Call to Order:

D. Amaral, Chair of the East Credit ARC Working Group Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Prayer

The Chair led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda for ARC Working Group Meeting #6

Approval of the agenda was moved by: E. Kostuch, seconded by: J. Greenman.

CARRIED

3. Approval of February 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes from ARC Working Group Meeting #5

ARC member asked for revision to comment on WG5-113. Manager Cox to follow up.

Approval of the February 24, 2016 meeting minutes as amended was moved by: J. Belmonte, seconded by: E. Ljubanovic.

CARRIED
4. **Our Lady of Good Voyage Presentation – T. Lavery & L. Aziz**

L. Aziz presented on behalf of Our Lady of Good Voyage.

**Questions/Comments from ARC members:**
- Option 1 keeps communities together but splits the FI for St. Gertrude; yes
- Which is the preferred option; 2nd option is preferred
- 2nd option closes St. Gregory and St. Bernadette, and keeps St. Gertrude as is; reduces 1043 pupil places
- Rationale as to why FI would go to St. Herbert; result of the numbers

5. **St. Valentine Presentation – Z. von Schober & K. Canlas**

K. Canlas presented on behalf of St. Valentine

**Questions/Comments from ARC members:**
- 1st two options go over capacity, so portables would be needed; potentially yes
- OLGV five-year renewal costs are much larger than other schools; this will eventually happen to all other schools over time
  
  Superintendent, Del Bianco added that there is no actual savings of dollars and that all schools will go through the renewal cycle. Rather, if a school closes, money will not need to be spent on future renewal needs. Eventually, all schools will have renewal needs in the future.

6. **St. Gregory Presentation – E. Ljubanovic & J. Greenman**

E. Ljubanovic presented on behalf of St. Gregory

**Questions/Comments from ARC members:**
- The families who children attend the public school for FI, did they have First Communion & Confirmation at the church; yes
- Property tax forms do not capture child until enrolled in school
- MPAC data can count households who direct their school support to the Catholic school system, however the default school system is identified as public, and because not all new homeowners update or change their school support in MPAC, the data has its limitations.

Superintendent Del Bianco clarified that enrolment projections as a whole are not out of date, census data has been absent for a while meaning that we've had to rely more heavily on other data sources, e.g. property data, regional interim projections.

Senior Planner Rogers added that projections are also based on historic trends for each school on a grade by grade basis. Enrolments are declining all across the board. We have been monitoring the East Credit area over 10 years and it has been declining faster than other areas
  - Pedestrian bridge on 2nd line was referred to; more information available on City of Mississauga website

7. **St. Herbert Presentation – N. De Menna**

N. De Menna presented on behalf of St. Herbert

**Questions/Comments from ARC members:**
- Disadvantages of Option 4 indicated an additional estimated transportation cost of $162,000 yearly

**ACTION:** Staff to verify transportation cost

- ARC member commented that it was a great presentation. It will come down to what is more important for Trustees – Catholic presence or financial savings. If only closing 2 schools, compromise will have to be made in all our schools to save money, but giving the trustees a reason to save money somewhere else is fair.
- When presentations go forward, will all options look similar?
Chair replied that all presentations will be part of the minutes and part of the public record; the report going to Trustees will be comparable for continuity. Resource staff will summarize all presentations in a consistent format for the public open house, as well as the staff reports.

- ARC member commented that some options presented to-date show closing 2 schools – alternate staff options never brought that forward. What was the criteria/rationale for that?

Chair stated that staff options showed the best utilization for pupil places in the area.

Superintendent Del Bianco added that we tried to achieve as close to 100 % utilization as possible.

- ARC member commented that a lot of work was involved in these presentations and that closing 2 schools, as opposed to 3 schools, would be the preferred choice.

Chair indicated that will be part of the public record and thanked everyone for their presentations tonight.

The Motion to receive the four presentations (Our Lady of Good Voyage, St. Valentine, St. Gregory, St. Herbert) was moved by J. Belmonte and seconded by E. Kostuch.

CARRIED

8. Follow-up Items
   1. Financial Information
      Provided by Finance Department.
   2. Statistics on SK students leaving St. Bernadette to attend French program at Edenrose PS
      Senior Planner responded that in the last 5 years students at St. Bernadette in SK either leaving to another Dufferin-Peel school, Peel Board school or leaving the jurisdiction has been between 1 to 3 students each year. Six students have expressed interest in attending FI at Edenrose in September 2016.
   3. Outline dates and timelines for reports and delegation night as per policy
      Timelines were provided as part of agenda package.
   4. Renewal and renovations at East Credit PAR schools since 1999 (Plant/Maintenance)
      Most of the schools were only built between 1999-2001 – only major renewal project was the boiler replacement at St. Bernadette in the early 2000s; other schools had minor repairs only
   5. Information re time slots and seating for ARC members on delegation night
      Staff are working on logistics; will bring forward next week
      Chair commented that all presentations are appropriate for delegation night, but should be kept to a maximum of 5 minutes.
   6. PAR info webmail box closing date (verbal)
      April 4th. This will be identified on board website now for public to provide information before April 4 (for review at April 6 working group meeting).
   7. Email from ARC members requesting traffic incident reports around schools (verbal)
      Security Officer indicated that the board does not keep records with respect to traffic incidents that occur around school sites. These are within the jurisdiction of Peel Police.
   8. Email from ARC members requesting information re staff and school closures (verbal)
      Chair read into the record information provided on page 8 of the Parking Lot Questions, response from Superintendent of Employee Relations regarding the Board and the OECTA Elementary Bargaining Unit.
      No decision re staff has been made at this time. Once the process is complete, a working group will be formed.
   9. Email from ARC members re historic boundary of OLGV
      Information dating back to 1989 was provided.
   10. School Tours – St. Bernadette drawing was not reflective of actual school
      Updated floor plan was provided. Superintendent Del Bianco indicated that floor plans will not be on board website for safety reasons. Floor plans are not to be shared outside of ARC Committee.

The Chair thanked staff and indicated that Researcher Kwan will walk us through the survey process after the break.

9. BREAK
The Chair called the break at 7:30 p.m. to reconvene at 7:45 p.m.

10. **Survey Questions – Group Exercise**
Manager Cox explained the group exercise to develop criteria for survey questions. Three major themes identified: Rationale, Physical building/site attributes, Programs
Kathy Russell-Kwan, Researcher for the board was present to assist with the exercise.
Two specific questions were addressed that were previously sent by email to ARC members for review.
**Question 1:** What _rationale_ is most important to you in considering school closures? (e.g. keep community together, reducing pupil places, etc.)
Discussion took place by the ARC regarding Question 1.

The ARC took a vote to include the criteria of no portables at receiving schools to question 2. Moved by J. Belmonte, seconded by E. Kostuch.

**CARRIED**

5 Minute Break (returned 9:25 pm)

**Question 2:** What is most important to you when considering accommodation at a receiving school in terms of the _physical building/site_? (e.g. no portables, air conditioning, etc.)
Discussion took place by the ARC regarding Question 2.

11. **Review of Options to date**
**Exercise 3 – Review of Alternative Options**
Manager Cox indicated that all options that have been put forward to the ARC to-date, either by ARC member presentations or through PARInfo mailbox, were presented on the poster boards and individual handouts. One option had been inadvertently excluded on the poster boards but was included in the handouts. Staff observations are indicated on the 14 options presented. A second set of the same package was provided with a blank space to fill in “ARC Observations”. Planner Koops explained what was involved in the third exercise: ARC to identify pros and cons of options. The purpose of this exercise is to provide feedback on all the options that have been submitted for consideration. ARC members will then have the opportunity to consider all the feedback received and then identify the preferred option for their school community.

Chair indicated that due to time constraints, staff will email instructions and these packages to the ARC members for their comments and they are to provide their responses to Manager Cox by Sunday, March 6th. ARC member indicated that Option N should show enrolment numbers for EF at St Dunstan, similar to Option H.

**ACTION: Planning staff to add EF line to Option N**

ARC member asked for electronic copies of the options provided. Staff indicated it is public information and can be shared.
ARC member indicated a community can support a staff option as well.
Planner Koops stated that PDF versions of all options including staff options will be shared with the ARC. An Excel spreadsheet to identify pros and cons for all options will also be provided.

**ACTION: Planning staff to provide PDFs of all Options and Excel spreadsheet to identify Pros and Cons**

The Chair thanked everyone and indicated that at least one delegation from your school community should be a presentation of the community's preferred option, paired down to the 5 minutes. GM Campbell will discuss in further detail next week.

12. **Correspondence Items**
WG7-143 to WG7-215 will be reviewed at Working Group Meeting #7.

13. **Other Business**
a. Future Meeting Dates:
   March 9 – WGM#7
   March 10 – Tentative WGM
   March Break – week of March 14
   Holy Week – week of March 20
   Easter – March 27-28
   March 30 – Public Open House #2
   April 6 – WGM

14. Adjournment
The Motion to adjourn was moved by J. Greenman, seconded by E. Ljubanovic.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Future meeting dates:
March 9, 2016 – ARC Working Group Meeting #7 (Blessed Trinity)
March 30, 2016 – Public Meeting #2 (St. Joseph SS)
April 6, 2016 – ARC Working Group Meeting #8 (TBD)

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