accommodate the committee's decision for 15-minute presentations, the Public Meeting would have to be extended by 1 hour. Therefore, the newspaper advertisements, web posting and any other notification or communication, will show that the meeting is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY D. Salvador and **Seconded by** S. Keenan

“THAT the ARC working meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Denis Faucher, ARC Coordinator
Sudbury Catholic District School Board