



DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Approved Minutes
Accommodation Review Committee
Meeting #5
Dixie Shorefront
Wednesday, April 30, 2008

St. Paul Secondary School Library
7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Present:

ARC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Elizabeth McGuire, Chairperson, Superintendent of Schools
John Melito, Superintendent of Planning and Operations
Thane Munn, Senior Planner, Planning Department
Gerard Callender, Acting-Principal, St. James
Cheryl Cauduro, Principal, Queen of Heaven
Deirdre Kinsella-Bliss, Principal, St. Dominic
Robert Romanet, Principal, St. Timothy
Lucio Marcantonio, Teacher Representative, St. Dominic
Amy Moher, Teacher Representative, St. Edmund
Emily Irvine, Planner, City of Mississauga
Harry Tideman, School Council Chair, Delegate, St. James
Carol Klafuric, School Council Chair, St. Dominic
Delfina Santos, School Council Chair, St. Timothy
Barbara Oleksak, Parish Representative, St. Patrick
Cristian Lecanda, Parish Representative, St. Catherine of Siena
Eric Landman, School Council Co-Chair, St. Edmund
Cheryl Ferrugia, School Council Vice-Chair, Queen of Heaven

Absent:

Deirdre Furlong, Principal, St. Edmund
Ernie Arduini, Teacher Representative, Queen of Heaven
Victoria Coste-Ramsay, School Council Chair, Queen of Heaven
LeeAnn McBain, School Council Co-Chair, St. Edmund

Staff:

Rosa Bonifacio, Recorder-Secretary, Planning Department
Joshua Tzventarny, Planner, Planning Department



ROUTINE MATTERS

Elizabeth McGuire, Chairperson, Superintendents of School called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer & Introduction

Elizabeth McGuire led the opening prayer.
Thanked committee members for attending the meeting.

The agenda was handed out for the meeting.

A request by Thane Munn was made to change items 7 to 8 and 8 to 7 on the agenda for better flow of discussion.

2. Minutes – Public Meeting No. 2 Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Elizabeth McGuire, Chairperson, Superintendent of Schools

The ARC members reviewed the minutes, Elizabeth McGuire, Chairperson, asked if clarifications, additions or deletions were needed for the minutes of the Public Meeting No. 2 held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. The minutes were approved as amended. The approved minutes for Public Meeting No. 2, held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 will be posted on the board website.

3. Review of Public Meeting No. 2

Round Table

Issues raised at the Public Meeting No. 2 and ARC Members comments:

- community asked that school populations not be split
- bussing is a major issue to parents
- lack of programs, lack of support staff associated with lower enrolments is a concern for parents
- do not make this community go through this process in a few years if goals are not met this time.
- public concerned that both catholic and public schools in this area could close
- some parents stated that the process is all about cost savings for the board
- attendance was much lower than the first Public Meeting for all the schools,
- schools councils are preparing to delegate the board



4. Statement by ARC Members at Public Meeting(s)

Thane Munn, Senior Planner

At the last ARC meeting there was a discussion regarding members of the ARC making a statement at the public meeting regarding the ARC process, the work that is being carried out etc. Subsequent to the ARC meeting, statements were submitted that contained different messages. As a result no statement was made at the Public Meeting. There was discussion regarding the content of the statements. The ARC members were asked if they would like to make a statement at the upcoming Public Meeting. It was deferred to later in the meeting, where a decision was made that no statement would be made.

5. Flex Boundary Students

Thane Munn, Senior Planner, Planning Dept

Thane Munn received a request from an ARC member for details of the St. Dominic out of bounds, flex students. The information provided shows that there are 42 out of bounds students at St. Dominic. They are included in the projections for the options. The main reasons being that the board has a practice that once a student is accepted through the flex boundary process then they are permitted to stay at the school. As well, of the 42 students, approximately 50% are from other schools in the review area. Depending on the option that is chosen they may end up at their home school in the end. All flex boundary students for all areas of the school board are reviewed on an annual bases, and dealt with on individual base.

6. Renewal Funds

John Melito, Superintendent of Planning and Operations and Thane Munn, Senior Planner, Planning Dept

John Melito, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, Thane Munn, Senior Planner, explained as part of the review process, School Valuation Framework data for the School Profile was compiled by the School Principals and staff, the Superintendents of Schools, and corporate departments such as the Board's Planning, Plant, Operations, Finance and Transportation Departments. Re-evaluation is on going with other departments in order to collect all the data related to each of the options being considered.

The renewal dollars set out in the School Valuation framework came from the Ministry of Education Recap Reports where an evaluation was done either in person or by Ministry model for each school. Dollar values were assigned to the various parts of each school building and site. Examples would be the life cycle replacement of lights, windows,



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plumbing, floors etc. The dollar values were set by the Ministry and the potential year for the work/ expenditure were also set by the Ministry as well. As discussed at previous ARC meetings, these reports set out what could be done and when it could be done. Ministry renewal funding does not flow in the amounts and timing as set out in the report. The Ministry currently only allows funds to be used for high and urgent projects, and at schools that are not /will not, be considered for closure for the next ten years.

The Board does spend money doing some of the works outlined in the Ministry reports but only as budgeted and as needed.

Included in school renewal are the requests from the schools through the E6/7 process where the Principal submits items for repairs or other needs of the school.

7. Financial

Thane Munn, Senior Planner, Planning Dept

Estimated Operating Financial Impact for each Option – see Appendix A:

Thane Munn, Senior Planner, Planning Dept, reviewed the financial impact of the 5 options being considered. The financial impacts are based on current Ministry of education grants rates and current Board staffing requirements.

Basic findings are:

- the movement of students would not see any real change to the costs for the teachers,
- potential savings in principal, secretarial and custodial staff
- at the larger schools, there may be increase due to requirements for a V.P., secretarial staff.
- there is an increase in transportation costs for each option
- there is a reduction in operational and maintenance costs
- there is a reduction in grants to the board in several areas
- there is a cost savings with each option

8. Accommodation Options – refinement/reduction due to Public input

Thane Munn, Senior Planner

After a round table discussion based on the feed back from the public meetings and discussions with their school communities, the ARC moved to refine/reduce the number of options.

The representative of St. James, motioned to have Option 5 removed from the options to be presented. The motion was not approved by the ARC.



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The ARC approved the following six options to be presented at the next Public Meeting:

Summary of changes:

Put St. Timothy Area A back with St. Timothy. (Options 4, 5, 6, 7)

Change Option 8 to show St. Dominic (All) to St. Timothy

Option 10 to remove it completely

The ARC recommended presenting the following six options at the next public meeting:

Status Quo

OPTION 4 - CLOSE ST. JAMES

Move St. James (All) to St. Dominic

OPTION 5 - CLOSE ST. JAMES

Move St. James (All) to Queen of Heaven

OPTION 6 - CLOSE ST. DOMINIC

Move St. Dominic (All) to St. James

OPTION 7 - CLOSE ST. DOMINIC

Move St. Dominic (All) to Queen of Heaven

OPTION 8 - CLOSE ST. DOMINIC

Move St. Dominic (All) to St. Timothy

9. Public Meeting No. 3 – Tuesday, May 6, 2008

All

The ARC as whole agreed that the enrolment, transportation and financial information be presented option by option. This would allow for the public to have a complete picture of each option.

Future Meetings:

- ARC – Monday, May 12, 2008 @ St. Timothy Elementary
- Public Meeting No. 4, May 22, 2008 @ St. Paul Secondary
- Board Meetings, Timing



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Confirmation of next meeting

ARC meeting No. 6 – Monday, May 12, 2008 @ St. Timothy Elementary
Public Meeting No. 4 – Thursday, May 22, 2008 at St. Paul SS

Conclusion

Elizabeth McGuire, Chairperson of the ARC thanked everyone for their efforts and continued support of the goal of this committee which is to review options for the Dixie Shorefront Community as a whole.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

R. Bonifacio, Recorder- Secretary, Planning Department, DPCDSB