



DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Approved Minutes of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Central Erin Mills Review Area, Meeting # 4, Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 7:00 pm, at Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School.

Present:

- M. Prospero, Chairperson, Superintendent of Schools
- T. Munn, Senior Planner, Planning Department
- J. Rogers, Planner, Planning Department
- K. DiPasquale, Principal, Blessed Trinity
- 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. Zizek, School Council Vice-Chair, Divine Mercy
- M. Scott, School Council Co-Chair, Our Lady of Mercy
- L. Condon, 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
- E. Irvine, Planner, City of Mississauga

Regrets:

- N. Levey, Principal, Divine Mercy
- R. Kowal, School Council Chair, Divine Mercy
- G. Bellissimo, School Council Chair, Our Lady of Mercy
- L. Boychuk, School Council Co-Chair, St. Joseph Streetsville

Sign-in sheet/email list was passed around.

- 1) Opening Prayer – M. Prospero
Mike thanked Our Lady of Mercy, Tilia Cruz and Mike MacDonald, for having the meeting at their school.
- 2) Approval of the November 29, 2007 Minutes with corrections:
 - Page 2 – 2nd paragraph – delete ‘someone to be in charge to look at a solution’.
 - Page 3 - #4 – last point – add ‘future’ before closure.

Moved by: L. Condon
Seconded by: M. MacDonald CARRIED

- 3) Discussion of Updated School Accommodation Alternatives
 - Updated Options were forwarded by email to the Committee – they were also attached to the agenda.



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- Cover is the Options Summary Sheet - status quo (9 options last chosen)
- Thane Munn went through each of the Accommodation Options comparing updated Accommodation Options Sheets from January 16, 2008, to the first Option Sheets 2007 dated October 9, 2007.
- Full day kindergarten will affect the capacity of a building. Some schools might require an extra classroom, some might lose a classroom. Some communities are declining in enrolment, children are moving up in grades but low number of students are moving into the area.
- Walking distance list (attached to agenda) was prepared by the Transportation Department. Only 2 Options would have some students walking - Blessed Trinity to Divine Mercy and Blessed Trinity to Our Lady of Mercy. There would be the possibility of some students who are not eligible for bussing, to secure a seat in October under the Empty Seat Policy .

The Transportation Department will be looking at the walking routes (the shortest distance) during the summer. The Traffic Safety Council (City of Mississauga) and Transportation Department and the schools would see if there is a need for crossing guards. Many Dufferin-Peel elementary schools have children crossing at major intersections (examples – St. Catherine of Siena at The Queensway and Highway 10, St. Sebastian at Eglinton Avenue and Tenth Line, St. Richard at Derry Road and Copenhagen.

All students from St. Rose of Lima would be bussed (in any Option) because of Erin Mills Parkway (speed limit is 70 km). If the speed limit is changed, the Transportation Department will review to determine if there would be any changes regarding the bussing.

The ARC can make recommendations in their reports regarding transportation and bussing.

- Extended French and Gifted programs might not be placed in the same school. St. Aloysius Gonzaga would be the secondary school for the Extended French. At present there are 3 Gifted Centres in Mississauga and only 1 in Brampton. There is the possibility that the St. Rose of Lima Gifted program could be moved. That decision would be made by the Program/Special Education Departments.

4) Public Meeting – Presentation

Over 500 notices have been sent to schools, homes, churches, businesses, the media, and it is on the Board website, notifying the community of the Public Meeting on February 7, 2008, at St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Timelines of 60 days have been met.

St. Rose of Lima – some teachers and parents would be attending.

St. Joseph Mississauga – expect some questions if the school is closing.

Our Lady of Mercy – clarification to parents that school is not closing. Possible concerns about the Kiss n’Ride area – more cars and buses coming in/out.

Divine Mercy – also a Kiss n’Ride issue.

Presentation - Staff at front table
 Sign-In Sheets for Committee members
 Committee to sit together up front
 Attendance for public – name of school they are from only

Agenda - Options – reduce Options from 9 to 4
 Could look at this at the next ARC Meeting, after the February 19
 Public Meeting



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Options would be placed on the Board website on February 1.

Secondary school would remain the same.

Actual JK enrolment numbers would be input after the JK / SK registrations – at the March 4 Public Meeting. The Board is currently working with projected kindergarten numbers.

Question period at the end.

5) Discussion re: Future ARC Meetings – date and location

Setting meeting date between the February 19 and March 4 Public Meetings was on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Blessed Trinity. Discussion to be around selecting a writing team and to narrow down the Options. Board staff will be available to assist the team.

One month after the March 4 Public Meeting, and to meet the April 18 deadline for the Admin & Finance Committee, the date suggested was Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Streetsville. Recommendations to be set.

The Planning Department will forward a report template to the writing team. It was suggested that when the report is written, it be sent by email to the Committee members.

6) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Moved by: H. Coito

Seconded by: C. Weber CARRIED

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to conflicts beyond our control, the ARC Meeting dates have been changed -

**Wednesday, February 27 changed to Thursday, February 21
at Blessed Trinity**

**Tuesday, April 1 changed to Monday, March 31
at St. Joseph Streetsville**