



# Final Meeting of the Haldimand East Elementary ARC

Date: December 8, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Rainham Central Public School

*Achievement*

*Environment*

*Engagement*

# Stages of the Review

**Preparation Stage** – The Board appoints the ARC Committee. Committee is chaired by a Trustee. **Complete**

**Community Review Stage** - An ARC committee must meet a minimum of four times. One meeting must be for the purpose of sharing the ARC's recommendations with the community. **Completed December 8, 2015**

The community consultation period must be at least 90 days. This is the period during which the committee meets and prepares its report. **Completed**

**The Board Review Stage** includes: **Future process**

1. Review of the ARC Report by the Senior Administration of Board
2. Recommendations from Administration to the Trustees
3. Review and decision by Trustees
  - For each phase of the review there are specific requirements.



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# ARC Recommendations

- The recommendations will address every school in the review area. **Yes**
- At the second meeting, Senior Administration will outline possible options as the starting point for the discussion. The final recommendations of the ARC often look different. **Complete**
- The ARC report is submitted to the Director of Education – **December 8, 2015**. Administration will review the recommendations and prepare a report for the Trustees. **January 18, 2016**
- Both the ARC report and the Administrative report will be made public when presented to the Board.



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## GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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TO: Brenda Blancher, Director and Secretary  
FROM: Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee  
RE: **REPORT OF THE HALDIMAND EAST ELEMENTARY ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
DATE: January 18, 2015

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**Recommended Action:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report of the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee as information.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee was established to ensure viable school organizations are consistent with available funding, efficient use of school buildings and appropriate accommodation for elementary students in the Haldimand East area.

A review of all buildings, utilization and capital investments was completed by the Board's Quality Accommodations Committee. The Quality Accommodations Committee determined the long term enrolment projections for the six elementary schools (Anna Melick, Fairview Avenue, Grandview Central, J.L. Mitchener, Rainham Central and Thompson Creek) in Haldimand East which will realize approximately **553 surplus pupil spaces within 10 years**. Also reviewed was future utilization, renewal and capital costs.

**School profiles were completed for each of the six schools that included:**

- five year projected enrolment numbers
- percentage based
- number of portables
- gymnasiums, library, accessibility (stages)
- number of students attending that are not in the school's catchment area (ie., special education),
- grade configurations
- on the ground capital
- facility program over the next five years
- well or septic systems

**School templates were completed for each of the six schools that included:**

- Value to the Students
- Value to the Community
- Value to the School System
- Value to the Economy

**Phases of the review included:**

- public review
- public consultation period (90 days)
- Board review

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

**Brian Doyle** (Chairperson) - Trustee, **James Richardson** - Trustee, **Brenda Blancher** - Superintendent of Education (from March to June 2015), **Linda De Vos** - Superintendent of Education (from September 2015), **Dave Peters** - Grand Erie Elementary Teacher's Federation, **Nancy Hondula** - CUPE, **Deb Warner** - Principal, Anna Melick, **Marion Kline** - Principal, Fairview Avenue, **David Gervais** - Principal, Grandview Central, **Julie White** - Principal, J.L. Mitchener, **Alison Cooke** - Principal, Rainham Central, **Charlotte Morphet** - Principal, Thompson Creek, **Madeleine Jobb** - Parent, Anna Melick Memorial School (March to October 2015), **Anthony Van Hell**, Parent, Anna Melick Memorial School (from November 2015) **Danielle Lipson** - Parent, Fairview Avenue Public School, **Mike Black** - Parent, Grandview Central Public School, **Mandie Cowan** - Parent, J.L. Mitchener Public School, **Melony Cooper** - Parent, Rainham Central School, **Todd Smith** - Parent, Thompson Creek Elementary School, **Bernie Corbett**, Municipal Councillor, Haldimand County, **Mark Gibson**, Cayuga and District Chamber of Commerce.

**OTHER PERSONNEL:**

**Carol Ann Sloat** - Board Chair, **David Dean** - Board Vice-Chair, **John Forbeck** - Director (March to June 2015), **Brenda Blancher** - Director (from September 2015), **Jamie Gunn** - Superintendent of Business, **Shawn McKillop** - Manager of Communications and Community Relations, **Michelle O'Reilly** - Planning Officer, **Phil Kuckyt** - Manager of Transportation Services, **Elaine Roberts** - Recording Secretary

**DATES AND LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS:**

- March 11 J.L. Mitchener
- April 29 Thompson Creek
- June 4 Grandview Central
- September 24 Fairview Avenue
- October 29 Dunnville Secondary
- November 17 Anna Melick
- December 8 Rainham Central

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION:**

Initial Options for Consideration (Effective September 1, 2016):

- Option 1:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 389*
- Option 2:** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 400*
- Option 3:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
**and** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 236*

**Option 4:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
**and** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue P.S. and Rainham Central P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity - 190*

**Option 5:** Close Anna Melick M.S. and assign students to Thompson Creek E.S.  
**and** Assign a portion of current Thompson Creek catchment to J.L. Mitchener P.S.  
**and** Close Grandview Central P.S. and assign students to Fairview Avenue and Rainham Central P.S.  
*Resulting surplus capacity- 144*

**DELEGATIONS:**

15 delegations from the six schools were heard and are attached.

**Presented by:**

Glen & Stephanie Dale  
Susanne Austin  
Beth Blake  
Best Start Community Hub  
Allison Blake  
Tim Boyer  
Jessica Davidson  
Renee Hamilton  
Danielle Lipson  
Angela Skotniski  
Adam Roesch  
Gary Smith  
Sheri Styles  
J. Williams  
Lianne Park

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE:**

The recommendations of the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee are:

- Option 1 - THAT the Grand Erie District School Board close Anna Melick Memorial School and close Grandview Central Public School. Assign all students to a new school to be built at the Fairview Avenue Public School site and THAT Thompson Creek, Rainham Central and J.L. Mitchener remain status quo.
- Option 2 - THAT the Grand Erie District School Board close Anna Melick and assign students to Thompson Creek Elementary School; reassign Yarmey to Sutor Rd to Grandview Central Public School. Remove Rainham Central and J.L. Mitchener from the review. Fairview Avenue remains status quo.

**APPENDICES:**

Appendix A - Minutes of meetings - attached  
Appendix B - School Valuation templates - attached

Appendix C - Data presented - located on Board's website  
Appendix D - Written submissions from Delegations - attached

Respectfully submitted,

Haldimand East Accommodation Review Committee

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# Board Review

- Final recommendation from administration and full ARC Report will be presented to Committee of the Whole - **January 18, 2015**
- The Board will make a decision no earlier than 60 days after receiving, **at a Board meeting**, the report of the ARC and the report from Administration. Board Meeting is **January 25, 2016**
- 60 days takes us to the first week of April
- Recommendations will be considered at the Committee of the Whole Board #2 April 11, 2016 with a final decision scheduled to be made at the Board Meeting on April 25, 2016.



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# Board Review

- There will be an opportunity, through the delegation process, for input to the Board prior to its final decision
- Information on the process for bringing a delegation to a Board meeting will be included on our website



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# Keeping You Informed

- All information will be posted on the Grand Erie Website: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)
- There is a banner on the left side of the homepage that reads: Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee
- Questions should be emailed to [info@granderie.ca](mailto:info@granderie.ca)
- Public inquiries contact: Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, 519-756-6301 ext. 281147



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