



Thornhill Elementary Schools - Accommodation Review Committee

Minutes of ARC Working Meeting #12 Held May 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at St. Anthony Catholic 141 Kirk Drive, Thornhill.

In attendance:

ARC Chair: Patricia Preston, Associate Director: Leading Learning
ARC Secretary: Andy Di Sebastiano, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership

Members:

Norbert Koehl	CSC Chair	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Sam Cuda	Parent	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Tony Patriarca	Non-Teaching	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Amanda Butters	Teacher	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
June Buick	Principal	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Joe Wigglesworth	CSC Chair	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Dayna Fitzpatrick	Teacher	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Melodie Curran	Non-Teaching	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Louie Gavros	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Trixie Santiago-Sorrell	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Luisa Busato	Principal	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Diane Scaini	Parent	St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
Paul Wilkie	Parent	St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
Lisa Falconi	Teaching	St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
Tracy O'Connor-Lauzon	CSC Chair	St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
Angie Della-Rovere		St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
Gordon Lovgren	Principal	St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
Father William Burns	Parish	St. Luke Parish, Thornhill
Lisa Thalassinis	Parish	Good Shepherd Parish, Thornhill

ARC Facilitators: Dan Del Bianco, Watson & Associates

ARC Resource Staff:

Bryce Eldridge, York Catholic – Superintendent of Plant
 Dan McCowell, York Catholic - Senior Manager, Administrative Services
 Tom Pechkovsky, York Catholic - Manager of Planning Services
 Christine Hyde, York Catholic - Planner

Recording Secretary: Silvana Greco

Public Observers Signed In:

Connie Mason	CSC Co-Chair	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Barbara Vottero	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Beatriz Bernard	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Eugene Sirianni	Parent	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Annie Vyn	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Suzanna Chan	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Victor Ng	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Lisa Jennings		

Absent (With Notice):

Carol Cotton	School Trustee	Markham, Area 1, Wards 1,2,3,6
Maureen Hurley	Parent	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The meeting was held in the St. Anthony Catholic Library and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Patricia Preston, ARC Chair, welcomed everyone to Working Meeting #12.

2. PRAYER

Chair led the group in prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2009, ARC WORKING MEETING #12 AGENDA

The agenda of the Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) meeting of May 21, 2009, was approved as distributed.

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 14, 2009, ARC WORKING MEETING # 11 MINUTES

The minutes of the Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Working Meeting # 11 of May 14, 2009, were approved with an amendment to *Page 4, Item 9, Accommodation Options – Review*, to indicate that proposed Option 4 was discussed but no vote was taken at that time.

4. UPDATES TO ARC BINDER

ARC members were provided with **A Summary of Supporting Documentation Distributed with Revised Table of Contents for Working Meeting #12, May 21, 2009.**

The list of materials for addition to the ARC binder was briefly reviewed.

5. INPUT RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY

Questions received from the Community & Proposed Responses were approved by the ARC. These will also be posted on the ARC website.

6. INPUT RECEIVED FROM ARC MEMBER

The ARC Secretary brought input from the absent ARC member, Maureen Hurley. A consideration was proposed to be included in the School Valuation Framework.

7. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

ARC Timelines – Flowchart

All required tasks to date were condensed and provided in a flowchart with timelines. The goal of the ARC Committee should be to prepare the School Valuation Framework report for the public meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Draft School Valuation Report: Provisions/Additions

ARC Facilitator, Dan DelBianco from Watson & Associates provided a draft copy of the School Valuation Report that will be presented to the Director of Education on June 19, 2009. The draft document includes extensive detail and identifies the process, purpose, meetings, discussions held to date, communication sent to the community and contents of the ARC resource binder. (Due to the size of the resource binder, a CD will be made available.) Also to be included is this evening's recommendation and conclusion.

A copy of the draft School Valuation Report will be emailed to all ARC Members by Saturday, May 23, 2009 for perusal. ARC Members are encouraged to review and to send comments to the ARC email. Feedback is welcomed. Suggested revisions will be addressed at the next Working Meeting on Monday, May 25, 2009.

Staff Presentation: Option #4 Variations

Option 4 Revised B – Rebuild St. Anthony for Arts; Addition to St. Rene-St. Luke for those not wanting Arts; Close St. Michael

Option 4 Revised C – Rebuild St. Anthony for Arts; Addition to St. Rene-St. Luke for those not wanting Arts; Close St. Michael

Staff Presentation: Option #7 Variations

Option 7 Revised – Rebuild St. Michael; Addition to St. Rene-St. Luke; Close St. Anthony

Option 7 Revised B – Rebuild St. Michael; Addition to St. Rene-St. Luke; Close St. Anthony; St. Michael includes Area 16

Option 7 Revised C – Rebuild St. Michael; Addition to St. Rene-St. Luke; Close St. Anthony; St. Michael includes Area 16 & 17

The ARC members discussed and debated all the above options. Dialogue and concerns were shared around the table from each school community which led to the voting procedures. Dialogue included: student safety, school sites, distances, environmental concerns.

1st Vote - Option 7 Revised C - unanimously voted to be removed

2nd Vote – Option 7 Revised B – unanimously voted to be removed

Prior to a 15 minute break, it was asked if it was possible to recommend 2 options to the Director of Education. Dan DelBianco from Watson & Associates recommended the ARC Thornhill Community move forward as one voice and present only one option.

3rd Vote – Option 4 Revised C – In favour of removing (18), Against (1)

The ARC resumed their discussion regarding the 2 options remaining. It was asked if the 2 remaining options were feasible within the funding allocation. The initial costing for construction was based on an architect's estimates. The York Catholic District School Board has since received tendering for the building of a new school and staff were able to give a more accurate costing. It was therefore concluded that both options are feasible within the funding allocation.

4th Vote – Option 4 Revised B – In favour of removing (14), Against (5)

5th Vote – Option 7 Revised – In favour of removing (4)

Recommendation from the ARC Committee will be Option 7 Revised - Rebuild St. Michael; Addition to St. Rene-St. Luke; Close St. Anthony

Dan DelBianco, Watson & Associates and Christine Hyde, ARC Resource Staff will include the Recommendation on the Draft School Valuation Report. The ARC Members are encouraged to forward any additional considerations they would like included in the Report to the Director of Education. Considerations may include programs, design elements, childcare, disposition of assets, suggestions around usage of the facilities, etc.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next ARC Working Meeting #13 will be held at St. Michael Catholic Academy on Monday, May 25, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Working Meeting #13 will focus on reviewing and finalizing the Draft ARC School Valuation Report and Recommendation. Planning for the upcoming Public Meeting # 4 (Thursday, May 28, 2009)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.