



# South East Norfolk ARC

Summary of Meetings 1-3

May 31, 2016

## 1. Statement of Purpose and Responsibility

- An Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was created on January 18, 2016, in response to the Quality Accommodations Committee report approved by the Board of Trustees in April 2015.

[http://www.granderie.ca/school/AccommodationReviews/Documents/Final%20Pkg\\_SE%20Norfolk%20Elementary%20Accom%20Review%20-%20Jan%202016.pdf](http://www.granderie.ca/school/AccommodationReviews/Documents/Final%20Pkg_SE%20Norfolk%20Elementary%20Accom%20Review%20-%20Jan%202016.pdf)

- An ARC is created to provide advice to the Board on pupil accommodation matters for a school or group of schools
- The South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review was initiated to address the issue of excess pupil places.

## 2. A. Committee Composition

- The South East Norfolk ARC was comprised of:
  - One School Council rep from each school involved in the review:
    - Elgin Avenue Public School – Krista Kitchen
    - Lakewood Elementary School – Melissa Mummery
    - Lynndale Heights Elementary School – Jessica Smith
    - Walsh Public School – Tara Beerepoot
    - West Lynn Public School – Christine Oliveira
  - Two Trustees as Ad Hoc members:
    - Rita Collver
    - John Harris
  - Superintendent of Education as Facilitator:
    - Wayne Baker

## B. Resource Staff to Support the ARC

Board staff and Principals acted as a resource to the Committee as required:

- \* Director of Education – Brenda Blancher
- \* Jamie Gunn – Superintendent of Business
- \* Shawn McKillop – Manager of Communications
- \* Michelle LeDressay – Planning Officer
- \* Wendy Slaven – Recording Secretary
- \* Samantha Nicholson – Principal, Elgin Avenue Public School
- \* Lori Rodgers – Principal, Lakewood Elementary School
- \* Bill Valoppi – Principal, Lynndale Heights Elementary School
- \* Dirk Matthys – Principal, Walsh Public School
- \* Dianne Lefler – Principal, West Lynn Public School

### 3. Committee Operating Procedures and Scope

- An orientation meeting was held on March 8, 2016 (Lynndale Heights) for ARC members and Principals.
- Meetings were held on March 22, 2016 (Lynndale Heights); April 12, 2016 (Lakewood Elementary); April 27, 2016 (West Lynn); and May 31, 2016 (Walsh).
- Meeting notes are posted at:  
<http://www.granderie.ca/school/AccommodationReviews/Pages/South-East-Norfolk-Elementary.aspx#.Vp0noVLGpSE>
- Superintendent of Education Wayne Baker acted as Facilitator for the ARC.
- The Committee acted in accordance with policy FT5 (Pupil Accommodation Reviews) and By-law #11 (Delegations).

## Information Sharing and Community Feedback

### Meeting #1 (March 22, 2016)

There was a review of the ARC process, sharing of the accommodation recommendation from Senior Administration, and sharing of the Board's data with respect to the schools involved in the ARC. For each of the five schools involved in the Accommodation Review, an aerial map, a boundary map, enrolment projections, floor plans, site plans, a zoning map, and the School Information Profile were presented. This information is available on the GEDSB website.

Questions were forwarded from Committee and audience members. They are summarized as follows:

- Ministry funding process for replacement/renovation (of Elgin Avenue)
- Transportation – length of bus rides, Norfolk model
- Availability of parcel of land behind West Lynn
- Process for disposing of a closed school
- Decision-making around catchment areas and OAA requests
- ARC – timing of process, source of data, role of parent reps, extra Walsh representation
- Elgin Avenue – viability of building, impact of expansion
- French Immersion – location(s), impact on enrolments,
- Board policy on portables
- Relocating students and staff

Comments were submitted from the Committee and the audience. They are summarized below.

- Statement by West Lynn ARC member – benefits of the school remaining open
- Walsh should have an extra ARC member so that both the English and French Immersion programs can be represented
- Moving a small number of former West Lynn students wouldn't make sense
- “super schools” negatively affect student mental health
- Purchase the Landon property and build a new school; sell Elgin Avenue to the county; make West Lynn a seniors' home
- Purchase the property behind West Lynn in order to expand the school

## Meeting #2 (April 12, 2016)

This meeting was dedicated to answering requests for information from meeting #1 and submissions to [info@granderie.ca](mailto:info@granderie.ca).

Questions focussed on:

- Special Education classes
- School Information Profiles
- Plans for an upgraded Elgin Avenue
- Out of Attendance Area policy
- Ministry of Education funding process
- French Immersion – home schools, impact of BHNCD SB program, additional program, options

- Bus ride times – presently and with proposed boundary changes
- Drop-off/pick-up options
- Boundary changes/school enrolments
- Staffing
- Reliability of Board data
- Expansion/renovation scenarios
- Interim plans
- Transitioning students
- Walsh French/English ratio

Comments were submitted from the Committee and the audience. They are summarized below.

- Statement by the Lakewood parent rep
- Have 2 separate FI programs – JK-3 and 4-8
- Have 2 separate FI programs – Walsh and Lakewood or West Lynn

### Meeting #3 (April 27, 2016)

Requests for information submitted to [info@granderie.ca](mailto:info@granderie.ca) were answered prior to the presentation of delegations. They focussed on:

- Implementation date for changes
- Development of school organizations
- Enrolment caps and averages
- French Immersion - numbers by school/grade, resources
- Asbestos in schools
- Renewal costs
- Student accommodation
- Norfolk Enrichment programming
- Students riding busses (by school)
- Transitioning to a new school

This meeting was designated as delegation night, with 15 delegations presented to the Committee. Full submissions are available on the Board website. The Committee had an opportunity to question presenters. Questions were solicited from the audience.

- Delegation #1 – Gord Malo
- Delegation #2 – Christine Oliveira
- Delegation #3 – Sean (student)
- Delegation #4 – Dan and Holly Krulikowski
- Delegation #5 – Tracie Sheppard
- Delegation #6 – Jill Cornell
- Delegation #7 – Ramee Cyr
- Delegation #8 – Cheri and Ryan Worth
- Delegation #9 – Rebecca Spencer-Knight
- Delegation #10 – Jessica Smith
- Delegation #11 – Heather Pond
- Delegation #12 – Pam Mabee
- Delegation #13 – Tara Beerepoot
- Delegation #14 – Jennie Smith
- Delegation #15 – Tina Rigglesford

Questions were asked by the ARC members. Topics are summarized as follows:

- Status of Board funding proposal for Elgin
- Ages of Elgin Avenue and West Lynn

Between meetings, Committee members and the community were invited to submit questions/comments to Wendy Slaven, ARC Recorder, or [Info@granderie.ca](mailto:Info@granderie.ca). These would be addressed at the following meeting.

Forwarded message -----

From: Kelly Isfan - CEO <[kisfan@ngh.on.ca](mailto:kisfan@ngh.on.ca)>

Date: Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 3:47 PM

Subject: RE: West Lynn ARC proposal

To: Christine Oliveira <[christineoliveira81@gmail.com](mailto:christineoliveira81@gmail.com)>

Hi Christine,

Sorry it's taken me a few days to respond to you. I can confirm that Norfolk General Hospital, and the Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home, have an interest in acquiring the property (or a portion of the property) associated with the Elgin Street School. In the next ten years we will have to replace the Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home, and we are challenged by keeping that building attached to NGH. Rebuilding the Nursing Home on the adjacent property associated with the Elgin Street School could provide the solution to that problem. As well, in the future, NGH will also be challenged with potential plans to rebuild and/or expand the physical building. The hospital is fairly landlocked and having some of the current Elgin Street School property might prove desirable.

Best regards,

Kelly Isfan