

North Accommodation Review Committee Meeting

Board Room – Education Centre

March 22, 2011

Working Meeting #3

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Chair – Vicki Corcoran

Voting Members – Jayne Bentley, Sandra Binns, Anna Busse, Michele Cameron, Michael Chalupka, Lisa Deys, Annie Fu, Jane Henry, Marie Jackson, Rick Kunc, 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, Glenn Cooke, Geoff Coombs, Susan Corrigan, Mark Currie, Rich Gelder, Jim Holubeshen, Peter Joshua, Ray Mulholland, Jamie Nunn, Maria Pearson, Don Pente, Bob Pratt, Pam Reinholdt, Pat Rocco, Michael Root, Tim Simmons, Todd White

Regrets

Voting Members –

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

Resource Staff

Daniel Del Bianco, Jim Wibberley, Kevin Morton, Ellen Warling

Recording Secretary

Tracy McKillop

1. Call to Order

Superintendent Vicki Corcoran welcomed everyone to the third working group meeting. She indicated that they had a busy agenda ahead and that they were now almost 30 per cent of the way through the meetings.

Superintendent Vicki Corcoran stated that they had spent a great deal of time listening during the initial three meetings. However, tonight the Committee would begin the task of developing their own recommendations to the Board of Trustees. She stated that it will not be a quick task but its developments of these recommendations are the core purpose of the ARC.

She spoke of the follow-up information from the previous meetings that had been included in the handouts and reminded the Committee that microphones were available for their use so that everyone could be clearly heard.

2. Agenda

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

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

3. Minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2011

3.1 Errors or Omissions – There were no errors or omissions.

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

3.3 Business Arising from the Minutes - The Chair shared that there were a number of questions that came from each of the smaller groups and the Committee as a whole. These were compiled and the answers have been provided to the Committee members. Mr. Daniel Del Bianco then commenced with reviewing the information and answering any questions that arose.

3.3.1 SIP Follow-up – Responses to issues/questions raised:

#2 – Michael Root raised the question “how are students with special needs receiving funding – is there a dollar amount designated on a per pupil basis. Superintendent Corcoran stated the Special Education funding comes in a number of different ways - per pupil amount which is based on the population of the Board as a whole and allocated accordingly. The Board receives a certain dollar amount per pupil (SEPPA) and this funding is to be used for Special Education as well as support services – they get some support for equipment. Community Partnerships (care treatment and corrections) funding that comes in covers the salary of the teachers who go out to the community to teach these students. They are not counted in the enrolment because they can not be counted twice.

3.3.2 School Tour Information – There were no changes to the school tours. Everyone was asked to let Tracy know if you could not make it and when asked how long the tour would be the designated time was 8:30-3:30 with pick up at Sir John A Macdonald.

3.3.3 Clarifications from Previous Meeting – there were none.

4 Minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2011

4.1 Errors or Omissions – There were no errors or omissions.

4.2 Approval of the Minutes – The minutes were approved and consensus was given.

4.3 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.3.1. Debriefing from the Public Meeting – there were some concerns raised and the Chair indicated that we will follow up with signage:

- Trustee Judith Bishop shared she feels the North ARC needs to consider the Code Red Articles that were brought up at the public meeting because they hold very valuable points. The needs of the community are very important.

4.3.2 Submissions to the ARC by members of the public.

The Chair stated that we have received some inquiries about how members of the public can make formal submissions to the ARCs beyond a brief comment or question at a public meeting. Mr. Wibberley was asked to speak to this item and outline the options. He indicated that the Committee needs to decide if they would like to receive formal submissions and if so how would they like to receive them.

The options were:

1. Set a time to hear delegations at a public meeting. For example delegations could be heard at the third public meeting. These could have a ten minute time limit and allow for a longer written submission to be submitted to the Committee. The Committee could also offer to receive written submission without a presentation. Delegations would be required to request delegation status and to follow the time limits.
2. The Committee could decide to receive only written submissions.
3. The Committee could decide not to receive delegations or written submission but it should be noted that all correspondence will be forwarded to the Committee.

Some of the questions and comments were:

- How can we integrate our planning with that of the community? Trustee Bishop felt that it was valuable to have a particular time to have the community groups.

- Mr. Del Bianco responded by saying that it is important for the Committee to know what the City is planning and what their vision is and we would welcome the opportunity to have these groups make a presentation.
- Superintendent Corcoran informed the Committee that there is an email address on the web site for anyone to write with any comments or concerns.
- Some of the Committee members were interested in having presentations made to the group prior to the next public meeting on May 3, 2011. Others felt that it would be advantageous to have the presentations prior to the public meeting as well as at the public meeting.
- For those who were going to present to the group the ARC members felt that a written submission was a good idea as well. These could be posted to the web site for the public as well as other ARC Committees to see.
- Due to the number of presentations that could potentially be presented it was felt that perhaps spreading them out over a few meetings would be advantageous which would still allow time for the group to work.
- There was some concern over what the public may be expecting at the next public meeting. Mr. Del Bianco indicated that the Committee could present concepts without numbers. He felt that the group could present something more advanced if they were ready to do that. He shared that this will give the Committee an opportunity to hear from the public with respect to their recommendation.
- Consensus was given to hear presentations by the three groups, North End Community Planning Groups, the Hamilton Community Foundation and the City's Planning folks, over three working meetings and written information at anytime.

5. Presentations

5.1 Demographic and Enrolment Projection Methodology

Daniel Del Bianco made the Demographic and Enrolment Projection Methodology presentation to the Committee. The following points were made:

- The data is derived from historical data.
- After peaking in 2002, elementary enrolment declined by approximately 5%.
- Between 2007 and 2018, Province-wide elementary enrolment is projected to decline by an additional 14%
- Between 1998 and 2007 secondary enrolment increased by 3%
- Province-wide secondary enrolment is projected to decline by 17% by 2018
- Two charts were given which showed the historical and projected Elementary and Secondary Enrolment.
- There were components of enrolment projections given.

- A slide showing Demographic and Housing Trends was shown.
 - Maturing communities – it takes a long time to mature and the turn over is slower. The elderly people stay in their homes longer.
 - New homes have a different yield than mature homes and town homes also have a different yield.
- A map showing Development Plans was included. Development Plans are on the City web site.
- JK Enrolment Trends
 - If JK enrolment declines then everything declines as the years go on. A lot of the information comes from the Census statistics.
 - People are not having as many children.
 - Live births have decreased so there are fewer children and women are having children later in life so the turn over is stretched even further.
 - There are more grade 8's leaving the system than JK s coming into the system.
- Apportionment Rates
 - At the Secondary level there is more fluctuation in enrolment because the students can choose between attending the Elementary Schools or the Secondary Schools – it can be a simple as who has the newer school or the better programs available.
- North ARC Cluster of Schools was a map showing the location of the Secondary Schools.

For a full detail of the presentation please visit the web site or click on the following link:

http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/arc/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/Item9-NorthARC_Enrol_Demo_Presentation.pdf

5.2 Question and Comments:

- 15-17% of students have opted out of education – The Board could offer something additional to draw the students back. For example if trades were brought back into the school. Have you looked at those stats? Mr. Del Bianco indicated that “no” the Board has not. Trustee Bishop stated that they have those kinds of statistics in Manitoba however we do not have anything like that available to us in Ontario. Superintendent Rocco did indicate that if the question was about the students in our system that have dropped out of school – those kinds of statistics are available to the Board and have been declining over the last few years.
- The question was further asked – “we are only counting the enrolled students now what about all of the students who we could entice to join back into the schools. Mr. Del Bianco shared that time would be required to search that out.
- Paul Beattie shared that research that was given from January of 2011 stating that 17% of youth 15, 16 & 17 years old are not attending any type of secondary school.
- A question of why we are comparing the elementary enrolment with the secondary enrolment was raised. Mr. Del Bianco indicated that he could get a break down of grades 8-9, 9-10 for the next meeting.

6. Pupil Accommodation Options

6.1 Initial discussion of accommodation options in North area

Mr. Del Bianco stated that the point for this evening was to breakout into small groups and capture what has been said over the course of two working meetings and one public meeting. Some things to consider would be:

- What we like to see in an option and what we would like to see.
- How to tailor the Board option, if that is possible.
- What elements of the Board option can stay and what do we want to move away from.

Mr. Del Bianco then went on to share ideas that the group could be working towards:

- He stated that at the next public meeting #2 it will be the Committee that stands in front of the public and reviews the group's progress to date.
- This may come in the form of really high level ideas
- It might be more specific – depending on how much the group covers in the next two meetings and in no way does this mean that the Committee has to have the ARCs final recommendation ready and completed.
- The Committee will want to seek input from the community on the direction that the ARC has taken.

6.2 Other information requested

Mr. Del Bianco will transcribe the notes from the groups and summarize.

6.3 Next Steps

The groups will remain the same for the next working meeting and continue to work on their recommendations.

7. Correspondence

The Chair shared that we have an email address on the HWDSB website that the public can use to send questions or offer comments on the work of the ARC. Some of these questions are simple process question which Mr. Wibberley answers and others are questions or comments directed to the committee. We will provide the ARC with emails, letters etc that are directed to the committee under this section of the agenda.

Questions and Comments:

- Will there be an opportunity for the Committee to discuss the public meeting. Mr. Wibberley indicated that this could have happened at the “debriefing of the public meeting” on the Agenda.

- Mr. Wibberley shared that Delta is not accessible according to the Ministry Guidelines. Even though the first floor is accessible it does not meet the criteria.
- The question was raised if the Committee has the power to change the time of the public meeting. The Chair indicated that the Committee does have the ability to change the time of the public meeting however it has already been advertised.
- After further discussion the Committee reached consensus on the meeting time. **The next public meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m.**

8. Other Business

Questions and Comments

- There was concern that Woodview is a partnership and those students are not included in the enrolment counts. It was felt that community programs should be captured somewhere because they are very important.
- Page 2 of question 5 – can we include the cafeteria and cosmetology at Delta, which is run by students, as a specialty space. The SIP does not allow for this currently however the cafeteria at Delta is like others however it is larger and has a learning environments and cosmetology is a functioning hair salon so it should be included as a specialty space. Superintendent Rocco shared that there are other schools that have cosmetology so he wanted to know how it is being classified in other schools as well as other ARCs. Mr. Del Bianco stated that the Committee can change this to a yes as a specialty space.
- Question 8-4 – Ancaster, Sir John A Macdonald and Westdale all have theatres and bring in more money for rental. This needs to be acknowledged.
- Include Heritage Language Programs – these should be classified as Government initiatives. Trustee Bishop felt that these need to be captured.
- Trustee Bishop felt that the child care centre at Delta, a community half day program, does not fit a dedicated program – it is a renovated room however it should be noted somewhere.
- Jim Holubeshen indicated that he was tired of the rumours that were circulating and suggested that the group take the information that comes from their own Committee and Chair and work with that. Superintendent Corcoran shared that all of the ARCs run under the Terms of Reference.

9. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. There was consensus to adjourn.