



Haldimand East Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee

December 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM
Rainham Central School - Gymnasium

MEETING NOTES

In Attendance:

Brian Doyle (Chair)--Vice-Chair of the Board, **James Richardson**—Trustee, **Linda De Vos**—Superintendent of Education, **Dave Peters**—ETFO, **Marion Kline**—Principal, Fairview Avenue Public School, **David Gervais**—Principal, Grandview Central Public School, **Julie White**—Principal, J.L. Mitchener Public School, **Alison Cooke**—Principal, Rainham Central School, **Anthony Van Hell**—Parent Representative, Anna Melick Memorial School, **Danielle Lipson**—Parent Representative, Fairview Avenue Public School, **Tina McIntee**—Parent Representative, Grandview Central Public School, **Jen Smith**—Parent Representative, J.L. Mitchener Public School, **Melony Cooper**—Parent Representative, Rainham Central School, **Cara Dorland**—Parent Representative, Thompson Creek Elementary School, **Bernie Corbett**, Municipal Councillor, Haldimand County.

Absent/Regrets:

Nancy Hondula—CUPE, **Deborah Warner**—Principal, Anna Melick Memorial School, **Charlotte Morphet**—Principal, Thompson Creek Elementary School, **Mark Gibson**—Cayuga and District Chamber of Commerce.

1. Welcome and Introductions

B. Doyle, Chair of the Committee, welcomed members and those in the audience to the seventh meeting of the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee.

Other Board members present were David Dean, Chair of the Board and Carol Ann Sloat—Former Chair of the Board.

Brenda Blancher, Director of Education, and Grand Erie District School Board administrative staff: Jamie Gunn—Superintendent of Business, Shawn McKillop—Manager of Communications and Community Relations, and Elaine Roberts—Recording Secretary were in attendance to provide resource to the Committee.

The Meeting Notes of November 17, 2015 were reviewed and amended to show Karen Allen, Alternate Parent Representative for Thompson Creek Elementary School attended in place of Cara Dorland. It was noted that, of the 10 voting members on the Committee, 7 voted for a preferred option, 2 were absent and 1 abstained.

All information, including agendas, slides, meeting notes and reports presented during the Accommodation Review process are posted on the Grand Erie website at www.granderie.ca.

2. Sharing of the Accommodations Review Report and Recommendation to the Board of Trustees

B. Blancher, Director of Education, reviewed the components of the Community Review stage of this ARC. Community Review is now complete. An ARC report summarizing the steps of the review and recommendation from the November 17, 2015 was officially received by the Director on December 8, 2015. The report contains: background information, completed school profiles, committee membership, meeting dates and minutes, delegation submissions, and the ARC's recommendation to the Board.

The Board Review stage will now commence and involves:

- a review of the ARC report by the Senior Administration of Board
- recommendations from Administration to the Trustees
- review and decision by Trustees – January 18, 2016

2.1 Questions from the Committee

Chair, Brian Doyle requested questions from the Committee.

Q – What will happen if the Ministry of Education does not approve construction of a new school (*Option 11*)?

R – That determination cannot be made at this time. Once a Board decision with respect to one option or multiple options is made, Administration can look at what actions or processes then need to be taken.

No further questions were asked.

3. Summary Comments Regarding Next Steps in the Review Process

The presentation from the Director of Education will be posted on the Grand Erie website. Administration will review the recommendations and prepare a report for the Trustees on January 18, 2016. Both the ARC report and the Administrative report will be made public when presented to the Board.

Delegations will again be welcome to present at an upcoming Board meeting. Information regarding the delegation process is also available on the Grand Erie website.

Chair Doyle thanked members of the Accommodation Review Committee, the community and Board personnel for their involvement and for their support throughout the review process.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.