

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Chair: Philip McMillan, Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretaries: Tina Smith & Cathy Calvert

TIME	ITEM
7:10 p.m.	<p>Opening Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philip McMillan, Superintendent of Education asked Fr. Higgins to open the fifth meeting of the South Sarnia ARC with prayer.
7:12 p.m.	<p>Welcome/Opening Remarks: Chair/Superintendent of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philip McMillan, Superintendent of Education introduced himself as the Chair of the meeting and acknowledged the Trustees and Board Staff in attendance.
7:12 p.m.	<p>Rules of Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An agenda for each meeting will be followed and will be used for order in the meeting. ▪ The Chair's role was stated. ▪ The role of the ARC is to suggest ways in which the problem of declining enrolment among the four south Sarnia Catholic school communities should be dealt with. ▪ All meetings, deliberations and decisions of the ARC will be in public. ▪ All meeting notes will be posted on the Board website. This is the fifth and final meeting. ▪ The final decision rests with the elected Trustees of the Board, who will consider the recommendations of the ARC and any recommendations from the Director of Education. <p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All attendees were asked to register their attendance at the beginning of the meeting. ▪ It is a prerequisite of the appeal process that those wishing to appeal must demonstrate that they have attended meetings. <p>Notes of the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notes of the April 29 meeting are in your folders and are posted on the board website. <p>Questions arising from the notes of the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were no questions from the ARC arising from the notes of the April 29 meeting. <p>Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All ARC meeting protocols are clearly outlined in the program for this meeting.

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Presentation by the Chair

The Chair thanked all the ARC members for their time and the respect which they have shown for this process. The mandate of tonight's meeting is to confirm the ARC's recommendation to the Board.

ARC Recommendation to the Board

Presentation of the contents

- A copy of the report was distributed to all ARC members for their review.
- The Chair summarized the report to the ARC and drew their attention to the summary of key information, which outlined the capacity, enrolment, number of classrooms, age of the buildings and boundaries of both schools.

ARC Questions on the Recommendation

QUESTION: Would any of our south Sarnia school students go to any of the north Sarnia schools with the recommended boundary change? In a previous meeting it was thought that no students from south Sarnia schools would be going to north Sarnia schools and this would include families from Heritage Park. If the boundary change means these students will have to attend a north Sarnia school will these families be granted a boundary exemption to remain at St. Benedict school?

ANSWER: *There will be 13 students on the east side of Modeland Road who would be going to St. Anne's school with the proposed boundary change.*

QUESTION: *Can we add "new schools or new buildings" somewhere in the recommendation?*

ANSWER: *Page 3 of the report states "new schools". The entire report forms the ARC's recommendation to the Board. (*Note – The final wording on the recommendation, which will go to the Board of Trustees, has been altered slightly to accommodate this request and to clarify the boundaries.)*

Confirmation of Recommendation

Motion: It was moved by Mat Madere and seconded by Dawn Genovy:

"That we accept and submit this recommendation to the St. Clair Catholic District School Board of Trustees as a result of the Accommodation Review Committee's work."

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	<p>Timelines for Board Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 10, 2008 – Committee of the Whole Board Meeting - Director of Education will bring the recommendation of the ARC to the Board of Trustees as well as the recommendations of senior staff. ▪ June 17, 2008 – Committee of the Whole Board Meeting - Opportunity for public input on the recommendations. ▪ October 28, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting – Board of Trustees will make its decision.
	<p>Board Staffing Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paul Wubben, Director of Education presented the Board staff proposal ▪ Board staff proposal will reflect the ARC's proposal with the following 2 provisos: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ministry must approve the recommendation with respect to financing; 2. If a site that is better than St. Therese or St. Benedict becomes available, that this be considered a possibility. In this event, the ARC would be informed and consulted. <p>Questions from ARC</p> <p>Question: If another site is looked at will this change the boundaries</p> <p>Answer: <i>That would be a possibility.</i></p>
7:40 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chair of the Board, Anita Labadie, on behalf of the Board of Trustees thanked the members of the ARC for their valuable input. ▪ The Chair closed the meeting with prayer. ▪ The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
	<p>Future Board Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. ▪ Tuesday, June 17, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. (Tentative) ▪ Tuesday, October 28, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.