



DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Approved Minutes of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Central Erin Mills Review Area,
Meeting # 2, Tuesday, October 30, 2007, 7:00 pm, at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School, Room 238**

Present:

- M. Prospero, Chairperson, Superintendent of Schools
- T. Munn, Senior Planner, Planning Department
- J. Rogers, Planner, Planning Department
- E. Irvine, Planner, City of Mississauga
- K. DiPasquale, Principal, Blessed Trinity
- N. Levey, Principal, Divine Mercy
- T. Cruz, Principal, Our Lady of Mercy
- M. MacDonald, Vice-Principal, Our Lady of Mercy
- M. Buczek, Principal, St. Joseph Streetsville
- F. Anderson, Principal, St. Rose of Lima
- J. Flynn, Teacher Representative, Blessed Trinity
- A. Fera, Teacher Representative, Divine Mercy
- D. Jessome, Teacher Representative, Our Lady of Mercy
- L. DaSilva, Teacher Representative, St. Joseph Streetsville
- A. Daly, Teacher Representative, St. Rose of Lima
- H. Coito, School Council Chair, Blessed Trinity
- J. Crane-Rodrigues, School Council Representative, Blessed Trinity
- R. Kowal, School Council Chair, Divine Mercy
- R. Zizek, School Council Vice-Chair, Divine Mercy
- G. Bellissimo, School Council Chair, Our Lady of Mercy
- M. Scott, School Council Co-Chair, Our Lady of Mercy
- L. Condon, School Council Co-Chair, St. Joseph Streetsville
- L. Boychuk, School Council Co-Chair, St. Joseph Streetsville
- C. Marchetti, School Council Co-Chair, St. Rose of Lima
- C. Weber, School Council Co-Chair, St. Rose of Lima
- T. Pimentel, Parish Representative, St. Joseph Streetsville

Sign-in sheet and email list were passed around. Email addresses will be used to forward the minutes of meetings.

Introductions were made around the table.

- 1) Opening Prayer – M. Prospero
- 2) Approval of the October 9, 2007 Minutes with corrections:
 - Page 6 – E. Irvine – ‘Every parcel of land in the City has a zone designation. The City does not usually arbitrarily change the zoning.’
 - M. MacDonald – ‘Vice-Principal’ – Our Lady of Mercy
 - Page 7 – # 18 - this is a clarification to the question asked
 - Page 8 - # 10 – this is more of a comment than a question
 - TAB 10 – page 10 - Divine Mercy – School Evaluation Framework Sheet – change



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3) Discussion: Customization of School Valuation Framework

- Where did the 576.5 pupil reduction come from?
Number was identified in the Board Capital Plan. TAB 5 – CE07 – Central Erin Mills – shows the reduction to total 576.5 pupil places by the year 2010. Extended French and Gifted programs were also counted in this number. Long Term Plan evolved from Capacity and Enrolment Assessment Review – the Central Erin Mills Review Area - will be in excess of 576.5 pupil places in the long term.
- Are younger families included in this projection?
Yes, for example, a school has 40 in JK and 85 in Grade 8. There will be a loss of 45 when the Grade 8 students graduate. JK registration numbers are down compared to about ten years ago. Grade by grade retention used to calculate projection.
- Emily Irvine explained to the Committee that she was at the meetings as a resource. She does not play a role in the decisions the ARC may make.

4) Discussion of School Accommodation Alternatives

- The Board's priority is a reduction of 576.5 pupils. Is this the number one priority in this process?
One of the goals is to reduce the number of pupil places to produce a more efficient/effective economical program to students. The Trustees see a need to close schools but the decision will not be easy. This is just one of the overall factors.
- If it is a priority, for example, that Blessed Trinity and St. Rose of Lima move to St. Joseph Streetsville, would the committee recommend that St. Joseph be rebuilt, upgraded, etc?
The Board would look at everything. Why spend on something that was just done in the last few years. The list reflects the cost as of that date. As work is being done, it will come off the list.
- Can the Committee make recommendations to go into the report as to what we would like to happen?
Yes
- With the closure of one or two schools that are in close proximity, parents might decide to send their children to the public system reducing our enrolment numbers.
That is not a Board goal. We are working to remove 576.5 pupil places. The Committee and Trustees will look at everything. We don't know what the outcome will be.
- Addition / portables?
Look at the Option Sheets – for example, TAB 8 – page 2 – portables to Divine Mercy – 3 in 2008 and 2 in 2009. The Board will always have portables. The Committee can make recommendations – there are no right or wrong answers.
- Catholic Education?
We would not be eliminating Catholic education if schools close. Parents are the ones who decide if they want to walk to a public school or have a bus drive to a Catholic school. The Board has no control over their decisions.
- Bussing?
Can be a cost benefit for the Board. The Extended French and Gifted students are already bussed. The cost will be determined by the Finance Department and the Transportation Department once this Committee has made a decision on which Options are preferable (from TAB 8 – 18 Options). Transportation changes year to year.



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- Process?
This Committee might not be able to meet the 2008 timeline to bring their report to the Trustees in May, 2008. The Committee can only recommend to the Trustees. The Committee and Trustees have to follow the process. If followed, there should be no questions about the decision. The community has to have 60 days notice for a Public Meeting – summer break, holidays, cannot be counted.
- Extended French / Gifted?
These programs are under the Program and Special Education Departments. We would need to hear from them. This would involve about 98 students from St. Rose of Lima. St. Rose of Lima use to have 2 Grade 5 Extended French classes but for the school year 2006/2007, the second class was moved to St. Therese of the Child Jesus. San Lorenzo Ruiz has opened an Extended French Centre.
- Sub-Committee to Write Report
It was suggested that a sub-committee of 4-5 people, with a School Council Chair as Chair, write the report. When the report is completed, it will be brought back to the ARC for discussion. At the last Public Meeting, the Committee will present their recommendation. Planning staff will also prepare a report for the Board of Trustees.

In the report, the Committee can bring more options to the Trustees in their report. The ARC's recommendations will be going to the community but it will be the Trustees that would make the final decision.

It was suggested to have one or two meetings after the April 29, 2008 public meeting to work on the report. The report will have to be completed by May, 2008.

- TAB 8 - Feasible Options - # 1 – 18
The Committee deleted Options 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16.
- Secondary School / Parish
The students will still have access to their Secondary School (St. Aloysius Gonzaga) and are still in the same parish. Thane Munn mentioned that a new parish will be built in the Churchill Meadows area. St. John of the Cross and Merciful Redeemer Parishes could be cut in size. The Parish boundary will be determined by the Archdiocese. This will not be a deciding factor for the schools – parishes do not conform to school boundaries. The Committee is looking to decide as the boundaries are now – not later.

5) Scheduling of Public Meetings and Notifications of Public Meetings

February 5, 2008	St. Rose of Lima Extended French Grade 4 Parent Information Meeting
February 21, 2008	St. Joseph Streetsville – confirmation meeting
April 3, 2008	Mike Prospero unable to attend.
April 29, 2008	No discussion regarding this date.

Mike Prospero will look to see if St. Rose of Lima Extended French Parent Information Meeting date can be changed with another school.

6) Questions/Comments

- November 29, 2007 – ARC #3 Meeting – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Room 238, 7:00 pm
Discussion - Options 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 14, 15, 17 and 18 – geography, bussing, programs, etc.
Discussion - Format for the Public Meetings



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- Public Meetings – The meetings will be held in the cafeteria at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School. The cafeteria will hold about 500 people. The Board is limited in the days that they can hold the meetings. Gonzaga has night school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the last Tuesday of the month is the Board Meeting.

It was suggested a letter to the community with a section at the bottom requesting parent(s) to respond to the school as to how many will be attending. It was also suggested that 'children NOT recommended to attend this meeting' be put on the letter.

- 7) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.