



ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

Central Whitby

May 20, 2008

PURPOSE:

- *To review school accommodation and,*
- *To establish an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) to develop an integrated accommodation solution for central Whitby*

*The review is in accordance with Ministry
of Education Guidelines and the
Durham District School Board's (DDSB)
Policy and Procedure #7113
– Pupil Accommodation Review*

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*

Accommodation Review Committee

*The mandate of the ARC is to develop options
to improve the education opportunities
for the students in central Whitby as well as
to examine options already developed
by the Board.*

The ARC will be made up of various community members, potentially up to 34 individuals:

- *Town of Whitby*
- *Business Sector*
- *From each school:*
 - *1 Principal*
 - *Up to 2 Parent Representatives*
 - *1 Teacher*
 - *1 Non-Teaching Representative*
- *Durham District School Board Staff Representatives*

Information Sharing:

Meeting schedule for ARC consists of:

- *4 Public Meetings (public can receive and provide feedback to the ARC)*
- *14 ARC working meetings (public can attend as observers)*

Stay Informed During The Process:

The ARC process is an extremely collaborative and open process. Other opportunities during the process for public information gathering are:

- *All ARC information provided on DDSB Website*
- *Paper copies of all ARC information available at the Education Centre*
- *It is anticipated that ARC updates will be provided at the School Community Council (SCC) Meetings*
- *Email address for comments and questions:
arccentralwhitby@durham.edu.on.ca*
- *Voicemail available for comments and questions:
(905) 666-8080, ext. 5280*

Full Consultation Process

It is proposed that the ARC is being formed tonight and is scheduled for completion in

May 2009;

over a 12-month process in full collaboration with community stakeholders

Overview of Staff Report

- An ARC is an extensive process, rather than an event
 - Section 2 of the Staff Report
 - 2.1 to 2.4 relate to funding
 - 2.5 in the past, school closures may not have directly benefited the affected school community; now, any changes do provide direct benefit
 - 2.6 ReCAPP Software Program provides an assessment of a school's need for repair
 - 2.8 to 2.11 New "Pupil Accommodation Review Model"
 - Collaborative process
 - Will consider the Board's Business Scenario (outlined in Appendix B)
 - Will consider all options available, in a fully open process
 - Will utilize the Standard School Valuation Framework

Overview of Staff Report

- Section 3 – ARC process is relatively new
 - With changing enrolment province-wide, the ARC process will assist with leading the change
 - 3.3 ARC will customize the Standard School Valuation Framework to ensure it is relevant to schools under review – local issues and concerns
 - 3.4 Information will be available throughout the ARC process – 3.4 outlines some of the information that will be provided.
 - 3.5 & 3.6 – Meetings and Updates
 - Four Public Meetings and 14 ARC Meetings
 - Information to be posted on DDSB Website
 - FAQ – will be updated on the Website
 - Email address and phone number have been set up for the ARC

Overview of Staff Report

- 3.7 ARC will meet in June 2008
 - Series of Meetings September 2008 to February 2009
 - 3.8 ARC has a broad-based representation
 - 3.9 ARC will customize SSVF to guide the ARC in considering the various alternatives
 - 3.10 ARC report and a Staff generated report would be forwarded to the Board in March 2009. Board receives as information only
 - 3.11 60 Days later, in May 2009, Board will vote on recommendations
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- Overall
 - 18 Meetings
 - Multiple ways in which to be involved and stay informed
 - No decisions until May 2009 – Over A Year Away