



MINUTES OF MEETING

PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW (PAR) PAC WORKING GROUP MEETING #1

TO: PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (PAC)

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2009 AT MONSIGNOR LEE SCHOOL (7pm)

RE: ORILLIA AREA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY REVIEW, 2008/2009

1. **Opening Prayer** – *A Meeting Prayer* was said by all
2. **Welcome/Introduction** – provided by Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
 - What is PAC? What is its purpose? Consultative process – How do we best accommodate student needs? (see handout outlining tonight's power point presentation)
 - outline of reasons why an elementary school accommodation review may be initiated

3. **Pupil Accommodation Review Presentation**

Structure and History – Jennifer Sharpe, Manager of Planning

- Jennifer explained the Ministry Accommodation Review structure
- explained Board adopted Pupil Accommodation Review Policy on June 13, 2007
- each school will be assessed using the School Valuation Framework
- consultative
- reviewed capital plan priorities
- reviewed previous accommodation reviews in Orillia
- explanation of timeline-
 - requirement: for 4 public meetings
 - process will take approximately 12 months
 - first public meeting – requires 60 days notice
 - need to firm up schedule and advertise in community to meet time lines
 - need time to gather and distribute public input
- explanation of PAC membership

Mandate of Committee – Darren

- valuation of schools
- objective process
- The Catholic School Community Council Central Committee has refined the generic school valuation framework – need
- need to customize the generic valuation framework for the Orillia area elementary schools to make it unique for Orillia schools
- PAC members represent school and working committee
- public meetings will also provide input
- finally – accommodation recommendations will be made to the School Board

Introducing the School Valuation Framework (SFV) – Darren

4 surveys will be completed for each of the five schools (Value to the Student, Community, School Board, Local Economy)

- value, opportunities, program, co-curricular, and other considerations
- impact of community will also be considered
- enrolment and funding declines also impact schools

Meeting Schedule - Darren

- *change – next meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2009*
- in the event of inclement weather – committee members will be notified and meeting will be re-scheduled on the following night. If buses are cancelled the morning of a scheduled meeting, it does not mean the meeting will be postponed. Sometimes road conditions improve.
- agenda and minutes will be posted on Board Website

Location of meetings - Darren

- first public meeting is at MLE on February 9
- all committee meetings will be at MLE.
- other public meetings will rotate among Orillia schools

PAC meeting structure and conduct – Darren

- respectful of opinions
- work toward consensus
- make recommendations that go to Board
- public may attend working group meetings as observers
- if we cannot reach a consensus decision - options are presented to Board with an indication of the level of support for each among the committee members

Binder – Kristin Pechkovsky, Planning Officer

- members were walked through the layout of the binder

Web-Site – Kristin

- identified that information related to this Accommodation Review, including minutes of meetings, binder information, reports will be posted on the Board's web-site under the 'Community' tab
- the Board's web-site is: www.smcdsb.on.ca

4. Customization of the School Valuation Framework (SFV) – Darren

- Members were referred to Tab 7 in the binder to have a very brief look at the generic School Valuation Framework developed by the Central Committee
- The Orillia PAC may add to this framework but may not remove items
- Reasons to add items – something specific to Orillia area schools or specific to one particular school in this area

5. Tasks for the Next Meeting – Darren

- Committee members are asked to review the SVF and consider what needs to be added to the list, if anything.

Questions:

1. Can mileage be given for participation?
 - consideration will again be given
 - recognition that some members will be required to drive further than others
 - recognition also that this is a volunteer committee
2. Process – Committee makes recommendations but Board decides. Will Board make a contrary decision after all this work?
 - It was noted that Boards do have the ability to make a contrary decision, however, to our knowledge, we are unaware of any at this time.
 - There is also an appeal process.
3. What will be the time frame for meetings?
 - Committee meetings should last no longer than 1 – 1 1/2 hours. Public meetings will be planned for 1 hour followed by 1 hour working committee meeting.

Attendance: See Sign-In sheet attached for the members that attended the meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8:25 p.m.