



ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Nahani Way P.S.
Tuesday, May 20, 2008 7:00pm – 9:00 pm

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

Regrets: Caren DesBrisay

1.1 Welcome and Introductory Remarks	
<p>Action Item: Penny Gingell welcomed everyone to the second ARC meeting. Kathy Moores was introduced as Penny's assistant and will be the recorder of the minutes for the ARC meetings. Penny indicated that Kathy would be forwarding documentation/communication items to committee members as directed.</p> <p>Louise Sirisko was introduced as the principal of Nahani Way Public School. Penny explained that Louise will be talking about school life in a larger elementary school.</p> <p>Penny reviewed all the points covered under the Board "Spotlight" website.</p>	<p>Person Responsible: Penny Gingell</p>

1.2 Mandate of the ARC – Terms of Reference	
1.3 Update on Communication	
<p>Penny Gingell stated that the mandate of the group is to develop options for student accommodation which will maximize student learning within the resources available to the Board.</p>	
<p>Action Item: The groundrules established at the first meeting were reviewed and will be the guide for the mandate recommendations to ensure students are at the heart of the process.</p>	<p>Person Responsible: Penny Gingell</p>

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<p>The process of forming the ARC was reviewed.</p> <p>The Peel District School Board is in receipt of a letter from Rev. Laura Turnball, Cawthra Park United Church who is unable to participate as the business member on the ARC.</p> <p>Penny Gingell requested that any feedback received from the school surveys distributed be forwarded to her attention through Kathy Moores.</p> <p>A concern for the Special Education students in contained classes was shared. Lyndwood Public School have met to discuss these issues.</p> <p>Penny Gingell explained the process of how and where special education classes are placed. The ARC has no mandate over the placement of special education classes. The SEAC motion regarding having a SEAC member on the ARC was shared with the committee. The motion was defeated.</p> <p>Janet McDougald explained that Special Education services and budget are being reviewed</p> <p>Penny Gingell acknowledged the emotional challenges that the four schools in the review area face. The ARC will generate creative solutions and recommendations for managing declining enrolment. The Special Education issue can be brought forward.</p>	
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2.0 Validation Frameworks	
<p>Jennifer Cowe Bonne requested that the validation frameworks be sent electronically to school principals and then forwarded to the committee members.</p> <p>Catherine Deegan explained that the Lyndwood framework would be focus of the next school council meeting. Questions would be forwarded.</p> <p>Penny Gingell stated the framework will provide input for final decision making by the Board.</p>	<p>Paul Mountford</p>

3.0 Tour of Nahani Way Public School	
<p>Louise Sirisko presented a visual overview of Nahani Way Public School.</p> <p>She discussed the opening of Nahani Way and strategies for building community when boundaries change.</p>	<p>Person Responsible: Louise Sirisko</p>

3.1 School Programs K-8	
Principal Sirisko discussed program and resource benefits of a school with 500+ students. A tour allowed the ARC members to view a recently renovated school. The construction process was discussed. Safety of staff and students is the main concern	Person Responsible:

3.2 What do we value in our schools?	
<p>Action Item: Penny Gingell stated that collaboratively the committee will determine what is valued in a school. ARC members are encouraged to have this discussion with school councils. We will continue to refer to the Vision to help us with our recommendations. Our recommendation must be within the resources of the Peel District School Board. Paul Mountford will be the resource to the ARC regarding what is feasible and realistic.</p> <p>Sandra Cross shared that Byngmount Beach had sent out a survey with 30 items to check off based on the valuation framework. Four additional questions were also asked. The response was excellent with 60% of the Byngmount community responding. It was clearly stated that everyone's opinion was valued whether it was positive or negative. Penny Gingell requested the survey questions and responses be forwarded to Kathy Moores.</p> <p>Jennifer Cowie Bonne requested that we receive input on ensuring our final recommendations be feasible. Paul Mountford will ensure the ARC recommendation is feasible with the resources of the Peel District School Board. Staff from Planning and Accommodation will also consider our input as it makes its recommendation.</p>	<p>Person Responsible: Paul Mountford</p>

4.0 Visioning Activity	
<p>Action Item: Penny Gingell asked that the committee members work independently for five minutes to record features they value in their own school and what they would like to see in their new school. These features would continued to guide our recommendation.</p> <p>These ideas have been noted.</p>	<p>Person Responsible: Penny Gingell</p>

5.0 Next Steps

Vision with Councils

Valuation Framework to be sent to Paul Mountford as soon as possible.

5.1 Review Timelines

Penny Gingell restated that the timelines were posted on the "Spotlight" website.

5.2 Questions & Answers
