

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB)

North Accommodation Review Committee Meeting

Board Room – Education Centre

January 10, 2012

Working Meeting #10

Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members

Chair – Vicki Corcoran

Voting Members – Anna Busse, Michele Cameron, Michael Chalupka, Lisa Deys, Annie Fu, Jane Henry, Marie Jackson, Rick Kunc, Mohamud Mohamed, Prema Rao, Joyce Schneider, Dawn Spencer, Grant Thomas, Barb Wachner, Jane Withers

Non-Voting Members – Robert Barlow, Scott Barr, Marco Barzetti, Danielle Bawden, Paul Beattie, Judith Bishop, Marilyn Bratkovich, Lawrie Cook, Glenn Cooke, Geoff Coombs, Mark Currie, Jim Holubeshen, Peter Joshua, Nancy Leach, Ray Mulholland, Maria Pearson, Don Pente, Bob Pratt, Pam Reinholdt, Pat Rocco, Michael Root, Tim Simmons, Carol Town, Todd White

Regrets

Voting Members – Sandra Binns, Laura Gill

Non-Voting Members – Chad Collins, Jason Farr, Bernie Morelli, Sam Merulla

Resource Staff

Daniel Del Bianco, Jim Wibberley, Kevin Morton

Recording Secretary

Tracy McKillop

1.0 Call to Order

Superintendent Vicki Corcoran welcomed everyone to the final working group meeting and also welcomed members of the public who were sitting in the Gallery.

2.0 Agenda

2.1 Additions and Deletions –

The Committee agreed to take a short break to allow time for Tracy McKillop to print off this evening's minutes to be approved by the Committee. The break will occur after #7 (Correspondence).

2.2 Approval of the Agenda – The amended agenda was approved by consensus.

3.0 Debrief of the Public Meeting – There were no comments made by the Committee regarding the public meeting.

4.0 Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2011

4.1 Errors or Omissions – There were none.

4.2 Approval of the Minutes – The minutes were approved by consensus.

4.3 Business Arising from the Minutes - None were noted.

5.0 Minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2011

5.1 Errors or Omissions – There was a minor change made to the minutes.

5.2 Approval of the Minutes – The amended minutes were approved by consensus.

5.3 Business Arising from the Minutes - None were noted.

6.0 North ARC Final Report

6.1 Program Placement Chart – updated

The Committee received the updated program placement chart. There were no questions.

6.2 New School Components –

Mr. Del Bianco shared the components of the new school with the Committee. This information indicated what a typical 1250 pupil place school would include in the facility. This is a standard template and a high level overview.

C. There was some surprise expressed at the fact that the classrooms are loaded at 21 students when in fact some of the HWDSB classrooms have 33 students in each classroom. Mr. Del Bianco shared that a classroom of 750 square feet is loaded at 21 students by the Ministry. This is how the Board is funded and this is the Ministry template.

C. The auditorium is not listed on this information sheet.

Mr. Del Bianco shared that the Ministry does not fund an auditorium and that would need to be funded by the Board.

Mr. Kunc shared that the 21 students loading pertains to a 750 square foot classroom and it is based on the square footage. He also shared that a functional kitchen would be required for some of the programming and that is not listed on this sheet.

Trustee Bishop agreed with Mr. Kunc and felt that it was important to also look at including community programming and use of the kitchen. She also spoke to including child care facilities within the school.

Where will the Tier 2 and Tier 3 students be accommodated?

They would be considered classes so they would be in classrooms.

Mr. Del Bianco reiterated that this information is a high level overview. Once a final decision has been made by the Board of Trustees then changes could be made regarding the final allocation of rooms, programming and school needs.

Do the 21 students and classrooms include funding for the equipment that will be required for the program?

Mr. Wibberley shared that the equipment would come out of a different budget. It would not come out of the construction costs.

Do they provide restaurant level equipment for hospitality programs? Are we going to be able to fund all of the special programs?

Superintendent Rocco shared that prior to the purchasing of equipment the Board will have input from the Principals regarding the equipment required to meet the programming needs. They will have an opportunity to visit other facilities as well.

A Committee member shared that there will be equipment that is transferable from the schools that will be closing.

6.3 Draft Final Report – Mr. Del Bianco shared the Draft Final Report with the Committee.

Q. Are we going to lay out how we arrived at our decision in the appendices since this was a question raised at the public meeting?

Q. Can a summary of decision be made even in bullet form so that it is easy for people to understand – like an executive summary of the minutes?

Another member felt that the hours of discussion that the Committee had are in the minutes and people need to read the minutes to get a full understanding of how decisions were made. A bullet form gives the impression that money came before the students and that is not how this Committee worked.

A couple of members felt that it was nicely summarized in the report under Section 5.0.

Trustee Bishop also felt that it was important to have the guiding principles listed that lead the Committee to their final decision under section 5.0.

Mr. Del Bianco shared that he could include more information and more detail in the summary.

Q. Can we put the considerations and our philosophy in the summary as well? The Committee considered student need, cost effectiveness and the 21st Century fluencies.

C. We need to look at declining enrolment and include this in the report.

Q. Can it be in a logical progression and well laid out so that it shows that this is the best solution that the Committee could make?

There was some discussion on the wording of **Section 3 - #4**. The wording was changed to:

“The creation of a post-ARC Committee comprised of school council members, students, parents, staff and community members to inform direction around the transition, program, facilities and supports for the preservation of the Parkview Program.”

This was approved by consensus.

Mr. Wibberley felt that based on the earlier discussion he wondered if the Committee would like to add a footnote to the report indicating that they would like to see an auditorium in the new school.

Mr. Holubeshen would like to see it added as a theatre instead of an auditorium.

Q. Can we also add something about the horticultural program because that would require a green house and add something about community space?

Mr. Wibberley shared that it may be difficult to add that because that will be based on program placement and program availability.

The Committee decided on creating a footnote to number 1 which read:

It is the expectation of the North ARC that the new school include a 700 seat theatre and that space for community partnerships be included where interest and support is evident.

This was approved by consensus.

Transportation costs could increase by approximately \$100,000 per year based on the current North ARC recommendation.

Trustee Bishop feels that since the new school will be built in the middle of both Sir John a Macdonald and Delta that it may in fact reduce costs. There are a number of variables involved with transportation and often there is fundraising for students who take the bus yet are not eligible for transportation.

A Committee member also shared that there are other sources available for subsidising bus passes and tickets.

Also noted was the fact that a decision has not been made regarding the site of the new school and this could affect the transportation of students as well.

Trustee Bishop feels that perhaps we could mention the Committee invited the various groups from the Community and City to make a presentation. This could be added under Community Input as well as additional considerations.

There was a request for a change in wording of the Parkview program on page 21 **“The Parkview program is not solely defined by the physical structure of the building.”**

A request to have the transportation end on a positive note was requested by a committee member.

Community Input – could we have a reference to the Minutes added to this section to show that the Committee heard the community and reflected upon what they heard.

Judith Bishop asked if it could be recorded that Councillor Maria Pearson has attended the North ARC meetings since she is the only Councillor who has attended the meetings.

6.4 Approval of Final Report –

Danielle Bawden put forth a motion indicating that the amended report, as presented to the Committee, be approved. There was consensus on this motion.

The Chair shared that the report will now be submitted to the Director of Education who will see that it is presented to the Board of Trustees at the February 13th Committee of the Whole Meeting. At this meeting in February the North ARC will have the opportunity to formally present its report to the Trustees.

Mr. Del Bianco shared that process of presenting the report to the Trustees. Mark Currie, Nancy Leach, Grant Thomas, Barb Wachner and Scott Barr volunteered to present to the Board of Trustees.

7.0 Correspondence –

A letter was distributed to the Committee that had been delivered to Ken Bain.

8.0 Other Business -

8.1 Approving the Minutes of this meeting

Minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2012

Errors or Omissions – There were some minor changes made.

Approval of the Minutes – The Amended minutes were approved by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes –None were noted.

9.0 Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.