



**Accommodation Review Committee
Public Meeting No. 4 – Public Input on Options
Sudbury South Area Schools
Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Lockerby Composite School Auditorium**

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance:

Board Representation:

Facilitator Ada Della Penta, Superintendent of Schools
Recording Secretary Michèle Smethurst, Executive Assistant

School Representation:

Alexander P.S.

Jacques Mantha, Principal
Rachel Mahaffy, School Council Member
Barb Jeffrey, Teacher

Lo-Ellen Park S.S.

Craig Runciman, Principal
Sharina Appanna, School Council Member
Melanie Bertrand, Teacher

Long Lake P.S.

Bob Deeth, Principal
Carol Woodliffe, School Council Member
Lori Bot, School Council Member
Heather Kokko, Teacher

Monetville P.S.

Paula Mackey, Principal
Tammy Mitchell, School Council Member
Reta Sauder, School Council Member
Heather Dubeau, Teacher

Wanup P.S.

Pierrette Zuk, Principal
Maria Korkiakoski, School Council Member
Ray Alatalo, School Council Member

Algonquin Road P.S.

Bob Deeth, Principal
Lisa Langley, School Council Member

Lockerby C.S.

Heather Gaffney, Principal
Michelle Ross, School Council Member
Tess Page, School Council Member
Daryl Smith, Teacher

MacLeod P.S.

Ardeth Gordon, Principal
Kelly Bubba, School Council Member
David Yurich, School Council Member
Paul Kelly, Teacher

R.L. Beattie P.S.

Lynne Kulha, Principal
Megan Sproule-Jones, School Council Member
Murielle LeBlanc, Teacher

Community Representation:

Kelly-Lee Assinewe, First Nations Representative

Regrets:

Alison Bujold, School Council Member, Alexander P.S.
Lisa Zanier, School Council Member, Algonquin P.S.
Darren Foy, Teacher, Algonquin P.S.
Patti Socransky, School Council Member, R.L. Beattie P.S.
Katherine Sillanpaa, Teacher, Wanup P.S.
Colleen Ballagh, Student Representative, Confederation S.S.
Eric Bouffard, Business Representative, Noelville
Jenny Parisotto, Business Representative, Sudbury
Mark Simeoni, Municipal Representative, City of Greater Sudbury (Alt. Kris Longston)

Senior Administration In attendance:

Jean Hanson, Director of Education

Diane Cayen-Arnold, Superintendent of Business

Norm Blaseg, Superintendent of Schools

Lesleigh Dye, Superintendent of Schools

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Trustees in attendance:

Tyler Campbell, Chair

Doreen Dewar, Vice-chair

Judy Hunda

Dena Morisson

Gord Santala

Ruth Ward

Larry Killens

1. Welcome - Ada Della Penta

Ada Della Penta, superintendent with the Rainbow District School Board and facilitator of this meeting welcomed everyone to the fourth public meeting of the Sudbury South accommodation review. She introduced the Board Trustees in attendance as well as members of the Senior Administration and the Board's Senior Advisor for Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning. She thanked Principal Heather Gaffney and her staff for hosting tonight's meeting as well as Jesse Oshell, the technician who, behind the scene, ensures the smooth flow of the presentations. The members of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for Sudbury South area schools were asked to stand as they were introduced.

2. Overview of Agenda - Ada Della Penta

Superintendent Della Penta explained that the purpose of this evening's meeting is to allow for public presentations in response to the three options put forward by ARC at the last public meeting held Tuesday, May 18. She gave an overview of the Agenda.

3. Review of ARC's mandate

Superintendent Della Penta provided some background stating that Rainbow District School Board provides quality programs and character education which enable students in Rainbow Schools to maximize their potential and fulfill their aspirations. At the annual Accommodation meeting held on November 30, 2009, the Board approved the 5 year capital / accommodation plan. This plan is available in its entirety on the Board's website, www.rainbowschools.ca under Boardroom, Accommodation Plan. Included in that 5 year plan was a motion that an Accommodation Review Committee be appointed for the following Sudbury South area schools: Alexander PS, Algonquin PS, Long Lake PS, MacLeod PS, Monetville PS, RL Beattie PS, Wanup PS, Lockerby Composite School and LoEllen Park Secondary School.

Working in an advisory role, the Accommodation Review Committee will provide to the Board's Administrative Council recommendations to maximize student learning within the resources available to the Board in keeping with two guiding principles: #1: all students will continue to have access to the best programming possible in quality school facilities and #2: surplus space will be reduced. The ARC is responsible for conducting a public accommodation review using the School Information Profile which assesses each of the following considerations: value to the student, value to the school board, value to the community, and value to the local economy. The ARC has conducted four public meetings, including this evening, and has shared, with the community at the public meetings, the

accommodation review process, the data, a summary of the school information profiles and options. All options presented by the ARC, the public, and the senior administrative staff will be examined and considered. Factors, such as enrolment, operating costs, and capital needs must be taken into consideration, as well as examining the quality of the learning environment, the range of program offerings and the adequacy of the school's physical space to support student learning. At the end of the consultation process, the ARC will prepare an Accommodation Report to be presented to the Administrative Council by the end of August. This report will include findings and recommendations that will result in the best possible value to our students which is the most important factor in the School Information Profile. These options may not necessarily impact on all 9 schools. All viable options will be considered as part of the final ARC report to the Board. The Administrative Council will then review the report and prepare the recommendations. These recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the September 20th Board meeting. The public will then be allowed to make presentations to the Trustees at the October 18th Board meeting. A follow-up report based on public input will be presented on October 25. The Board of Trustees will make a final decision at the November 15th Board meeting.

During the work of the ARC, individual school profiles were presented by members of each school. Many comments and rich discussion followed each presentation. Printed copies of the profiles were made available at the front and the public was invited to take a copy on their way out. The profiles are also available on line on the Board's website, www.rainbowschools.ca under the Sudbury South Accommodation tab. The school profiles provide information in four categories: Value to Student, Value to the Board, Value to the Community, and Value to the Economy.

The first public meeting was held Tuesday, March 23 at LoEllen Park Secondary School. The focus of that meeting was sharing the data provided by Rainbow District School board and the data provided by the City of Greater Sudbury.

The second public meeting was held Wednesday, April 28 at Lockerby Composite School. The focus of that meeting was to allow for public presentations from the community at large. In total, eleven presentations were made and these are available on the Board's website along with all of the minutes from the public meetings.

4. Review of Public Meeting No. 3 (May 18, 2010) - Options developed by ARC

Superintendent Della Penta reviewed the third public meeting which was held on Tuesday, May 18 at Lockerby Composite School. At that meeting three members of the ARC (David Yurich, MacLeod P.S.; Tammy Mitchell, Monetville P.S.; Carol Woodliffe, Long Lake P.S.) presented to the public the three options which have been developed by the Accommodation Review Committee. She gave a brief overview of the options and reminded everyone that they also are posted in detail on the Board's website.

- Option A includes Alexander, Long Lake, Monetville, and R.L. Beattie Public Schools remaining as is. The changes include: an addition to Algonquin, a new JK – 8 Green school for MacLeod, close Wanup, and remove the Maintenance Shop from Lockerby Composite School and remove the Centre for Education from LoEllen Park Secondary School.
- Option B includes Alexander, Algonquin, Long Lake, Monetville, and R.L. Beattie Public Schools remaining as is. The changes include: a new JK – 8 Green school for MacLeod, downsize or retrofit Wanup, and remove the Maintenance Shop from Lockerby Composite School and remove the Centre for Education from LoEllen Park Secondary School.

- Option C includes Alexander, Monetville and R.L. Beattie remaining as is, leaving the maintenance shop at Lockerby Composite School and leaving the Centre for Education at LoEllen Park Secondary School. Changes include: an addition to Algonquin, a new JK – 8 Green school for MacLeod, close Wanup, and close Long Lake.

5. Public Presentations

Superintendent Della Penta advised that there are now a total of 11 presentations. As outlined on the website and to the presenters, each presentation is limited to 10 minutes in length. Ada Della Penta advised that she would stand to advise presenter when there are two minutes remaining. They are asked to wrap up their presentation in order to remain on schedule.

She advised that the presentations will be posted on the Board's website:

<http://www.rainbowschools.ca/boardroom/accommodation/sudburySouth.php>.

Presentations:

- Brenda Johnston, MacLeod Public School, gave an oral presentation
- Garnet Graham, Wanup Public School, delivered a PowerPoint presentation
- Patsy Alatalo, Wanup Public School, delivered a PowerPoint presentation
- Kelly Bubba read a letter on behalf of Ron Lessard, MacLeod Public School.
- John Hamalainen, Long Lake Public School, delivered a PowerPoint presentation
- Natalie Korczak, Long Lake Public School, gave an oral presentation
- Shelly Hagglund, Wanup Public School, gave an oral presentation
- Julie Mazzuchin, MacLeod Public School, gave an oral presentation
- Ray Alatalo, Wanup Public School, delivered a PowerPoint presentation
- Sara McIlraith, Long Lake Public School, delivered a PowerPoint presentation
- Craig Jackson, Long Lake Public School, delivered a PowerPoint presentation

Superintendent Della Penta advised that a twelfth presentation would be added. It was received prior to the 3rd public meeting and was inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

- Lilly Noble, Communication, Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, gave an oral presentation (Added to Agenda)

Superintendent Della Penta thanked all of the evening's presenters. As previously stated, the presentations shared this evening will be posted on the Board's website.

6. Closing Comments - Ada Della Penta

Superintendent Della Penta invited Director Jean Hanson to add her comments.

Director Hanson thanked everyone for attending and sharing their presentations. She remarked how this evening showed community engagement. She stated that with her upcoming retirement, her involvement in this process draws to an end and she will be “passing the baton” on to the incoming Director, Norm Blaseg. Director Hanson remarked that in the past, it was said that Boards had already made up their minds about the outcome of these reviews. She was pleased that the process was changed with new Accommodation Review Guidelines. These guidelines allow for community involvement and each accommodation review process ends up in a different place than it began. In the last Accommodation Review of Sudbury West, the idea of Jessie Hamilton closing was not even considered but due to the ARC and public input received, the final options were very different from what was first presented. She thanked the community for being involved. Director Hanson stated that there were a few references this evening about co-terminus boards who, after going through an accommodation review, chose the status quo. She stated that a status quo is not good enough for our students. ARC will move forward with this process and the Board will be going to the Ministry for money. It may not be a good time but she is confident that with a good business case, the Board will be able to obtain funds and ensure that students attend the best facilities possible. She wished everyone the best and addressed the Trustees saying she is confident they will do what is best for Rainbow District School Board students.

Superintendent Della Penta thanked Director Hanson and the public for attending. She reminded everyone that all of the information shared this evening will be posted on the Board’s website. She reviewed the important dates that follow this evening’s meeting. The continuing work of ARC includes the writing of the detailed report outlining the supporting rationale and the implementation challenges for each of the options moving forward. Once the report from ARC is presented to the Administrative Council and recommendations are made to the Board of Trustees, the public was reminded that once again, they will have an opportunity to make a public presentation during the October 18 Board meeting. Decisions regarding the accommodation of students in Sudbury South will be made at the Board meeting on November 15th. Schools will continue to operate as they are today. As was stated in an earlier public meeting, any changes made based on decisions made November 15 could take up to two years to implement. The public is encouraged to continue enrolling their children at their community school. She concluded by saying their support is appreciated as this process unfolds and thanked them for their work with us to ensure that their children receive the best educational opportunities Rainbow schools have to offer.

Questions can be emailed to accommodation@rainbowschools.ca and the minutes from this meeting will be posted on the Board’s website.

For more information, visit rainbowschools.ca and click on Sudbury South Accommodation

Adjourned at 8:30 pm