

## MINUTES OF ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) Central Whitby MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008  
3:00 – 5:00 pm Education Centre - Room 1017

### *In Attendance:*

Chair: Joe Hircock

David Visser (Secretary)

### Members (alpha by school):

Monique deVillers (Principal, Capt. M. VandenBos)  
Debra Hayes (Non-teaching Rep, Capt. M. VandenBos)  
Linda Lyons (Parent Rep, Capt. M. VandenBos)  
Carole McLeod (Teacher Rep, Capt. M. VandenBos)  
Judy Wityszyn (Parent Rep, Capt. M. VandenBos)  
Alana Browne (Teacher Rep, Florence M. Heard)  
Chris Montgomery (Parent Rep, Florence M. Heard)  
Sharon Murdoch (Parent Rep, Florence M. Heard)  
Monica Porteous (Non-teaching Rep, Florence M. Heard)  
Brigitte Sopher (Principal, Florence M. Heard)  
Carol Bell (Teacher Rep, Jack Miner)  
Trudy Collins (Principal, Jack Miner)  
Gail Dyson (Non-teaching Rep, Jack Miner)  
Cathy Wade (Parent Rep, Jack Miner)  
Lynda Darling (Teacher Rep, Leslie McFarlane)  
Scott Irwin (Parent Rep, Leslie McFarlane)  
Jim Olson (Principal, Leslie McFarlane)  
Kirsty Sinclair (Parent Rep, Leslie McFarlane)  
Judy Whiteman (Non-teaching Rep, Leslie McFarlane)  
Marion Fulcher (Non-teaching Rep, Palmerston)  
Sylvia Land (Parent Rep, Palmerston)  
Leilah McBride (Teacher Rep, Palmerston)  
Tim Ralph (Principal, Palmerston)  
Angie Weiss (Parent Rep, Palmerston)  
Joe Hamilton (Non-teaching Rep, Pringle Creek)  
Sue Lunn (Principal, Pringle Creek)  
Jill MacCharles-Crain (Teacher Rep, Pringle Creek)  
Steve Misner (Parent Rep, Pringle Creek)

Absent: Jacquie Weber (Parent Rep, Jack Miner)

Addition: Joe Cook, Vice Principal, Pringle Creek

### *Facilitator:*

Lygia Dallip

Daniel Del Bianco (Consultant)

### *ARC Resource Staff:*

Carey Trombino

Anne Dobos

Danielle Pépin

There was one additional member to the group who had been a substitute for Sue Lunn at the previous meeting of September 10 and had attended the school tour on September 16, 2008.

Joe Hircock, Chair, welcomed everyone and reminded them to sign in. He welcomed back David Visser. The handout package was referred to, item by item.

Adoption of Agenda of September 17, 2008

Moved: Sue Lunn , Principal, Pringle Creek

Seconded: Kirsty Sinclair, Parent Rep, Leslie McFarlane

CARRIED

Review of minutes of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2008

Moved: Chris Montgomery , Parent Rep, F.M. Heard

Seconded: Trudy Collins, Principal, Jack Miner

CARRIED

The six groups were solicited for feedback of their tour of the ARC Central Whitby schools.

Comments received are as follows:

“ Very helpful, clarified some issues”

“ Good because it gave us a picture to a name and offered a better vision of what we are discussing”

“ Everybody loves their school and this loyalty is important to see.

Joe Hircock, Chair of the ARC, remarked on the cleanliness of the schools and felt that the tour was valuable and important in this being the first ARC process presented by the Durham District School board, with more ARC processes to come in the future.

Carey Trombino, ARC Resource, stated that there were no additional email messages to those provided to the group. The website link to the ARC Central Whitby Business Case summary was added to various emails received.

Some discussion ensued regarding the French Immersion program and the attendance boundaries for French Immersion students residing in Brooklin. David Visser commented that the Board was in the process of looking at enrolments for schools within Brooklin and will monitor this on an ongoing basis. Portables will be avoided wherever possible.

Clarification was sought re the scoring of each school independently and not as a score for all the 6 schools combined.

Carey Trombino reviewed the telephone messages received to date and the recommended responses. All were in favour of the responses to Tab 4 h and Tab 4i of the ARC binder.

One new question was received the previous week regarding the "home school" (Tab 12h of the ARC binder) of students in the Gifted Program. Some answers from the first week are still awaiting responses and will hopefully be available for the next ARC meeting of October 8, 2008.

Item #7 of the agenda, revised Valuation Framework was reviewed and accepted.

Moved: Lynda Darling, Teacher Rep, Leslie McFarlane

Seconded: Sharon Murdoch, Parent Rep, Florence M. Heard

Carried

The ARC members in attendance group voted and unanimously approved the presentation of the Draft Customized School Valuation Framework at the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting on September 30, 2008 .

The ARC then moved into breakout groups with representation from each school community to allow the opportunity for discussion and information gathering with members of the other schools affected by the ARC Central Whitby process. After twenty minutes, the members returned to their original school groups for a review.

Following the breakout discussions, an overview of the outline for the ARC Public Meetings was explained by Joe Hircock.

1<sup>st</sup> Public meeting will be to share the draft Customized School Valuation Framework with the public

2<sup>nd</sup> Public meeting will be to present the completed valuation of each school

3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting will be to discuss the accommodation options that are in the best interest of the students.

4<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting will be to present the draft report to be submitted to the Director of Education and then the Trustees.

David Visser then presented the ARC with a PowerPoint presentation intended for the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 which will be followed by a question and answer period. He reminded the group that there will be two reports to go before the Director; one from the ARC and one from the staff. There will be a 60 day waiting period following the submissions so that appropriate consideration can be given.

Available on hand at the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting will be the ARC Central Whitby Business Case summary to be provided to the public if required. A map of the area under review will be displayed throughout the room.

A member suggested that we have a newsletter reflecting the above information as a reminder for the public and to reiterate that a decision has not been made.

The committee members were asked to provide advance communication to Danielle Pépin via email of any absences or substitutes on behalf of any ARC working group participant.

A member recommended that we place a Public Meeting notice in Whitby This Week.

Carey Trombino commented that this had already been done and falls within the requirements of the 60-day notice as in 4f of the ARC binder.

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The group was reminded that the meeting of October 8<sup>th</sup> would run from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There was concern that some teachers may not be able to attend or that Supply teachers may be required.

Motion to adjourn: Judy Whiteman, Non-teaching Rep, Leslie McFarlane  
Seconded: Steve Misner, Parent Rep, Pringle Creek  
Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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