

North Accommodation Review Committee Meeting

Board Room – Education Centre

May 3, 2011

Working Meeting #5

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Chair – Vicki Corcoran

Voting Members – Sandra Binns, Anna Busse, Susan Corrigan, Lisa Deys, Annie Fu, Marie Jackson, Jane Henry, 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, Mark Currie, Jim Holubeshen, Peter Joshua, Nancy Leach, Ray Mulholland, Maria Pearson, Bob Pratt, Pam Reinholdt, Pat Rocco, Michael Root, Tim Simmons, Todd White

Regrets

Voting Members – Michele Cameron, Michael Chalupka, Laura Gill

Non-Voting Members – Chad Collins, Jason Farr, Bernie Morelli, Sam Merulla, Jamie Nunn, Don Pente

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 fifth working group meeting. 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. The Chair spoke to the Committee of the upcoming Public Meeting at Glendale Secondary School. She shared that one of the most important tasks for the evening is to agree on the content of the meeting. There are two main purposes of the Public Meeting. One is to get feedback. This means hearing the ideas or concerns of the community. The second purpose is to present the work

of the Committee to the community. The goal by the end of the meeting is to be clear and agree on what will be presented to the community.

2. Agenda

2.1 Additions and Deletions – Michael Root has a draft proposal to share with the Committee and asked to have this included in the discussion. Consensus was given to share Michael’s proposal. No other additions or deletions were added.

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

Mr. Wibberley shared at this time that Mr. Terry Cooke will be presenting to the Committee at the working group meeting in June and Mr. Paul Johnston, from the City of Hamilton, will be presenting to the Committee at the working group meeting in September.

3. Accommodation Options and Program Plan

3.1 Concepts, Ideas and Issue Discussed – Mr. Del Bianco stated to the Committee that the meeting objectives for the night would include:

- An overview of the concept options.
- Review the concept options in working groups.
- Develop a “pros” and “cons” list for each option.
- Determine how many options the Committee would like to present at the public meeting.
- Consider how to incorporate the program strategy.
- Nominate one ARC member from each working group to present at the public meeting.
- Reconvene as a large group to discuss the results.

Maps were distributed to illustrate some of the options that came out of the group work. The concept options were as follows:

- A) Closure of Sir Winston Churchill and Delta and build a new school between the two schools.
- B) Closure of Sir Winston Churchill and Delta and build a new school on the Delta site.
- C) Closure of Parkview and relocate the Parkview program in a wing at Delta.
- D) Closure of Parkview and the Parkview students would be accommodated in the home school with locally developed courses.
- E) Closure of Sir Winston Churchill and Sir John A Macdonald and build a new art school on the Sir John A Macdonald site.
- F) Closure of Delta and Sir John A Macdonald and build a new school on a site between the two schools (site location yet to be determined).
- G) Closure of Delta, Parkview and Sir John A Macdonald and construct a new school on one of these sites and have a wing dedicated to the Parkview program.
- H) Closure of Delta, Parkview and Sir Winston Churchill and construct a new school on one of these sites and have a wing dedicated to the Parkview program.
- I) Closure of Delta, Glendale and Sir Winston Churchill and construct a new school on one of the existing sites.

3.2 Questions and Comments

Grant Thomas shared that there are available sites as Siemans, which is closing, Montgomery Park and the old Dominion glass site is for sale. It was stated that anything north of Barton would have to be re-zoned as it is currently zoned industrial.

3.3 Accommodation Options – Discussions in Small Groups

Everyone broke out into small groups to discuss the pros and the cons of the above listed options and to elect one person from each group to present at the public meeting.

3.4 Reports from Small Groups

Geoff Coombs will be one of the representatives at the public meeting. Their group felt that option G and F were the most viable options. This group felt that the others did not meet the programming needs or did not close enough seats to fulfill the committee's mandate.

Scott Barr is another representative and his group took another approach when looking at the options. They looked at any options that they were not comfortable presenting at the public meeting. This group felt that options D, E and I were not viable options for the following reasons:

- (D) It did not address the utilization rate
- (E) Leaving an old school like Delta open and losing the Churchill associated facilities.
- Putting too many students into three high schools

They also spoke about the closure of Bishop Ryan that is scheduled in a year and a half. If that population decides to come to the Public Board then that would mean an additional 500 students at Glendale. They selected option F and G.

Michael Root will be representing the third group. Mr. Root shared that it is the recurring theme of building a new school in the inner city to invigorate and draw people to the inner City. This group were concerned with option A – losing the recreation centre at Sir Winston Churchill. Option E created a large distance between Delta and Westdale. They thought that a blend of options F and G would be good. They considered option F however the concern was that the Delta site might be too small. They also felt that Sir John A Macdonald would be a good art school.

All of the groups shared the concern regarding finding land and what option would they choose if that were the case. Mr. Del Bianco stated that every group asked that same question and there is no easy answer. To avoid that challenge there needs to be a number of options to present. Do we look for land or do we build on an existing site? He shared that over the summer they will look to see what land is available and the pros and cons of that. He indicated that these options are just conceptual at this time.

4.0 Planning for the Public Meeting

The Chair shared with the Committee that they need to agree on a summary of the work that the Committee has completed to date, how it will be presented and by whom. Discussion will also be required to determine who will chair or co-chair.

Mr. Del Bianco shared a draft Agenda with the Committee. It was felt that the presentation at the earlier public meeting was way too long so for the upcoming meeting the following would be provided:

- A brief overview of the ARC process – perhaps a few slides.
- A brief summary of the information that has been presented to the Committee.
- Where to find the information on the web site.
- An update on the work of the Committee to date followed by a question and answer period.

Mr. Del Bianco shared that he could do the presentation and then hand the meeting over to the three presenters Geoff Coombs, Scott Barr and Michael Root.

The Committee further discussed which options to present at the public meeting. They reached consensus on posting all nine options on the web site and presenting options A, F, G and H (with a new site).

The question of program strategy was discussed and it was decided that the program strategy would be discussed as the ARC narrows down the final option in the fall – consensus was reached on this.

After some discussion Praema Rao was nominated to Co-Chair the meeting and she agreed.

Mr. Del Bianco asked the Committee if they would like to have the Senior Administration's Option presented again. After some discussion consensus was reached to have a brief mention of this in the opening slide presentation.

Michael Root asked the Committee if the draft proposal that he created could be put on the web site. They agreed and gave consensus.

5.0 Minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2011

5.1 Errors or Omissions – there were none.

5.2 Approval of the Minutes – Consensus was given.

5.3. Business Arising from the Minutes – there were none.

6.0 Correspondence

Trustee Todd White inquired if French Immersion would be added to the program strategy for Glendale. Is there any historical data? If a second French Immersion program is added will there be enough enrolment in the Glendale area? He wanted to know if Bishop Ryan offered French Immersion. The Committee reached consensus to request this information.

7.0 Other Business – none

8.0 Adjournment – 9:11 p.m.