



ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Allan A. Martin Senior P.S.
Tuesday, June 2, 2008 7:00pm – 9:00 pm

Attendees: Trustee Janet McDougald, Penny Gingell (Chair), Jennifer Cowie Bonne, Nancy Crooks, Sandra Cross, Karen Crouse, Catherine Deegan, Caren DesBrisay, Michelle Kletke, Greg Lorentz, Mary Pat McConnell, Paul Mountford, Steve Paas, Debra Powell, Lydia Renahan, Kathy Moores

Regrets: Jane Howely

1.1 Welcome

Action Item:

Penny Gingell welcomed everyone to the meeting. She acknowledged that it is a busy time of year, not only in the lives of schools, as planning is already underway for the next school year but also in our personal lives. Penny reiterated that our meetings are extremely important to the community and the students.

Person Responsible:

Penny Gingell

1.2 Update on June 17th Public Meeting

The flyer has been prepared for the June 17, 2008 public meeting. It was noted that all public meetings will be held at Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School, 1490 Ogden Avenue, starting at 7:00 pm. Groundrules and structure of the meeting were discussed. It was stressed that this is a community information meeting. The public will be given an opportunity to ask questions or comment at the meeting or to submit questions and concerns by paper. Communication via website is also an option.

Penny Gingell

1.3 Tonight's Meeting Goal

The goal of the meeting is to continue the visionary work and to discuss the plus and minuses of a 6-8 middle school. This work will assist the ARC in making a recommendation to the board.

Penny Gingell

Lyndwood P.S. shared that at their last school council meeting they had completed a visionary activity with their members. It is important that all

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stakeholders' views be considered in the vision. It was requested that the activity be forwarded to the committee. The Public Meeting will provide this opportunity for input.	
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2.0 Allan A. Martin Senior Public School – "the middle school experience"
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<p>Greg Lorentz, Principal, Allan A. Martin Snr. P.S. presented a visual overview of a grade 6, 7 and 8 school. The International Business and Technology Regional program is offered at Allan A. Martin. Technology is focussed across the entire school and valuable resources are available on line for parents, teachers and students. Middle schools have the benefit of specialized programs and teachers that are trained in these areas. A larger school also receives an increase in resources based on student numbers (i.e. library support and guidance). Character education and leadership opportunities are encouraged at Allan A. Martin to prepare students for a successful transition to secondary school.</p> <p>It was noted that there is no concrete educational research on the ideal model of school. Any model of a school; K-8, K-5, K-6, 6-8, can be successful. The Board does have pre-approved designs; enrolment and location of school guides the layout chosen. ARC members are encouraged to discuss the visions with their school council and forward scenarios to Penny Gingell during the week of June 23, 2008.</p>	<p>Person Responsible: Greg Lorentz</p> <p>ACTION: ARC members</p>
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3.0 Information related to development in the area and student projections

<p>Karen Crouse, Urban Planner, City of Mississauga gave us a brief overview regarding development and changes within the City. The official Mississauga plan sets the vision for the City of Mississauga for 20-30 years. Zoning bylaws are specific to property ownership. There are 32 planning districts; divided between residential and employment.</p> <p>We discussed the Lakeview Ratepayers Association Lakeview Legacy project. Karen Crouse indicated that the association had presented their project to City Council in February of this year. It is a long term visioning proposal generated by the association for the potential future use of the former Lakeview Generating Station lands and the adjacent industrial lands. The proposal has no formal status but will form input into the ongoing Lakeview District Policies review currently underway. The ARC will meet on June 12th to discuss the proposal with Jim Tovey of the Lakeview Ratepayer's Association.</p> <p>Mississauga is an urbanizing municipality with the majority of development coming in the form of infill development. School accommodations are always reviewed when a development proposal is presented to the City Council. It was recommended that information be shared between the ARC committee and City staff working on the Lakeview District Policy review.</p>	<p>Person Responsible: Karen Crouse</p>
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Paul Mountford requested the Valuation Frameworks be returned to him by Friday, June 6th in order to post them on the website prior to the public meeting .

Person Responsible:
Paul Mountford

Schools were encouraged to begin work with their councils to develop multiple scenarios. Paul reiterated the possible solutions must be feasible. Rationale must be concrete and explain fully the final recommendation to the board. The visioning work of the ARC will help guide consensus building. The ARC will continue reviewing scenarios into the fall meetings.

ACTION:
ARC members

Paul reviewed the student projection spreadsheet - "Full Time Equivalent Enrolments and Capacities 2008 – 2017". It is clearly evident that enrolment is decreasing, and that the ARC has the opportunity to generate a long term solution for the community which provides a strong educational experience for all students in the area.

A number of ideas were discussed regarding how to increase enrolment in our public schools. As ideas for change were discussed, there was agreement that the revitalization of the schools in the community could attract new student enrolment. (i.e. from private schools).

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.