



**Accommodation Review – Ancaster
Working Group Meeting # 3
February 2, 2017- 6:00 pm
Queen’s Rangers School – 1886 Governor’s Rd., Copetown
Minutes**

Attendance

Committee Members: Max Brett, Sarah Hopen, Sandy Bovair-Young, Jennifer Kershaw, Mike Bell, Sheri Mainprize, Elizabeth Crawford, Henry Kolodziej, Stephen Obermeyer, Gint Murphy

HWDSB Resource Staff: Jenny Seto-Vanderlip, Kelly Sweeting, Laura Subonovich, Tammy McLaughlin, John Gris, Jackie Kurtz

Trustees: Alex Johnstone, Jeff Beattie

Public: R. Leitner (Media), Queen’s Rangers (17)

Recording Secretary: Sue Phillips

1. Welcome

Bill Torrens welcomed the audience and committee and reviewed the agenda. It was noted that the meeting is a public meeting, however, the public can observe only. Bill noted he is available following the meeting to answer questions.

Bill noted the final goal of committee tonight is the public meeting discussion and the need to create some guiding principles.

School tour of Queen’s Rangers took place with Bill spending time answering some questions from public in attendance (17 people).

Confirmation of Public Meeting #1 minutes for approval. Approved.
Confirmation of Working Group #2 minutes for approval. Approved.

Ian Hopkins reviewed correspondence.

Q. Do the trustees use EQAO scores in their decision making?

A. No, that has not been a focus in the decision making.

Q. Is the Board aware of any situations regarding asbestos in the roof of the gym at C.H. Bray and the need to close the gym due to asbestos?

A. There has been one time in several years when that has happened. There are asbestos records available in every staff room by Board policy and there are no concerns of asbestos about C.H. Bray on a day to day basis.

Ian Hopkins proposed an additional meeting takes place on Feb. 22, 2017 based on a request from last WG meeting to tour the new school Tiffany Hills. Committee would like to table the decision to add a meeting until next Working Group meeting. Item tabled.

Ian reviewed Information requests.

Energy efficiency upgrades – there have not been any upgrades in these buildings. That will happen following the Accommodation Review. Once the review takes place each building will be assessed and recommendations will be brought forward.

Ian reviewed map regarding Ancaster planning area residential development – includes active development, draft approved development and proposed development. Proposed development is fluid information, some can go forward, some may become active. All the information goes into our enrolment forecasts. We are mailed the information from the city – often on a daily basis.

Ian reviewed the Greenbelt map – nothing is changing in this protected area.



Ian reviewed four components and eligibility criteria of capital funding sources.

- School consolidation capital, capital priorities, school renewal grants and proceeds/sale of properties

Info requests complete

Bill Torrens addressed the committee's goal and work plan, along with the key elements of the plan. First "to do" is to provide our voice to the interim report to trustees, which would include feedback from the public meetings and other information that is shared with you from the community. Along with that the additional accommodation plans which is the creative portion of our work. We will be identifying key elements shared with us by the public as well as working on alternative options on our own. We can have multiple options.

Activity purpose – review public meeting feedback looking for common aspirations from our fellow community members.

Comment/Request: might be better for E-Best provide a graph of quantitative data on public feedback.

Activity results – Guiding Principles (see attached)

Request from Trustee Johnstone for next meeting- are there any community partnerships that we would like to see come out of the review. I.e.; having partnership with the city/ school library and also think about examples of what exists. The second request – what is all the available land that could be considered. Is there city land that would be swapped, or land for sale. What are all the options?

- Q. I would like to add highlighted comments from the Queen's Rangers community where there is a strong component related to the rural identity.
- A. That is too school specific for this activity as we are looking at the wider/global needs. We eventually will get back to the school specific needs. We are not discounting it and the trustees are very aware of it.

Next WG meeting #4 – C.H.Bray – February 15 2017

Next PM meeting #2 – Ancaster High – March 9, 2017

Adjournment 8:05 p.m.



WG #3 Ancaster Accommodation Review – Guiding Principles

- Get funding for infrastructure
- Keep schools and communities linked - “close to home”
- Green spaces are part of “transformed environments”
- Modernize
- Maintain small community feel
- Dual track French Immersion at two sites
- The community wants the best learning opportunity for their children in facilities that are fitting and community based.