



Pupil Accommodation Reviews

Date: December 2, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cobblestone Elementary School

Achievement

Environment

Engagement

Accommodation Review Committee

- The Trustees appoint an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) with membership from the schools. **Added Burford (November 9th Committee of the Whole Board Meeting)**
- The Board's Administration shares data and options regarding the North Brant Elementary School review area with the ARC. **Continues tonight**
- The Committee is tasked with the responsibility for the review of demographic data, enrolment projection data and other relevant information. **Ongoing**
- Board staff will bring additional information during the review, as requested by the ARC to support their work. Individual members cannot request information without the support of the ARC. **Continues tonight**
- All meetings are open to the public.



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Mandate of the Accommodation Review Committee

- The ARC may comment and seek clarification on the options provided. **Ongoing**
- The ARC will provide feedback on the options and may provide other accommodation options with supporting rationale. **Ongoing**
- The ARC members do not have to achieve consensus.
- Board staff will record feedback from the ARC and community – this feedback will be part of the final report presented to the Board of Trustees. **Ongoing**
- The ARC has no decision making power but its feedback will be used by the Board during its deliberations.
- The final decision regarding pupil accommodation rests with the Board of Trustees.



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Stages of the Review

Preparation Stage – The Board appoints the ARC Committee. The Family of Schools Superintendent of the schools involved in the review will facilitate ARC meetings.

Community Review Stage – The ARC will hold *at least two public meetings* with the minimum of 40 business days between the first and last meeting.

Agendas are published in advance on the Board website. Meetings include a time for “questions for clarification”.

At least one meeting will be to hear delegations for community input.

The Board Review Stage includes:

1. Senior Administration will prepare a final report including feedback from the ARC and public
2. Recommendations from Administration to the Trustees
3. Review and decision by Trustees

School Information Profiles

The Committee now has the profile for Burford District Elementary School and the profile will be added to our website.

The school information profiles gives the ARC the opportunity to review:

1. The value of the school to the student
2. The value of the school to the school board

The SIP includes:

1. A profile of the school facility
2. A profile of the instructional program offered at the school
3. A profile of any non-school programs or services offered at the school



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Developments

- On November 9 – Trustees recommended a motion to delay entry to French Immersion programs to Grade 1
 - Due to a Ministry of Education regulatory change, this was not an option and the motion to delay entry was defeated at the November 23rd Board Meeting
- At the November 23rd Board Meeting, Trustees approved a plan that will require us to take some additional time to consider options for French Immersion accommodation issues
- A Consultation Committee of stakeholders will be put in place and will meet from February to May 2016 with a report of the committee's input going to Board in June 2016
- There will be no changes until September 2017
- Feedback from the Brant North ARC will be considered during the consultation
- A French Immersion Accommodation Plan will go to Board in the Fall of 2016 *for implementation in September 2017*



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Developments

- Burford District Elementary has been added to the ARC with the consideration of a dual-track French Immersion program being added at Paris Central to help manage accommodation issues at Burford in the future
- No changes for September 2016



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Board Review

- A Committee of the Whole Board will receive the school information profiles, and the final report from Senior Administration, including feedback from the ARC.
- The public will have the opportunity to make delegations to the Board before the final Board decision either at a regular Committee of the Whole or Board meeting (or if necessary at a Special Board meeting)
- The Board will make a decision no earlier than 10 days after hearing delegations.
- The Board will make decisions regarding the options and the decisions will be posted on the Board's website and made available at all schools in the review.



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Administrative Review of ARC Process

- An administrative review may be requested if the Board's review process was not compliant with the Board's Policy.
- The review may be sought through the Ministry of Education's Administrative Review of Accommodation Review Process.
- It is not a review of the Board's decision.



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Keeping You Informed

- All information will be posted on the Grand Erie Website: www.granderie.ca
- There is a scrolling banner at the top of the homepage – scroll through to find: North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review Committee
- Questions should be emailed to info@granderie.ca
- Public inquiries contact: Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, 519-756-6301 ext. 281147



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