



## Thornhill Elementary Schools - Accommodation Review Committee

### Minutes of ARC Working Meeting #8 held April 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at St. Michael Catholic Academy 41 Simonston Blvd., 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
Maureen Hurley	Parent	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
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 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:

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

#### Absent:

Sam Cuda	Parent	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Tony Patriarca	Non-Teaching	St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School
Louie Gavros	Parent	St. Michael Catholic Academy

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was held in the St. Michael Catholic Academy Library and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Patricia Preston, ARC Chair, welcomed everyone to Working Meeting #8.

2. **PRAYER**

Chair led the group in prayer.

3. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2009, ARC WORKING MEETING #8 AGENDA**

The agenda of the Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) meeting of April 16, 2009, was approved as distributed.

3. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2009, ARC WORKING MEETING # 7 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Working Meeting # 7 of April 2, 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 #8, April 16, 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 APRIL 16, 2009**

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

6. **INPUT TO ARC FROM COMMUNITY**

The ARC Secretary brought the concern from the community forward. Option #14 was introduced and approved for consideration by the ARC.

7. **ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

The "Alternative Accommodation Options – Criteria to Consider" Checklist were ideas brainstormed by the ARC. This tool would be useful in assisting with evaluating the "Thornhill ARC – Alternative Accommodation Options".

The ARC suggested changing the "ARC Criteria" to read "ARC Consideration". Under "ARC Consideration", 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet should read, "Adjacent/Close Proximity to Parish".

The ARC suggested changing "Board Criteria" to read, "Board Considerations".

The ARC suggested changing the title of this checklist to read, "Criteria to Consider – Considerations/Valuation Tool".

With the above changes made, this checklist was approved by the ARC.

Board Resource Staff, Dan McCowell presented the “Alternative Accommodation Options”. Fourteen (14) Options were presented in total. Each option was reviewed, discussed and voted on by the ARC. Board Resource staff provided information as required. In order to accept or eliminate any option, 2/3 of majority vote was required from the ARC.

Each Option was reviewed and voted as follows:

OPTION	VOTES TO INCLUDE	VOTES TO REMOVE	DEFERRED	FINAL OUTCOME	COMMENTS/ CHANGES
1	1	12		REMOVE	
2	2	15		REMOVE	
3	8	5	X		
4	9		X		Add, Addition to St. Rene-St. Luke for PACE
5	10	7	X		Rename “Update St. Anthony, Rebuild St. Rene-St. Luke for the Arts”
6	2	13		REMOVE	
7	16	1		KEEP	Delete “Remove Area 5”
8	2	12		REMOVE	
9	3	12		REMOVE	
10	14	2		KEEP	
11	3	13		REMOVE	
12	15	2		KEEP	
13			X		
14	16			KEEP	

Appendix A attached, *Thornhill ARC – Alternative Accommodation Options – Original Options Presented and Revised Options*, reflects the result of the committee vote on each accommodation option.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next ARC Working Meeting #9 will be held at St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Working Meeting #9 will focus on reviewing back up information for options to be provided by the Board Resource Team. Also, options that were deferred from Working Meeting #8 will be revisited. Planning for the upcoming Public Meeting # 3 (Thursday, April 28, 2009) will also be discussed.

The ARC Working Meeting of Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The ARC Chair, Secretary and Trustee Cotton are attending an evening to honour our Director of Education, Susan LaRosa. Director LaRosa is receiving the 2009 Champion of Education Award from the Learning Partnership. As a result, the ARC meeting of Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> will begin at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.