



ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

Central Whitby

1st Public Meeting –

Pringle Creek Public School,

80 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby, Ontario

September 30, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

First Public Meeting Agenda

- *Welcome*
- *Purpose of an Accommodation Review Process*
- *Central Whitby - Accommodation Review Committee*
 - *Schools Under Review and Consideration*
- *Draft Customized School Valuation Framework – Committee Recommended*
- *Questions & Answers*
- *Next Public Meeting – Wednesday, November 5*

PURPOSE of an ARC:

- *To review school accommodation to develop an integrated accommodation solution for central Whitby in accordance with the Durham District School Board's Consolidation and Closure Policy #7113 and its Procedure #7113 regarding Pupil Accommodation Review.*
- *The ARC Process for the Board was established by following Ministry of Education guidelines.*
- *For the First Public Meeting, the specific purpose is to review the Customized School Valuation Framework and seek the community's input to ensure that it captures the value and concerns of the Central Whitby Community.*

Timelines of an ARC

- At the May 20, 2008 Board Meeting, Trustees approved the commencement of the ARC.
- ARC met in June 2008 to receive an information binder.
- Series of Meetings September 2008 to February 2009:
 - 14 ARC Committee Meetings
 - 4 Public Meetings
- The Final Decision:
 - ARC will prepare a report of recommendations to be sent to the Director of Education for the Durham District School Board in February of 2009.
 - Board Staff will review the committee report and will develop a Board Staff report that considers the committee's report.
 - Both reports to be forwarded to the Board in March 2009.
 - Board receives the ARC and Staff Reports for information only.
- 60 Days later, in May 2009, Board will vote on recommendations.

ARC Committee Members

- *From Each Central Whitby school:*
 - *1 Principal*
 - *Up to 2 Parent Representatives*
 - *1 Teacher*
 - *1 Non-Teaching Representative*
- *Durham District School Board Staff Representatives.*
- *The ARC process is an extremely collaborative and open process.
The timelines allow for consultation.*
- *There are 31 Committee Members.*

Keeping Informed

- 4 Public Meetings.
- 14 ARC Committee Meetings at which the Public can attend and observe.
- Information posted on DDSB Website:
 - Board Reports, Minutes, ARC Requested Material,...
- FAQ – updated on the Website:
 - www.durham.edu.on.ca
- Email address and voicemail have been established for ARC:
 - arccentralwhitby@durham.edu.on.ca
 - *(905) 666-8080, ext. 5280*

Public Meetings

- The ARC is required to consult with the community through a series of 4 public meetings to provide the community with **opportunities for input** into the Accommodation Review being undertaken by the ARC. At the first meeting community members can provide input into the Customized Standard School Valuation Framework, perhaps comment on additional items the ARC should consider.
- **1st Public Meeting - Tuesday, September 30, 2008**
 - Review of Mandate and Timeframe.
 - Provision of background information and issues to be addressed.
 - Description of how the generic School Valuation Framework has been customized.
- **2nd Public Meeting – Wednesday, November 5, 2008**
 - Presentation of Draft **School-specific** Valuation Reports.
- **3rd Public Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2008**
 - Presentation of alternative accommodation options that reflect the best interest of the affected students.
- **4th Public Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2009**
 - Presentation of draft **School Valuation Report and Recommendations** that resulted from the consideration of the school-specific valuation reports, the accommodation options, the background information provided to the ARC and community input.

Central Whitby Accommodation Review Committee

- With changing enrolments, the ARC process will assist with leading the change, not only for the Durham District School Board but for all Boards Province-wide.
- This process must follow the Ministry of Education Guidelines.

Accommodation Review Committee

The mandate of the ARC is to value each school, develop options to improve the education opportunities for the students in central Whitby as well as to examine options already developed by the Board and make recommendations on the accommodation of the students in the schools under review to the Director of Education.

Six schools under consideration for the central Whitby ARC:

Three schools have been identified as potential closure/consolidation candidates due to a high need of repair:

- 1. Florence M. Heard Public School*
- 2. Leslie McFarlane Public School*
- 3. Palmerston Avenue Public School*

Three schools are included for consideration of possible boundary adjustments and program moves:

1. *Captain Michael VandenBos Public School*

2. *Jack Miner Public School*

3. *Pringle Creek Public School*

Board Proposed Scenario Central Whitby

- Available on the Website, and is provided for the consideration of the ARC.
- In a collaborative setting the Committee will review this scenario as well as others for consideration at the 3rd Public Meeting.
- At the 3rd Public Meeting the Public can provide comments and opinions.

ARC – Progress to Date

- The ARC members met on June 25, 2008 to receive an Information Binder.
- The ARC members met on September 3rd, 10th and 17th:
 - Reviewed Material, Prepared a Draft Customized Valuation Framework, Requested Information from the Board.
 - All information is available on the Website and in person at the Education Centre.
- On September 16th, 2008 – Toured all six schools in the Central Whitby Scenario.

School Valuation Framework

- In the Spring of 2008, a Committee with Broad Based Representation across the Durham District School Board's area, created a 'Standard School Valuation Framework'. It was approved by Board in March 2008.
- It is to be utilized by each ARC formed within the Durham District School Board.

Customization of Standard School Valuation Framework

- The ARC developed its customized School Valuation Framework over a series of three meetings.
- Members reviewed the Standard School Valuation Framework (SSVF) and sought clarification of the points contained in the SSVF.
- As part of customizing the SSVF, the members could add considerations but could not delete any aspect of the SSVF.

Customization of Standard School Valuation Framework

- The customization processed added the questions and clarifications, highlighted in 'blue'.
- Copies of the "Draft Central Whitby Customized Valuation Framework – Committee Recommended", are available in order to follow along with the ARC customization.
- Based upon the feedback from the 'Questions and Answers' section of tonight's agenda, other customization could be considered by the ARC.

Questions and Answers

- Open Forum for Questions

Next Public Meeting

■ Public Meeting #2

- *Wednesday, November 5th, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*
Jack Miner Public School, 144 Whitburn Street,
Whitby, Ontario
- Presentation of Draft **School-specific** Valuation Reports for Community Input
 - These Valuation Reports will be based upon the Customized School Valuation Framework.

Information Sharing:

Meeting schedule for ARC consists of:

- *4 Public Meetings (public can receive and provide feedback to the ARC)*
 - *September 30th, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Pringle Creek P.S.*
 - *November 5th, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Jack Miner P.S.*
 - *December 10th, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Captain Michael VandenBos P.S.*
 - *January 28th, 2009, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Pringle Creek P.S.*
- *14 ARC working meetings (public can attend as observers)*
 - *Dates are available on the Board Website or can be provided at the front reception of the Education Centre.*