



MINUTES OF THE

WAINFLEET ELEMENTARY ACCOMMODATION REVIEW ARC MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018

Winger Public School
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Cam Hathaway, Leigh Ann Sauer, Lesley Stratford, Chris McInnis, Sherry Gaylord, Cheryl Keddy-Scott, Diane Chase, Paul Wainwright, Kelly Morgan-Rauh, Steve Rauh, Angie Naftel, Lisa Mooney.

Cam Hathaway welcomed everyone to the committee meeting and informed them that the purpose for the meeting was to review the previous meeting minutes, additional information received, and for the Committee to give their input for the final staff report.

Mr. Hathaway reviewed the mandate of the committee from the Accommodation Review Policy F-2, Section 7.1.

The committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Mr. Hathaway highlighted some of the questions and discussion from the committee and the public portion of the meeting. There were a few revisions made to the minutes by the committee.

The committee reviewed the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting. From the correspondence Mr. Hathaway explained that Senior Staff at the DSBN continually review additional learning opportunities for all students of the board. This accommodation review would not have been presented to the Board if staff did not agree that it would benefit students. Amalgamating schools does present additional opportunities for students and staff as far as resources, staffing, up to date technology and buildings.

The committee also discussed the fact some correspondence received mentioned communication during the process. Past practice for communication during the accommodation review is advertising in the local newspaper, DSBN website, individual school websites, notices sent home, school parent councils and school newsletters. As always it is encouraged at every meeting to speak to members of the school and community at large to make sure they are aware of what is happening. Social media plays a part in this also as Trustees have added information on their social media accounts to assist with the communication. There was no concern from Committee members that communication during the accommodation review was not adequate.

The William E Brown Parent Council met after the last ARC/Public meeting and there were a couple of concerns from parents. Lesley Stratford shared the following for the parent community:

The William E Brown PS parent volunteers run a breakfast program daily. They voiced a concern about how the program would continue with a larger school population. There was a feeling by some of the volunteers that they would be overwhelmed by the increase in the number of students. Also, how would both communities be brought together as they did not want to lose the feeling that the school is a family. How do you work with parents to make them feel comfortable to continue what they have been doing so successfully.

It was shared by Diane Chase through her experience that after an accommodation review in Welland where the schools were amalgamating, there was a definite concern from parents and volunteers at that time regarding how the parent councils would come together. An important part of the review is the transition team that is formed after the accommodation review and assisting the parent councils to meet and share their own hopes and input for the new school. In the Welland case, the parent councils united together and 2 co-chairs were created for the new parent council. They found it to be an easy transition. This review would follow the same course with a transition team to bring the school communities together.

Mr. Hathaway clarified with Board staff that a joint DSBN-NCDSB school would share the gymnasium and library but the schools would have two kitchens, two staff rooms, two offices, there is a definite division of the schools in the same building. A formal agreement is prepared for the Principals to follow and set equitable times for the use of the joint areas.

Mr. Hathaway asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none. He then reviewed some of the points that have come up during the accommodation review process either for or against the process:

- Concerns regarding the loss of small school feel
- Individual student need not being met
- Increase in student population will provide additional resources and staff
- Increase in student population will means opportunities for students and staff, extra-curriculars, etc.
- The Catholic School Board role in the process and when their decisions will be made
- The Township of Wainfleet would prefer the new school be in the Village area
- The population of Wainfleet increasing but the Township is mainly agricultural, not a lot of area for growth

Mr. Hathaway asked the committee if there were any additional items that may have been overlooked. Both committee members were in favour of the new school option, there has been minimal negative comments towards the option, the possibility of losing the small school feel, what it means for the parent communities moving forward and how they will amalgamate and the new school will benefit the students socially.

Mr. Hathaway then reviewed the upcoming important dates:

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| Friday, October 12, 2018 | Final Staff Report posted on website |
| Tuesday, October 23, 2018 | Final Report Presented to Board of Trustees and Public Delegations |
| Tuesday, November 27, 2018 | Addendum to the Final Staff Report Presented to Trustees |

He reviewed the delegation information and the public must contact the Director's office by October 16, 2018 to make a delegation to the board. A copy of the speaking notes will need to be submitted by Thursday, October 18, 2018.

All information pertaining to the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review can be found at www.dsbn.org/arc.

Meeting adjourned: 7:12 p.m.

Appendix A: Delegation Information



WAINFLEET ELEMENTARY ACCOMMODATION REVIEW DELEGATION INFORMATION

If you wish to submit a delegation to an upcoming board meeting, please send your request in writing to Karen Bellamy, Executive Assistant karen.bellamy@dsbn.org before 12:00 noon one week prior to the board meeting which you wish to attend.

Delegation ByLaws

R - 6 Delegations wishing to appear before the Board will give notice in writing addressed to the Secretary. Such notice shall state the purpose of the delegation and the name of the spokesperson.

R - 7 Such notice shall be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 12:00 noon one week prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Before acceptance is granted, the Secretary shall confer with the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson to agree on the urgency of the request and the manner of effecting the necessary arrangements.

R - 8 Unless otherwise determined, delegations will be received by the Board at approximately 8:00 p.m. Presentations by delegations shall normally be for a maximum of five minutes. Permission of the Chair of the meeting shall be required to extend this time period.

R - 8.1 Delegations shall speak only once to a particular topic (purpose). Subsequent requests may be accepted as a written submission.

R - 8.2 To reduce the possibility of any misunderstanding, written copies of presentations must be received by the Director's Office by noon on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Failure to do so would result in not speaking at that Board meeting.