

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB)

South Accommodation Review Committee Meeting

Education Centre Board Room

January 26, 2012

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Chair -Scott Sincerbox

Voting Members - Bill Barrett, Beverly Bressette, Jackie Brown, Alexandra Butty, Ken Durkacz, Margaret Eagle, Alexandra Ewing, Kim General, Al Pierce, Anne Pollard, Cheryl Poot, Susan Pretula, John Whitwell

Non-Voting Members - Donna Clappison, Gary Deveau, Manny Figueiredo, Mag Gardner, Wes Hicks, Peter Joshua, Renee Majic, Joanna Maull, John Miholics, Laura Peddle, Kevin Robinson,

Regrets

Voting Members - Derek Hambly,

Non-Voting Members - Wanda Bielak, Scott Duvall, Patrick Elliott, Angela Ferguson, Randy Gallant, Brian Greig, Tom Jackson, Deb Jukes, Lillian Orban, Paul Vukosa, Terry Whitehead

Resource Staff

Daniel Del Bianco, Jim Wibberley, Ian Hopkins

Recording Secretary

Tracy McKillop

1.0 Call to Order – Scott Sincerbox

Superintendent Scott Sincerbox welcomed everyone to the seventeenth and final working group meeting. The Chair thanked Jackie Brown, Al Pierce and Susan Pretula for their great work at the fourth public meeting.

2.0 Agenda - <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/arc/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/South-ARC-Agenda-January-26-2012.pdf>

2.1 Additions/Deletions – There were no additions or deletions.

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

3.0 Minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2012

3.1 Errors or Omissions – There were no changes made to the minutes.

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

3.3. Business Arising from the Minutes –

Joanna Maull requested that the Pros and Cons list - keeping Mountain Secondary School as a stand alone school versus having it in a wing of a school - was not in the report and she would like to discuss this with the Committee for consideration.

4.0 Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2012

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

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

4.3. Business Arising from the Minutes - None were noted.

4.3.1. Debrief of the Public Meeting

Joanna Maull asked to have questions that were raised at the public meeting added to the report – e.g. stand alone recreation centre, updated information. Mr. Del Bianco shared that one of the concerns raised was the request for up to date FCI numbers. The Ministry states that when a school is under an ARC or being considered for an ARC there is no major capital funding allocated to the involved schools which means that the numbers would not change much.

Susan Pretula shared that she found that the public quite readily voiced their opinions and she understood the concerns that were raised.

5.0 South ARC Final Report

Mr. Del Bianco shared with the Committee that he would be going through the report one section at a time and changes could be made at their request.

5.1 Review of the Draft Final Report

The Committee had discussion of having the new school located on the South versus South East of the Linc for option “B.” It was decided that it is South in the motion.

The highlighted statement on page 3 regarding the Westmount program was discussed by the Committee. The Committee considered having further specificity on the highlighted area. There was not consensus on this. The floor was opened for discussion.

A motion was put forth to have the statement read: To further enhance Options B, D and E, the South ARC would like Trustees to engage the Westmount school community about the possibility of relocating the self-paced, self-directed program to Hill Park in the south cluster. The impact of relocating the self-paced, self-directed program to another school in Options B, D and E can be found in Appendices ...Vote 12 in favour and one abstention so the motion passed.

Mr. Del Bianco will add the rationale around the switching of the two school programs.

Trustee Peddle requested that Mr. Del Bianco be clear with the wording of the self paced program and the composite school.

Trustee Peddle indicated that boundary changes were discussed at the King George ARC as additional considerations.

Mr. Del Bianco shared that there are two trains of thought regarding the movement of the Westmount program. As Resource Staff both he and Jim Wibberley continue to advise against the movement of the Westmount program due to the fact that the Westmount community have not had a voice in this ARC. He understands the wishes of the Committee and will create the report as directed by the Committee.

Are we going to add that the South ARC took a pause in the process?

Mr. Wibberley stated that it is noted in the minutes. The Committee had some discussion on this topic. It was noted that there were no minutes taken during the one hour consultation that Director Malloy held with the South ARC members.

There was consensus to leave the report as it is currently written – without the notation of the “pause.”

Mr. Del Bianco shared that all of the correspondence will be included in the appendices.

Will the SIPs have the updated enrolment data from October 2011?

They will be included in the appendices.

Anne Pollard requested that the updated actual numbers for the Mountain Students be included under Option “B.”

Mr. Del Bianco shared that the Ministry will still look at the loading of the classroom as 21 students. It can be referenced in the report though.

Mr. Del Bianco will include the date of distribution in the title of the SIP and put a link to the appendices with the updated enrolment data.

Trustee Peddle wanted to see bullet points under the SIP area. Mr. Del Bianco shared that this is really an overview; however, more detail could be captured later in the document under additional considerations.

Is the clarification letter from Associate Director as well as the letter from Judith Bishop included in the report? Mr. Del Bianco shared that they will be in the appendices if they came to the Committee as correspondence.

Al Pierce wanted to put a motion forward to include the letter. Mr. Del Bianco stated that if it came through the Committee as correspondence then it would be included in the appendices and if not then it should not be included.

There was discussion of the FI program on page 13. Superintendent Joshua stated that it was never the intent to move the FI program. It is not intended to move or draw students away from the existing program. We would need to double the FI program to offer it in a second location.

Mr. Del Bianco will echo that the options are in no particular order in Section #3.

On February 13, 2012 all three Secondary Reports will be presented to the Board of Trustees by the ARC members.

The highlighted area at the top of page 13 will be changed to say Hill Park.

#6 on page 13 will remain as written.

Amend the options to say "South" not "South East."

There was a question about the enrolment numbers for the Mountain students –the correct option "D" keeps Mountain open so Mr. Del Bianco will correct the report to reflect that change on page 12 and will also show the inclusion of additional Alt Ed programs.

Jackie Brown shared that athletic programs and Health and Wellness programs are two different programs.

Surplus pupil places – surplus will be in red and deficit will be in black and clearly stated.

Will the associate cluster schools distribution be reflected in the boundary changes? Yes they will.

Additional Considerations:

1. Mountain Program

Referencing what the Mountain Program would look like if the rooms were loaded as a Spec Ed or Resource Room. This would change the utilization numbers. There was consensus to include this information in the report.

Joanna's Pros and Cons charts for both a stand alone school and being housed in another school. The Committee discussed whether to include this in the report. It was decided that Mountain would be spoken about in the report presentation to the Board of Trustees.

Anne Pollard would like to add: to ensure equity in the Tier 2 and 3 programs that the students have the option of joining into the regular program or remaining in their specialized programs. The Committee felt that this could be addressed in the presentation that will be made to the Board of Trustees.

2. Westmount Secondary School

There were changes made to the paragraph on page 26 – "the Committee members" will change to "the Committee" and Westmount Secondary School changed to "the self paced program, self directed program located at Westmount Secondary School."

The movement of the self paced program is covered later in the report under rationale.

3. Location of the New School

There were some changes made to the wording in the paragraph.

4. Trustee Peddle made a suggestion on the wording. The Committee decided to include #4 in the rewording of #3.

5. This line will be removed from the report. There was consensus to remove this line.

Mr. Del Bianco will create #4 identifying the updated enrolment numbers that the Committee received this evening. There was consensus on this.

Margaret Eagle stated that there were some issues with the ARC process and she would like to have this included in the report. Mr. Del Bianco shared that all members will be asked how the process can be stream lined moving forward. What were the things that you liked and disliked?

Al Pierce stated that they would like this to happen publicly.

Kevin Robinson did not believe that this should be done in a formal report.

Mr. Del Bianco shared that delegations will be heard on April 10th by the Board of Trustees and no final decisions will be made prior to May 2012.

5.2 Approval of Final Report

There was a motion to approve the final report as amended. There was consensus to approve the amended report.

5.3 Presenting to the Board

Mr. Del Bianco shared information on the presentation of the report to the Board of Trustees. The report will be received by the Board of Trustees; however, no decisions will be made the night of the presentation. Kevin Robinson, Anne Pollard, Gary Deveau and Susan Pretula will present the amended report to the Committee of the Whole.

There was consensus to move off of item #5.

6.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for tonight's meeting.

7.0 Other Business

7.1 Minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2012

7.2 Errors or Omissions – There were minor changes made to the minutes.

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

7.4 Business Arising from the Minutes - None were noted.

There was consensus to move off of item #7.

8.0 Adjournment - 9:10 p.m.

The Chair shared his sincere thanks to all of the Committee members and Staff for all of their hard work.