



North Brant Elementary
Accommodation Review Committee

December 2, 2015 – 7:00 PM
Cobblestone Elementary School – Gymnasium

MEETING NOTES

In Attendance:

W. Baker (Facilitator) – Superintendent of Education, **Rita Collver** – Trustee, **Tom Waldschmidt** – Trustee, **Jennifer Kyle** – Parent Representative, Burford Elementary School **Melissa Warren** – Parent Representative, Cobblestone Elementary, **Pam Barrowcliffe** – Parent Representative, North Ward Public School, **Joan Faux** – Parent Representative, Paris Central.

Brenda Blancher - Director of Education, Mary Ann Shay, Principal – Burford Elementary, Jeff Senior – Principal, Cobblestone Elementary, Cathy Shaheen – Principal, North Ward Public School, Sharon Lytle – Principal, Paris Central, and Grand Erie District School Board administrative staff: Jamie Gunn – Superintendent of Business, Michelle O'Reilly – Planning Officer, Shawn McKillop – Manager of Communications and Community Relations, and Wendy Slaven – Recording Secretary, were in attendance to provide resource to the Committee.

Other Board members present: Carol Ann Sloat – Chair of the Board, John Harris – Trustee, Alex Felsky – Trustee, David Dean – Trustee.

1. Welcome and Introduction

W. Baker, Facilitator of the Committee, welcomed Committee members and those present in the audience to the second meeting of the North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review Committee, which now includes Burford Elementary School.

2. Meeting Notes – Nov. 3/15

- W. Baker directed that any changes be sent to wendy.slaven@granderie.ca or info@granderie.ca.

3. Review of ARC Process

- B. Blancher's review of the process will be posted on the Board website.

4. Developments since Nov. 3/15 meeting

- B. Blancher indicated information will be posted on the Board website.
- Additional time will be taken to consider options.

5. Yields from New Residential Development

- Data presented by J. Gunn can be found on the Board website.

6. Delegation Meeting Process

ARC and audience were advised of the following:

- Spokesperson for each delegation will speak, with a 10 minute time limit
- ARC members have reviewed all submissions
- Speaker shall remain at podium for questions from ARC members
- Delegations shall conduct themselves with courtesy and respect for others

7. Delegations

The following delegations were heard:

- 7.1 Mahy, Kristi
- 7.2 Feist, Aimee
- 7.3 Gallant, Sonya *
- 7.4 McDougall, Devon
- 7.5 Strauss, Julie - absent
- 7.6 Paris Student Body – Ella
- 7.7 Reynolds, Michelle and Dave *
- 7.8 Keefe, Lisa
- 7.9 Parents of North Brant FI Programming – Reid, Laura
- 7.10 Ripski, Robin/Faux, Alex
- 7.11 McCrea, Shona
- 7.12 McDougall, T.J.
- 7.13 St. Paul's United Church – Rev. Barbara Fullerton
- 7.14 MacDougall, Tom

* Denotes submission read on behalf of the sender.

All written submissions will be posted on the Grand Erie website at www.granderie.ca.
Questions regarding the process may be submitted by email to info@granderie.ca

8. Questions from the Community

Q - Is there now a fourth option of dual-track?

R – It was very clear the community sees dual track as the most viable option – it will be presented.

Q - When will a decision will be made?

R – The plan is to wrap up this portion of the bigger process at the next meeting, with unaddressed questions answered, and proposal of what the Trustees will receive. Trustees will get this information in February to make their deliberations. FI is tied with North Brant ARC, this will have to wait and see how FI will play out at Paris Central, if that becomes the answer. We will finish here while FI group does information gathering.

FI consultation group will meet in February, with final meeting in May, then will share with other stakeholders. Report to Trustees in June for a decision in the fall. If appropriate, representation from Paris Central will be invited to join the consultation committee. Registration for KP Paris Central will be open into the future.

Q - At the beginning of the process the ARC and FI Accommodation were completely separate issues. Now you're telling us one does hinge on other?

R – There were two meetings for FI that were happening in Brantford. We were dealing with FI accommodation issues in Brantford that something out of this ARC may alleviate.

A decision will be made in Brantford related to FI which may then relate to Paris. The consultation committee will not be making a recommendation to the Board. If Paris has a FI component, then we will invite Paris representation. If things are status quo then there is no

point in having Paris representation. An invitation will go to the principal for parent representation on committee. We will be starting to meet at the end of February.

Q – Can we be given consideration for a voice at the committee?

R - We will take it into consideration.

Q - Will our questions in the submissions be answered?

R – We will consider how to group them together, then answer.

Q - Does the Board feel there is a better way to keep sense of community, another approach going forward?

R – We try to work within to build sense of community when we have consolidated schools. I think there is a better way for us to have communicated, but we are stuck with processes. There is a Transition Committees policy – communication goes to Trustees, parents from schools closing, teachers, community members on how to smoothly transition students from one school to another. For example, starting in the spring there could be transition activities at the new school, with participation of students who will be moving to the new school.

Q – Would dual track be just 4-8 or starting at JK?

R - Gr. 4-8 would be the start, but options could be put forward to the committee.

Q - Regarding Catholic Board announcement of starting FI program – is this part of analysis?

R - This was announced after we had started the process. We always take into account what's happening in our coterminous board, we don't share our numbers.

Q - If we don't have FI JK for next year?

R - We do have it, but not in Paris.

Q - Will the Trustees know about Burford's late entry into process, and the timeline?

R - Trustees approved the inclusion of Burford. Trustees come to the meetings, and are in attendance tonight.

Questions can be sent to info@granderie.ca, and will be answered at the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, January 14/16, 7:00 p.m. at North Ward P.S.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.