



**Accommodation Review Committee
Public Meeting No. 1 – Sharing the Data
Sudbury South Area Schools
Tuesday, March 23 2010, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Gymnasium**

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.

Alison Bujold, School Council Member
Jacques Mantha, Principal

Lo-Ellen Park S.S.

Craig Runciman, Principal
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
Reta Sauder, School Council Member,
Tammy Mitchell, School Council Member
Heather Dubeau, Teacher

Wanup P.S.

Pierrette Zuk, Principal
Maria Korciakoski, School Council Member
Katherine Sillanpaa, Teacher

Community Representation:

Jenny Parisotto, Business Representative, Sudbury
Eric Bouffard, Business Representative, Noelville
Mark Simeoni, Municipal Representative, City of Greater Sudbury (Alt. Kris Longston)
Kelly-Lee Assinewe, First Nations Representative

Regrets:

Ray Alatalo, School Council Member, Wanup P.S.
Barb Jeffrey, Teacher and Rachel Mahaffy, School Council Member, Alexander P.S.
Darren Foy, Teacher, Algonquin P.S.
Sharina Appanna, School Council Member, Lo-Ellen Park S.S.
David Yurich, School Council Member, MacLeod P.S.
Colleen Ballagh, Student Representative, Confederation S.S.

Algonquin Road P.S.

Bob Deeth, Principal
Lisa Langley, School Council Member
Lisa Zanier, School Council Member

Lockerby C.S.

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

MacLeod P.S.

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

R.L. Beattie P.S.

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

Senior Administration In attendance:

Diane Cayen-Arnold, Superintendent of Business

Norm Blaseg, Superintendent of Schools

Lesleigh Dye, Superintendent of Schools

Sharon Speir, Superintendent of Schools

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Trustees in attendance:

Tyler Campbell, Chair

Doreen Dewar, Vice-chair

Grace Fox

Judy Hunda

Dena Morisson

Gord Santala

Ruth Ward

1. Welcome - Ada Della Penta

Ada Della Penta, superintendent with the Rainbow District School Board and facilitator of this evening's meeting welcomed everyone on behalf of the Accommodation Review Committee and thanked them for coming to the first public meeting of the Sudbury South accommodation review. She introduced members of the Senior Administration as well as Board Trustees and the Board's Senior Advisor for Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning.

Superintendent Della Penta informed that Jean Hanson, the Director of Education sent greetings and apologies as she was unable to attend due to commitments with the Ministry. She thanked Principal Craig Runciman and his staff for hosting tonight's meeting. The members of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for Sudbury South area schools were asked to stand as they were introduced.

2. Overview of Accommodation Review Process - Ada Della Penta

Superintendent Della Penta advised that the purpose of this evening's meeting is to share the data with the public. She began by outlining the agenda for the meeting. She advised that there would be a Question & Answer period after each presentation which would be restricted to ten minutes each in order to ensure that the agenda items are presented as planned. Every effort would be made to end the meeting at 8:30 as scheduled. In the event of a shortage of time, chart boards were located at various points around the room where questions could be written. Answers will be posted on the Board's website.

Ada Della Penta provided some background: 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 Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Capacity of Sudbury south schools needs to be addressed. MacLeod is overcrowded. Other schools are underutilized.

Superintendent Della Penta presented an overview of the ARC Mandate and timelines for the review. The presentation will be posted on the board's website:

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

She explained that her role is to act as the facilitator and is a non-voting member. The

recording secretary is Michèle Smethurst. Nicole Charette is the person who is in charge of the Board's website. When questions are posted, Nicole will ensure that those questions are directed to the appropriate person in order to provide an answer in a timely fashion.

All of the information being presented this evening has been presented to the ARC members. This has been the work of the ARC during the past four ARC meetings, and ARC will continue to meet in the days and weeks ahead. As outlined on the agenda, there are four public meetings scheduled. Tonight's meeting is to share the data. The second public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 where the public will have the opportunity to present options for consideration by the ARC. The third public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18. At this time, the ARC will present options developed by the committee. The fourth Public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 where the public is invited to provide input on the options presented

3. Overview of Board Data – Diane Cayen Arnold, Superintendent of Business

Superintendent of Business Diane Cayen-Arnold presented an Overview of the Data. Handouts of the presentation will be available after the meeting and on the board's website at: <http://www.rainbowschools.ca/boardroom/accommodation/sudburySouth.php>.

Questions & Answers

Q: How are the projected enrolment numbers predicted? How are the costs for cumulative capital projects calculated/validated and is the information available to the public? (John Hamalainen, Long Lake PS)

A: *Projected enrollment is calculated by the principal of the school and reviewed by the Superintendent of the school and the board's finance staff. In 2005, Rainbow District School Board verified and validated all of the cumulative capital projects. In the fall of 2009, Rainbow District School Board validated cumulative capital projects in Sudbury South Area Schools. The information has been provided to ARC and is posted on website.*

Q: How accurate have the projected enrolment numbers been in past years? (Nancy)

A: *The projected enrolment numbers have been very close to actual.*

Q: What financial support is provided to Rainbow District School Board by the Ministry of Education for capital projects? (Patsy Alatalo, Wanup P.S.)

A: *Rainbow District School Board receives approximately three million dollars (\$3,000,000) annually for capital projects. The Ministry of Education has provided additional grants. Since 2005, the board has received approximately twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) under the Good Places to Learn Initiative.*

4. School Information Profile - Generic Framework - Ada Della Penta

On behalf of the ARC members, Superintendent Della Penta presented an overview of the School Information Profile and the information that it contains. The profile is divided into four categories: value to the student, value to the Board, value to the community, and value to the local economy. It is recognized that the school's value to the student takes priority over other considerations about the school. The profiles were completed by school administration, teachers and members of the School Council. During the school profile presentations, it was stressed that this was not in any way a measure to compare schools to each other, but rather to provide a snapshot of each school outlining the strengths and value of each school.

The ARC members decided that there would not be a profile presentation made by each school at this evening's meeting, given that the completed profiles for each school are available on the Board website at:

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

Printed copies will be available at the end of the meeting and at future public meetings. As well, each school will have copies of their profiles available at the school office.

Questions and Answers

There were no questions.

5. Common Core Values - Ada Della Penta

Superintendent Della Penta, on behalf the ARC members, presented the common core values that were drawn up. During each ARC meeting, the school profiles were presented. Each school was given 20 minutes and there was time allotted for questions and answers. At the conclusion of these presentations, the committee participated in an activity which began the development of a framework with a common vision for the ideal accommodation for the future. A generic template was circulated with the four categories outlined. Committee members were asked to work firstly on their own, from what they had heard and without naming the school, jot down 3 to 4 things that were significant to them in each category. Then school teams, with the non-school reps joining them, were asked to compare their lists and look at the commonalities within each category. The members were then asked to go to the wall charts and write down their ranked items for each category. The wall charts were posted up along the walls on the side. At the end of the nine presentations, the committee came up with some very key messages for each category, which stand for a set of criteria that, in the opinion of the ARC members, provides for the best learning environment for our students. A presentation showing the core values in each category followed and will be posted on the board's website:

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

Questions and Answers

There we no questions.

6. City Demographic Trends and Development Activity in Sudbury South –

Mark Simeoni, Acting Manager of Community and Strategic Planning, City of Greater Sudbury presented an overview of demographics and development in the Sudbury South area and the City.

Questions and Answers

Q: Is there any data for building permits issued in the south end in the last 5 years and if so is this available?

A: *Mark Simeoni responded that he has provided an aggregate number of building permits in the south end and will provide an answer to this question to the board and can be posted on the board's website.*

Q: How can enrolment be calculated if there is no information on the map?

A: *The information provided is only relative to boundaries within the city of Greater Sudbury. The City would not provide individual enrolment for schools, only statistical information regarding development trends within the City limits.*

Q: Does four-laning of highway 69 have an affect?

A: *This cannot be projected. We can only give you factual data.*

Q: Growth on population seems to be contrary to the projected enrolment numbers the board is providing. (John Hamalainen, Long Lake PS)

A: *Indicators of growth being presented do not always translate into more children. For example a building permit issued for a single detached dwelling may not end up in it being occupied by a family with children.*

The presentation will be posted on the board's website:

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

7. Next Public Meeting Purpose

Superintendent Della Penta advised that the next public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 in the auditorium at Lockerby Composite School. The focus of the second meeting is "What is ... What could be". There will be an opportunity for public presentations from the community at large, with a maximum of 10 minutes in length for each presentation. Requests for presentations must be made in writing at least two days prior to the meeting (Monday April 26). Written copies of the presentation must be submitted prior to the meeting and submitted to ARC for the minutes. If a visual presentation is given, the PowerPoint must be provided to the board prior to the meeting in order to have it set up on a laptop.

The submissions are to be sent to Nicole Charette at accommodation@rainbowschools.ca
More information about the process is detailed on the Board website.

Attendees were invited to post questions on the chart paper provided for this purpose or email them to accommodation@rainbowschools.ca.

Superintendent Della Penta thanked everyone for attending and informed them that the minutes from this meeting and answers to the questions tabled from the floor or posted on chart paper will be available on the Board's website.

Questions and Answers

There were no questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Public Meetings:

April 28, 2010 – What is...What could be (Lockerby Composite School)

May 18, 2010 – Presentation of options developed by the Committee (Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School)

June 15, 2010 – Public input on options developed by the Committee (Lockerby Composite School)

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