Meeting of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
Minutes of Working Meeting #9
January 15, 2014
St. Mary's Catholic School, Wilno

Prayer

The ARC Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:47 p.m.

1. Welcome

Committee Members:

Peter Adam	ARC CHAIR/Superintendent of Education
Mary Lynn Schauer	ARC Secretary/Superintendent of Business Services
Bobbie Jean Kuehl	Parent Representative – St. Andrew's
Christina Brown	Principal Representative
Constance Bersan	Parent Representative – St. Mary's
Father Mervin Coulas	Community Representative
Judy Hartwig	Parent Representative – St. Casimir's
Randy Bissonnette	Principal Representative
Tracy Glofcheskie	Parent Representative – George Vanier
Tracy Murray	Parent Representative – St. John Bosco
Tracey Pecarski	Teacher Representative

Resource Members:

Lygia Dallip	Facilitator, Ameresco Asset Sustainability Group (tele-conference)
Ivan Johnson	Manager of Plant Services
Linda Arsenault	Recording Secretary

Absent:

Sharon Yandernoll	Non-Teaching Representative

Members were asked to confirm their attendance on the sign-in sheet. One community member, Mr. Ed Chippior was present at the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #9.1
That the agenda for the ARC Working Meeting #9, January 15, 2014 be approved as presented.

Moved by: Tracy Murray, Parent Representative, St. John Bosco
Seconded by: Randy Bissonnette, Principal Representative

…Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from Working Meeting #8, January 8, 2014

MOTION #9.2
That the minutes for the ARC Working Meeting #8, January 8, 2014, be approved as presented, with amendments.

Moved by: Judy Hartwig, Parent Representative, St. Casimir's
Seconded by: Father Coulas, Community Representative

…Carried

The minutes will be posted on the ARC website.

4. Review ARC Correspondence/Approval of Responses

The ARC Chair indicated that draft responses to two pieces of correspondence received by e-mail had been prepared for the ARC's review and approval.

MOTION #9.3
That the response letters be approved and sent out to the community members.

Moved by: Bobbie Jean Kuehl, Parent Representative, St. Andrew's
Seconded by: Randy Bissonnette, Principal Representative

…Carried

The correspondence and approved responses will be posted on the ARC website.

5. Ongoing Development of Draft ARC Report to the Director of Education and the RCCDSB Board of Trustees

The ARC Chair presented the Committee with Draft #1 of the "*Accommodation Review Committee Report and Recommendation to the Director of Education and the RCCDSB Board of Trustees"* for discussion and feedback.

The ARC members, in reviewing the ARC Report and Recommendation provided the following considerations for inclusion in the ARC Report and Recommendations.

- The ARC Preferred Recommendation mentions only four of the five schools under review in the Madawaska Valley. The 5th school, St. John Bosco, should be included in the recommendation statement;
- The Board could consider staggered closures;
- The Board could take in to account respect for the students' home parish;
- To make the best possible transition for students and staff, the Board could develop an implementation plan to counter the numerous challenges resulting from school closure;
- Potential job losses for teachers, EA's and non-teaching staff should be considered;
- An effort be made to make viable re-investments to ensure the schools that are to stay open remain strong.

<u>MOTION #9.4 (Amendment to Motion 7.4)</u>
Motion 7.4 from the ARC Working Committee Meeting dated December 11, 2013 to approve the ARC Preferred Option reads:

"The Preferred ARC Option is to close St. Casimir's Catholic School effective September 2014, with student destination to St. Andrew's Catholic School. George Vanier Catholic School will remain status quo. St. Mary's Catholic School in Wilno will close, however a date for closure should be decided by the Board of Trustees. Destination for St. Mary's students will be St. Andrew's, with an option to attend St. John Bosco."

<u>AMENDMENT</u>:
That the "*Accommodation Review Committee Report to the Director of Education and the RCCDSB Board of Trustees*" Preferred ARC Option be amended to contain the specification that St. John Bosco Catholic School in Barry's Bay remains status quo.

Moved by: Tracey Percarski, Teacher Representative
Seconded by: Bobbie Jean Keuhl, Parent Representative, St. Andrew's

…Carried

The ARC suggested a further revision to name each school in a uniform format in the ARC Preferred Option. The ARC Preferred Option will read:

"The Preferred ARC Option is to close St. Casimir's Catholic School, Round Lake Centre effective September 2014, with student destination to St. Andrew's Catholic School, Killaloe. George Vanier Catholic School, Combermere will remain status quo. St. Mary's Catholic School, Wilno will close, however a date for closure should be decided by the Board of Trustees. Destination for St. Mary's Catholic School, Wilno students will be St. Andrew's Catholic School, Killaloe, with an option to attend St. John Bosco Catholic School, Barry's Bay. St. John Bosco Catholic School, Barry's Bay will remain status quo."

The ARC Chair reminded the Committee that the draft Accommodation Report and Recommendation, as revised at tonight's meeting, would be presented at the 4th Public Meeting in order for the ARC to seek input from the community.

<u>MOTION #9.5</u>
That Draft #1, "*Accommodation Review Committee Report and Recommendation to the Director of Education and the RCCDSB Board of Trustees*", as amended, be presented at the 4th Public Meeting on January 22, 2014.

Moved by: Constance Bersan, Parent Representative, St. Mary's
Seconded by: Judy Hartwig, Parent Representative, St. Casimir's

…Carried

6. <u>Preparing for ARC Public Meeting #4</u>

Following the adoption of any suggestions from the community at the final public meeting, the ARC Report and Recommendation will be finalized and submitted to the Director of Education on

February 24, 2014. This report would be presented to the RCCDSB's Board of Trustees for their consideration. The Staff Report will be presented at the same meeting. This Staff Report will be compiled by the Board's Senior Administration, with a responsibility to follow the ARC Terms of Reference.

The Board of Trustees, as required by the Board's Policy and Procedure, will have a minimum of 60 days to review the report prior to arriving at a final decision. This decision will be considered at the May 26, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

7. Disposition of Surplus Real Property – Ontario Reg. 444/98

A copy of Ontario Regulation 444/98, *"Disposition of Surplus of Real Property*" was distributed to the Committee. The ARC Secretary explained that if the Board were to declare any of its schools surplus to its needs, the Board would be required to offer the property to certain public bodies listed in the Regulation. Attention was drawn to Item 3.(3), as an information item, outlining public bodies to simultaneously receive proposals for the sale of surplus separate school buildings. Recipients listed range co-terminus school boards, the local college or university, the municipality and the Province.

8. Meeting Updates

WORKING MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
10	Wednesday, February 5, 2014	5:30 PM	Wilno Restaurant (Meeting Room)

9. Update of Public Meetings

PUBLIC MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
4	Wednesday, January 22, 2014	7:00 PM	St. Andrew's Catholic School, Killaloe

10. Other

There are no other items at this time.

MOTION #9.6
That the ARC Working Meeting #8 be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Moved by: Tracy Murray, Parent Representative, St. John Bosco
Seconded by: Tracy Glofcheskie, Parent Representative, George Vanier

…Carried