

**West Glanbrook Accommodation Review Committee
Public Consultation Meeting # 4
Wednesday, January 22nd, 2014
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Bell-Stone Elementary School
6025 White Church and Nebo Road, Mount Hope, On**

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Chair – Sue Dunlop

Voting Members – Amie Vandevrie, Trisha Woehrle, Karen Stewart, Janet Lewis, Melanie Holjak, Theresa Weylie, Alyson Brave

Non-Voting Members –Rob Maudsley, Alex Johnstone

Regrets

Voting Members – Steve Paul

Non-Voting Members - Nil

Resource Staff

Ian Hopkins

Recording Secretary

Colleen Pyke

Public - 5 public attendees present

1. Welcome and Introductions

There was a round table introduction of the Committee members and support staff.

2. Overview of Accommodation Review Process

Amie Vandevrie provided an overview of the Accommodation Review process including the mandate, Committee membership, Reference Criteria, types of meetings (working group and public) and where we are in the process.

3. Work Completed by Accommodation Review Committee

Alyson Brave provided an overview of the work completed by the ARC since the last public meeting including 5th and 6th working groups and the creation of the final report. She also explained the layout of

the final report and what is included in it. She also explained that copies of the draft report would be available at your table during the facilitated discussion period.

4. Accommodation Review Committee Recommendations

Alyson Brave reviewed the current situation in West Glanbrook including the boundary map, enrolment and utilization. She then presented the options the ARC has come up with.

Option 1:

Closure of Bell-Stone Elementary school in June 2014, relocation of students to Mount Hope Elementary school in September 2014, with capital improvements to Mount Hope including:

Washrooms 2014

FDK 2015

Parking lot 2015

Playground surface 2015

Gym expansion 2015

The ARC would also like to include a recommendation for a secondary boundary review including the new South Secondary School and Ancaster High School.

The rationale for option 1:

- Utilization increases to 99% in 2014
- ARC is requesting only the use of permanent space for the long term future. Temporary accommodation may be needed while the full day kindergarten room is added to the facility
- The ARC is not requesting any program changes offered at Mount Hope Elementary School
- Quality Teaching and learning environments: More teacher collaboration, flexible class compositions, shared technology, more resources for students, greater choice of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
- No additional transportation funding would be needed
- All schools will be fully accessible by 2025 in accordance with the Integration Accessibility Standards Regulation to create a barrier free and accessible Ontario

Financial impact:

Melanie Holjak explained the cost of the renovations requested by the ARC. She also explained the potential savings including administrative, operational and renewal.

Option 2:

Allow Bell-Stone School and Mount Hope School to remain open and complete a second accommodation review with Bellmoore included in the process. The Committee believes that with this recommendation there are more solutions to the accommodation issues in the area.

5. Facilitated Group Discussion

Facilitated discussion was held in a small group. The Committee provided questions for discussion:

1) What are your thoughts on the options presented?

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2) Is there anything else you think we should consider before we make our final recommendation?

6. Next Steps

Sue Dunlop briefly explained public delegations and encouraged everyone to come out. She noted that the dates will be circulated once they are finalized (approximately March or April of 2014). She thanked everyone for coming.

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7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.