



Questions Received from the Community & Approved Responses

Reviewed and Approved at
ARC Working Meeting #4, February 19, 2009

	DATE RECEIVED	QUESTIONS RECEIVED: FROM THE COMMUNITY	PROPOSED RESPONSES	REFERENCE
1.	02/03/2009	“What are the criteria for choosing locations for the new school?”	<i>Policy 505 Acquisition and Development of school sites provides current site standards. A copy of Board Policy 505 is posted on the ARC website.</i>	
2.	02/03/2009	“Will the board take into consideration our school’s proximity to the parish, and its students involvement (choir, alter servers, Christmas pageant, school masses, etc.)?”	<i>Yes, the ARC will consider a number of questions that have been included in the School Valuation Framework, see Sections 1.17.1, 1.27.1, 4.6.1 and 4.6.2.</i>	
3.	02/03/2009	“Will the board take into consideration our school’s central location and its proximity to major highways (consideration for out-of-district students)?”	<i>Yes, the ARC will consider a number of questions that have been included in the School Valuation Framework, see Sections 1.13, 1.13.1, 1.14, 1.15 and Board Policy 505.</i>	
4.	02/03/2009	“How many students will the new building be able to accommodate?”	<i>This has not been proposed yet. Once the ARC develops a number of alternatives, the evaluation of the alternatives and available funding will determine the school(s) capacity.</i>	
5.	02/03/2009	“Will we be amalgamating all three Thornhill schools or only two?”	<i>No decision has been made. The ARC will develop a number of accommodation alternatives.</i>	
6.	02/03/2009	“Will the new school maintain the current academy program with its high standards and specialized teachers ?”	<i>The ARC process will propose accommodation solutions. The YCDSB is committed to maintaining the integrity of all academic programs.</i>	
7.	02/03/2009	“How can the YCDSB ensure parents that the academy program will stay intact?”	<i>The ARC process will propose accommodation solutions. The YCDSB is committed to maintaining the integrity of all academic programs.</i>	

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8.	02/03/2009	"Where will the students be displaced during the construction? For how long?"	<i>To be determined, subject to the approved alternative. Once the ARC process is completed, and an accommodation solution is approved by the Board of Trustees, a transition plan will be developed.</i>	
9.	02/03/2009	Will there be bussing provided? Can we count on bussing for our out of district students?"	<i>Student transportation will consistently be provided in accordance with Board Policy 203 (see policy for distance criteria). Board Policy 203 does not provide transportation for out of boundary or out of district students.</i>	
10.	02/03/2009	"Can the YCDSB and the ARC Committee provide progress updates with regards to the location selection process?"	<i>The ARC process is a transparent process with multiple opportunities for the community to participate and provide feedback. All ARC information including meeting agendas & minutes are posted on the Board's website www.ycdsb.ca. In addition, various information updates will be provided.</i>	