



South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review Committee

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – 7:00 PM
West Lynn Public School – Gymnasium

MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome and Introduction

W. Baker, Facilitator of the Committee, welcomed Committee members and those present in the audience to the third meeting of the South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review Committee.

In Attendance:

Committee Members

W. Baker (Facilitator) – Superintendent of Education, **Rita Collver** – Trustee, **John Harris** – Trustee, **Krista Kitchen** – Parent Representative, Elgin Avenue Public School, **Melissa Mummery** – Parent Representative, Lakewood Elementary, **Jessica Smith** – Parent Representative, Lynndale Heights Public School, **Tara Beerepoot** – Parent Representative, Walsh Public School, **Christine Oliveira** – Parent Representative, West Lynn Public School.

Resource Staff

Brenda Blancher - Director of Education, **Samantha Nicholson** – Principal, Elgin Avenue Public School, **Lori Rodgers** – Principal, Lakewood Elementary, **William Valoppi** – Principal, Lynndale Heights Public School, **Dirk Matthys** – Principal, Walsh Public School, **Dianne Lefler** – Principal, West Lynn Public School, **Jamie Gunn** – Superintendent of Business, **Shawn McKillop** – Manager of Communications and Community Relations, **Charlotte Morphet** – Principal, Thompson Creek, and **Wendy Slaven** – Recording Secretary.

Regrets: **Michelle Le Dressay** – Planning Officer

Other Grand Erie Trustees in Attendance

Carol Ann Sloat, Karen Sandy, David Dean

2. Meeting Notes – Apr. 12/16

Notes from the April 12, 2016 meeting are posted at www.granderie.ca.

3. Information Requests from Apr. 12/16 Meeting

Requests for information from the second meeting, along with submitted requests sent to info@granderie.ca were addressed and presented by W. Baker, B. Blancher and J. Gunn, and are available at www.granderie.ca.

Charlotte Morphet, Principal at Thompson Creek, shared her experience from involvement in two ARC processes and transitions, and responded to questions.

C You were combining two schools in same town - this is a lot different, more travel.

R School that closed was in town, so most of the students are now bussed to new school. For most students, it is not a big deal to be on the bus longer.

Q Did the entire school all go together? We have children left behind, without their friends, where do they fall into the events?

R It's not the same situation, but many similarities. Kids are more resilient than we think, it's sometimes harder for the parents. Have to honour the groups that move.

R We are well aware of fragmenting the population – this will be in front of Trustees.

- Q When schools are blended, those two student populations would have had equal opportunity to play on teams at their original schools, but now only half of them will.
- R There were not enough students at the closing school to form teams. Since the merger we now have two school teams per sporting event. There are more opportunities for students to join a team.

4. Delegation Process

ARC and audience members were advised of the following:

- time allowed for each presentation will not exceed 10 minutes
- one spokesperson per delegation
- no questioning of competence of board employees or communities
- remain at microphone for Committee questions following presentation

5. Delegations

The following delegations were heard:

5.1 Malo, Gord

Q In regard to the original proposal, has that already been submitted to Ministry?

R Administration's recommendation was submitted. Ministry criteria for approval is that this ARC process is complete. So we do not expect approval but we will receive valuable feedback on our request. We would have to make a second proposal, resubmit or change the proposal once the ARC is complete and final Trustee decision is made.

5.2 Oliveira, Christine

5.3 Sean (Student)

5.4 Krulikowski, Dan and Holly

5.5 Sheppard, Tracie

5.6 Cornell, Jill

5.7 Cyr, Ramee

Q What is the age of both buildings?

R Elgin approximately 1947, West Lynn 1953

5.8 Worth, R.

C Good concerns – when Lakewood moved from Doverwood to a two-level high school, made significant changes – kindergarten classroom on main level near exits. In emergencies, younger students have buddies – principals work hard to include students.

5.9 Spencer-Knight, Rebecca

5.10 Smith, Jessica

5.11 Pond, Heather

5.12 Mabee, Pam

5.13 Beerepoot, Tara

5.14 Smith, Jessica

5.15 Rigglesford, Tina

All written submissions will be posted on the Grand Erie website at www.granderie.ca

8. Questions from the Community

Feedback was solicited after the presentation of the requests for information.

9. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Walsh Public School from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.