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PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – CORNWALL AREA PUBLIC MEETING # 2 MINUTES Wednesday, February 15th, 2017, 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph CSS, Cafeteria

Chair:

John Cameron, Associate Director of Education

ARC Members:

Tracey Masterson, Bishop Macdonell	Michelle Brasseur-Robillard, St. Anne
Renee Rozon, Holy Trinity CSS	Dan Curtis, St. Columban
Alanna Pollard, Holy Trinity CSS	Meghan Henry, St. Columban
Beverley Bellefeuille, Immaculate Conception	Heather Stang, St. Joseph CSS
Janice Flood, Immaculate Conception	Danny Conway, St. Joseph CSS
Shannon McDougald, Sacred Heart	Joy Martel, St. Matthew CSS

Resource Staff:

Bonnie Norton, Superintendent of Business, CDSBEO
Jack Ammendolia, C.N. Watson and Associates

Members of the Press:

Bill Kingston, Cornwall Newswatch
Todd Hambleton, Standard-Freeholder

Recorder:

Karen O'Shaughnessy, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent John Cameron

Call to Order:

John Cameron, Chair of the Pupil Accommodation Review – Cornwall Area ARC Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Prayer

Superintendent Cameron began the meeting with a prayer.

2. Opening Remarks

Associate Director Cameron welcomed the group assembled and went over the agenda for the evening. We will be providing a PowerPoint presentation for you tonight to highlight some information concerning the ARC process. The PowerPoint will highlight the work of the ARC Committee over the last 4 months, the various scenarios that Board Administration were asked to analyze and it will also summarize where we think we are going at this time based on all the feedback received.

Mr. Cameron took this opportunity to thank the members of the ARC Committee. We have received valuable input from the ARC Committee and we have listened carefully to all their

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concerns raised. Tonight, we will continue to gather community input on the revised proposed recommendations that you will see at the end of the presentation.

Following the presentation tonight, you will notice that we have representation by all of the Board's Departments here, at tables around the room. Staff are here to answer your questions and gather your feedback. So we invite you to go around the room and ask any questions you may have. We also have a Comment Box available if you prefer that option. You can also contact us by email at PAR@CDSBEO.ON.CA

Also we would like to remind you that all of the information concerning the work of the ARC Committee is posted on the Board's website www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

Now before we proceed with the PowerPoint presentation, I would like to recognize the members of the ARC Committee. If you are a member and you are here tonight, I would ask that you stand and be recognized. These are the people that have been working diligently behind the scenes to help determine an optimal solution for Cornwall with your input. We have representation from each of the nine schools involved in the ARC and our ARC Committee is about 40 people strong.

At this time, Mr. Cameron introduced Mr. Jack Ammendolia, the Consultant that has been assisting the board with the accommodation strategy and the ARC process. Jack is a Director at Watson & Associates Economists Ltd of Mississauga. Jack leads the Education Division and has been involved in school board planning and has studied school age demographics for approximately 15 years. Jack has worked with the CDSBEO for the past 15 years on various occasions concerning enrolment projections and capital plans and the CN Watson firm has also worked closely recently with the City of Cornwall.

3. Mr. Jack Ammendolia reviewed the presentation ([HERE](#)) and summarized what the committee has discussed during the ARC working meetings based on the feedback received so far.
 - Preference appears to be for Option 2 of the Initial Staff Report, to retain the existing St. Joseph CSS, with some adjustments:

Option 2 Recommendation:

“New JK-6 school to replace Sacred Heart and the existing St. Joseph CSS becomes a 7-12 school”

- Consolidate/Close Immaculate Conception and redirect enrolment to Bishop Macdonell and St. Peter as per the Initial Staff Report;
- Consolidate/Close St. Columban and Sacred Heart, and build a new JK-6 facility to replace the existing Sacred Heart, preferably on an alternative site, or, if possible, find an alternate facility for the new consolidated JK-6 Sacred Heart/St. Columban's in close proximity to the existing school;
- Modify the current St. Anne and Sacred Heart boundaries north of Highway 401 to be included in the new consolidated Sacred Heart/St. Columban's boundary;
- Convert St. Anne to a JK-6 facility with grade 7 & 8 redirected to the existing St. Joseph CSS that is converted to a grade 7 – 12 facility;

- Convert Bishop Macdonell to a JK-6 facility with grade 7 & 8 redirected to the existing St. Joseph CSS that is converted to a grade 7 – 12 facility;
- Convert the existing St. Joseph CSS school to a 7-12 school to take in grade 7 & 8 from St. Anne, Bishop Macdonell, and the current Sacred Heart and St. Columban's, and
 - accommodate the 7 & 8 enrolment at St. Joseph CSS through the use of alternative space if this is an option, or
 - build an addition to the existing St. Joseph CSS to accommodate grade 7 & 8
- Modify the current secondary boundaries for Holy Trinity CSS and St. Joseph CSS to mirror the new proposed elementary boundaries so students from Bishop are not split between the two secondary schools;
- Continue to pursue options for St. Matthew CSS, including finding an alternate location if possible, so the program can be expanded to include grade 7 & 8.

4. Public Questions

Question: A member of the audience asked if the programming at Sacred Heart would be changing since Bishop Macdonell is being referenced as a Dual Track but Sacred Heart is not.

Response: Mr. Ammendolia responded that the programming is not changing in either school, both offer Immersion and Core programming.

5. Parking Lot

The public dispersed to tables around the room and general conversation took place. No questions were logged by the various departments but all indicated that the response was positive.

6. Comment Box

No comments provided.

7. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Distribution:

ARC Members

Future meeting dates:

February 22, 2017 – ARC Working Meeting #5 (To be confirmed)

March 7, 2017 – Staff Report #2 to Board of Trustees (Kemptville Board Office)

April 4, 2017 – Public Delegations to Board of Trustees (Kemptville Board Office)

May 2, 2017 – Final Staff Report #3 to Board of Trustees (Kemptville Board Office)