



**Accommodation Review Committee
Public Meeting No. 2 – What is...What could be.
Sudbury South Area Schools
Wednesday, April 28, 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
Alison Bujold, School Council Member
Rachel Mahaffy, School Council Member
Barb Jeffrey, Teacher

Algonquin Road P.S.

Bob Deeth, Principal
Lisa Langley, School Council Member
Lisa Zanier, School Council Member
Darren Foy, Teacher

Lo-Ellen Park S.S.

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

Lockerby C.S.

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

Long Lake P.S.

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

MacLeod P.S.

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

Monetville P.S.

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

R.L. Beattie P.S.

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

Wanup P.S.

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

Community Representation:

Jenny Parisotto, Business Representative, Sudbury
Eric Bouffard, Business Representative, Noelville
Kelly-Lee Assinewe, First Nations Representative

Regrets:

Colleen Ballagh, Student Representative, Confederation S.S.
Mark Simeoni, Municipal Representative, City of Greater Sudbury (Alt. Kris Longston)
Tess Page, School Council Member, Lockerby C.S.
Reta Sauder, School Council Member, Monetville P.S.
Patti Socransky, School Council Member, R.L. Beattie P.S.
Ray Alatalo, School Council Member, Wanup P.S.

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
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
Larry Killens

1. Welcome - Ada Della Penta

Ada Della Penta, superintendent with the Rainbow District School Board and facilitator of this evening's meeting welcomed everyone to the second 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. 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 gave an overview of the Agenda. There was one addition to the agenda:

Item 4. Presentations - add Ross Boden, Long Lake P.S., to the list of presenters

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

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

3. Review of Public Meeting No. 1 (Tuesday, March 23, 2010)

Superintendent Della Penta reviewed the first public meeting held Tuesday, March 23 at Lo-Ellen 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. Hard copies of each of the schools profiles are available and can be picked up following the meeting. The profiles are also available online on the Board's website, www.rainbowschools.ca by clicking on Sudbury South Accommodation under "highlights". The school profiles provide information in four categories: Value to the Student, Value to the Board, Value to the Community and Value to the Economy. Superintendent Della Penta added the core values that ARC developed as a result of listening to all 9 schools were shared at the first public meeting. She displayed a slide showing Value to the Student which takes priority above all else and is driving this process forward.

4. Presentations

Superintendent Della Penta advised that there are now a total of 12 presentations. As outlined on the website and to the presenters, each presentation is limited to 10 minutes in length. The PowerPoint presentations were preloaded into the computer by our technician Jesse Oshell who will assist with the overall running of each presentation. Being respectful of everyone's precious time, Ada Della Penta advised that she would stand when there are two minutes remaining. Presenters are asked to wrap up your presentation in order to remain on schedule.

- Garnet Graham delivered a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of Wanup Public School.
- Patsy Alatalo delivered a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of Wanup Public School.
- Mikael Maki gave an oral presentation on behalf of Long Lake Public School.
- Sue Bowerman, gave an oral presentation on behalf of Long Lake Public School.
- Shelley Hagglund gave an oral presentation on behalf of Wanup Public School.
- Mike Gibbons delivered a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of Long Lake Public School.
- Natasha Cuff delivered a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of Monetville Public School. She invited Christine Lebert & Mark Barrett to speak of their reasons for moving to Noelville and the experience their children have had attending Monetville P.S.
- Kelly Caloyannis read a letter from Stacy Sullivan from Cold Lake, Alberta in support of Long Lake Public School.
- Lorie Brunelle gave an oral presentation on behalf of Long Lake Public School.
- Karen Hourtovenko delivered a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of Long Lake Public School.
- Sharon Goulais gave an oral presentation on behalf of Monetville Public School.
- Ross Boden gave an oral presentation on behalf of Long Lake Public School.

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.

5. Closing Comments - Ada Della Penta

The next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18 at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. At that meeting, ARC will present to the public proposed options for Sudbury South Schools. The public will then have an opportunity to give their input on those options at the fourth public meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, June 15. ARC will continue to meet and finalize the written report being presented to Administrative Council by August 23.

Superintendent Della Penta was asked to share the following information on behalf of the members of ARC:

"An accommodation review is a process that takes time and requires planning. All important dates are on the Board's website and on the screen here this evening. You will notice that

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 until the decisions made at the November 15th board meeting are implemented. That could take up to two years. So please don't expect that changes will take place immediately. And as always, continue to enroll your children at your community school. We appreciate your support as this process unfolds and thank you for your work with us to ensure that your children receive the best educational opportunities Rainbow schools have to offer today and in the years to come."

Superintendent Della Penta introduced Jean Hanson, Director of Education for Rainbow District School Board.

Director Hanson extended her appreciation to the ARC and stated that parental engagement makes a difference. She added that the evening could be summed up in one word: Community as there was a wonderful sense of community shown this evening.

Ada Della Penta invited questions from the floor.

Harold Duff commented that support from the community is very important and education is valued in the communities of French River and Monetville. He stated that without the school and its students, this community would not grow and prosper. Children are valued and a principal needs to be put in place in the community addressing children first and making sure that their needs are met. He concluded by saying the community will be supporting Monetville Public School.

Superintendent Ada Della Penta thanked Mr. Duff for his comments.

Naomi Grant began by saying she came with a question surrounding small schools and found tonight's presentations have expressed very well how important neighbourhood schools are. She stated she is familiar with studies done in Canada and the United States that show students in small schools do better academically, socially and in terms of physical health. No matter how "green" a large school is, it is not as green as a school that children can walk to. It is not just about educational outcomes, it's about communities and removing a school is not about longer bus rides, it's also removing the heart of a neighbourhood and a sense of belonging.

Q: What options are being looked at to maintain small neighbourhood schools? What community partnerships are necessary to make it work?

Superintendent Della Penta responded that the ARC members are currently discussing questions and issues such as small and large schools and the values each one has pertaining to the desired outcomes for students. She reiterated that no decisions have been made. The importance of community is clearly being heard this evening and is part of the dialogue.

Q: What dialogue or thinking has there been to date in terms of the transition from grade 6 (to a grade 7-12 school) as opposed to grade 8? (**Christine Lebert**)

Superintendent Della Penta responded that a lot of the Student Success Initiative talks about the stress on students in transition, whether it be from home to JK, grade 8 to 9, secondary to post-secondary or leaving home. Part of the studies have shown that a transition at grade 7 is one different way to minimize stress on students. Pedagogy behind both (transitioning at grade 7 and grade 9) has good things. Rainbow District School Board currently has two 7-12 schools and there are quite a few in Ontario. This is part of the discussions taking place in the ARC process.

There were no other questions.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next Public Meetings:

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)

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