

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

***Considering the Possibilities and
Making Recommendations***

***February 8, 2011
7:00 pm***

***St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville
10923 Country View Line, Dresden, ON***



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Opening Prayer

Let us pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of Unity,
we give you thanks for the opportunity to gather,
and for calling us to the privilege of this meeting.

Encircle our school with Your love.

Help us to honour our past, respect our present,
and look to the future with courage and faith.

May our discussions and decisions be focused
on the well-being of your children;
those you have entrusted to our care.

Help us to be open to the guidance and influence
of your Holy Spirit as we do our best to
live like Jesus.

We make our prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Rules of Order

1. Attendance
2. Questions
3. Notes of the meetings
4. Protocols



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ARC Mandate

- The purpose of this ARC is to consider the issue of excess pupil places at St. Michael, caused by declining enrollment.
- The impact of this phenomenon has been pervasive, impacting program, extra-curricular activities, budget, staffing, transportation, and facility management.
- The ARC is mandated to make a viable recommendation to the board with respect to the future of St. Michael, and with regard to the current students, transportation, boundaries and the site.



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Committee Mandate Continued

- As per Board policy, the written recommendations of the ARC will be delivered to the Director of Education who will make them known to the Board of Trustees at a public meeting.
- The ARC is mandated to consider the problem, not just from the perspective of 2010-2011 but through 2015-2016 because another ARC cannot be established for this review area for another five years. Thus the ARC must have “the long view”. While the ARC’s establishment was triggered by the present circumstances, the future must be a primary component in considering the actions the ARC will recommend.



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Committee Mandate Continued

- The ARC is encouraged, but not required, to come to consensus with respect to its recommendation(s).
- The ARC will meet a minimum of four times and will follow the timelines outlined in Board policy.
- The Trustees will give the ARC's recommendations due consideration and they will decide on a course of action that best serves the needs of the Board.



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Recommendation from ARC

- The Accommodation Review Committee recommends that St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville, be closed as of June 30, 2011.



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Creating a Legacy Committee



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Transition Plans for Students

- Who would benefit from a transition meeting?
 - Students identified as exceptional through IPRC
 - Students on IEP with extensive programming needs
 - Students who require a multi-disciplinary team approach
- Who attends the transition meeting?
 - School personnel involved with the student
 - Parents/Guardians
 - Community personnel that provide support to the child
 - Personnel from the receiving school



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Transition Plans for Students

- What is discussed at the transition meeting?
 - Students strengths and areas of need
 - Successful programming practices as outlined in IEP
 - Transportation needs
 - Supports that need to be in place for child
 - Action items and follow-up meetings are established
- What about SEA equipment?
 - Ministry purchased SEA equipment transitions with the child to the receiving school
 - The SEA equipment transition will be coordinated between the Program Resource Teacher and the special education consultant responsible for St. Michael Catholic School



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Survey Response from Parents



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March 29, 2011 – Agenda

7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer

7:05 p.m.

Welcome/ Introductions/Opening Remarks

Rules of Order

- Attendance
- Questions
- Notes of the meetings
- Protocols

Reviewing the Recommendations

Recommendations to the Board – April 12, 2011

Board Decision will be made June 29, 2011

Questions – Maximum one hour

Closing Prayer

March 29, 2011 – ARC Recommendations made public

**Board Meeting Dates: April 12, 2011
June 29, 2011**



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Question Period



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Closing Prayer

God of All,
encircled by your love,
we have prayed together,
and listened to your Word
spoken through each person.

May the work we have done tonight
be a witness to our commitment to Catholic Education.

May our journeys home be safe
and our time with family be peace-filled.

We ask your blessing upon all that has taken place tonight,
and upon us as we pray in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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