



Thornhill Elementary Schools - Accommodation Review Committee

Minutes of ARC Working Meeting #5 held March 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at St. Anthony CES, 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
Maureen Hurley	Parent	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Amanda Butters	Teacher	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Tony Patriarca	Non-Teaching	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
June Buick	Principal	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Joe Wigglesworth	CSC Chair	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Louie Gavros	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Dayna Fitzpatrick	Teacher	St. Michael Catholic Academy
Melodie Curran	Non-Teaching	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
Gordon Lovgren	Principal	St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
Father William Burns	Parish	St. Luke Parish, Thornhill
Lisa Thalassinou	Parish	Good Shepherd Parish, Thornhill
Carol Cotton	School Trustee	Markham, Area 1, Wards 1,2,3,6

ARC Facilitators: Dan Del Bianco, Watson & Associates

ARC Resource Staff:

Joe McLoughlin, York Catholic – Manager of Maintenance Services
 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
Diana Moser	CSC Co-Chair	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Laura Zammit	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy

Absent:

Angie Della-Rovere – St. Rene Goupil – St. Luke Catholic Elementary School
 Bryce Eldridge, Superintendent of Plant – York Catholic District School Board
 Trixie Santiago-Sorrell, Parent – St. Michael Catholic Academy
 Tracy O'Connor-Lauzon, CSC Chair – St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The meeting was held in the St. Anthony Catholic Academy Library and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Patricia Preston, ARC Chair, welcomed everyone to Working Meeting #5.

2. PRAYER

Chair led the group in prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2009, ARC WORKING MEETING #5 AGENDA

The agenda of the Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) meeting of March 5, 2009, was approved as distributed.

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2009, ARC WORKING MEETING # 4 MINUTES

The minutes of the Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Working Meeting # 4 of February 19, 2009, were approved.

4. UPDATES TO ARC BINDER

ARC members were provided with **A Summary of Supporting Documentation Distributed with Revised Table of Contents for Working Meeting #5, March 5, 2009.**

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

5. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY & PROPOSED RESPONSES, PREPARED FOR APPROVAL MARCH 5, 2009

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

6. SCHOOL VALUATION FRAMEWORK – COMMUNITY GROUPS

The ARC Secretary introduced the three key tasks for completing the School Valuation Framework. The first task was for each school community to value their own school in each category with a poor, fair, good. The school community groups were instructed there must be one value per item from each community – they needed to come to consensus.

Board Resource staff pre-populated many of the questions and answers that were yes, no or strictly factual. The Board Resource staff was available to assist the community groups value each of the questions if necessary. The school community groups were instructed that if necessary, they were able to change or add descriptions to the pre-populated questions and answers. The goal of the evening was for each school community to complete the School Valuation Framework for their own school.

The second task was for each school community to present Values (non-populated) requiring additional information or that might need a rationale.

The third task is for each school community to value the other two schools School Valuation Framework.

The goal is to have a consolidated School Valuation Framework for the March 26th Public Meeting.

The three community groups began working on their own School Valuation Framework at 7:20 pm. The three community groups completed the first task at 8:45 pm.

The three community groups had no major concerns with the process other than placing a value on items driven by board formula. (E.g. 1.31 – Does the school have a librarian?, 1.32 – Does the school have a fulltime Vice Principal?, 1.33 – Does the school have a fulltime Principal?)

The ARC agreed that the completed School Valuation Framework for each school community would be sent to the ARC members by email in order for each community to review the completed School Valuation Framework for the other two schools.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ARC (Working Meeting #6) will be held at St. Michael Catholic Elementary School on Thursday, March 12, 2009 to begin at 7:00 p.m.

The focus of Working Meeting #6 will involve completion of consolidated School Valuation Framework and preparation for Public Meeting # 2, March 26, 2009,

Members of the ARC Committee were invited to participate at the public meeting on March 26, 2009.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.