



**Accommodation Review Committee  
Public Meeting No. 3  
Presentation of options developed by the Committee  
Warren Central Public School  
Tuesday, September 18, 2007  
7:00 pm to 7:50 pm**

## **MINUTES**

### **Present:**

**Board Trustees - Doreen Dewar**, Trustee; **Judy Hunda**, Vice-Chair; **Larry Killens**, Trustee; **Jeanna Miller**, Trustee; **Dena Morrison**, Chair; **Gord Santala**, Trustee; **Ruth Ward**, Trustee

**ARC Members - Norm Blaseg**, Superintendent, Rainbow District School Board; **Kathy Wachnuk**, Principal, Warren Central Public School; **Maureen Andersen**, Teacher, Warren Central Public School; **Pamela Munro**, Chair, School Council, Warren Central Public School; **Janet Johnson**, School Council, Warren Central Public School; **Jocelyn Guenette**, business representative, Caisse Populaire de Verner-Warren

**Administrative Council – Jean Hanson**, Director of Education; **Diane Cayen-Arnold**, Superintendent of Business; **Fred Law**, Superintendent

**Board Office – Heather Thirkill**, Recording Secretary, Rainbow District School Board; **Nicole Charette**, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, Rainbow District School Board

**Consortium - Jo-Anne Harrison**, Manager, Sudbury Student Services Consortium

**Regrets: Grace Fox**, Trustee; **Tyler Campbell**, Trustee; **Jean-Marc Chayer** Mayor, Municipality of Markstay-Warren

## 1. Welcome

Superintendent Norm Blaseg welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Administrative Council, Trustees and members of the Accommodation Review Committee were introduced.

## 2. Review of the process

Superintendent Blaseg reminded the audience of the two guiding principles – *to ensure that all students continue to have access to the best programming possible in quality school facilities and to reduce surplus space.*

The purpose of tonight's public meeting is to hear options developed by the Accommodation Review Committee. There are four options to be presented this evening by four members of the Accommodation Review Committee. Following each presentation, 10 minutes will be allotted for questions and answers.

Superintendent Blaseg indicated that there were "Request for Public Input" sheets available at the door for anyone who would like to write down their recommendation(s). These can be submitted at the end of the meeting or any time before Public Meeting No. 4, which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

## 3. Presentation of the options

**Option A** was presented by Jocelyn Guenette. This option involves students remaining at Warren Central Public School, the inclusion of Hagar and Warren boundaries and the addition of Grades 4 to 6 (phased in over the next three years).

Jo-Anne Harrison was introduced. She commented on how this recommendation for change of boundaries would impact transportation. Jo-Anne showed a map highlighting the new boundary. She discussed the area north of the highway 17 / highway 535 intersection. This area has not been included. She indicated that the distance between the intersections of highway 535 and Ratter Lake was 6.98 km to Markstay Public School and 19.92 km to Warren Central Public School. The intersection of highway 535 and Rabbit Trail is 12.09 km to Markstay Public School and 16.61 km to Warren Central Public School. A total of seven students who reside on the north side of highway 17 off of highway 535 live closer to Markstay Public School than Warren Central Public School.

There are 17 students (attending JK to Grade 3) who reside south of highway 17 off of highway 535. If the existing boundary were to change, these 17 students would be returned to Warren Central Public School from Markstay Public School.

Jo-Anne mentioned that buses in this area transport students for all four school boards. Because of the geography of the area, many considerations are taken into account for each stop, in order to minimize the length of bus rides.

Looking at the existing routes from Lacoste Road and Boundary Road (north of highway 17), the estimated existing route times are 8:05 am pick-up and 4:05 drop-off for Markstay Public School; from this same area to Warren Central Public School, the pick-up is 7:07 am and drop-off is 4:24 pm. The consortium is working on these routes to try to shorten the length of time students are on the bus.

The students living south of highway 17 and attending either Markstay Public School or Warren Central Public School have very similar pick-up and drop-off times.

Superintendent Blaseg asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**Option B** was presented by Pam Munro. This option involves students remaining at Warren Central Public School, the introduction of Grades 4 to 6 (phased in over 3 years), the inclusion of Hagar in Warren boundaries and the introduction of French Immersion, creating a dual track school beginning in JK (to be phased in over 8 years).

Pam commented that there is room at Warren Central Public School for students from Grades 4 to 6. (This would meet the guiding principle of reducing surplus space). Adding 17 students from Markstay Public School would certainly help increase the population of Warren Central Public School. Parents in the Warren area would welcome the opportunity for students to attend French Immersion at Warren Central Public School. Some English families in the area have sent their children to St. Thomas so that their children will learn to speak French. Pam noted that these students would attend Warren Central Pubic School. This would be a long process. Phasing in from JK to Grade 6 would take eight years. Pam indicated this would be providing the best programming possible for Warren students and would allow the students to attend a school in their community.

Superintendent Blaseg asked if there were any questions or comments.

**Q - If French Immersion were introduced at Warren Central Public School, could anyone in the area send his or her children to the school?**

A - A new set of boundaries for French Immersion would have to be established. Currently, French Immersion students from the Markstay/Warren area attend Northeastern Elementary School. (Superintendent Blaseg)

**Option C** was presented by Janet Johnson. For this option, if Warren Central Public School were to close, a recommendation would be to negotiate with Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (Separate French School Board) to co-locate with St. Thomas School.

Janet showed the audience a floor plan of St. Thomas School indicating that there is excess space at the school. This option would prevent students from having to travel on the highway. The option of sharing space would have to be presented to the French Catholic Separate board and approved by the trustees.

Superintendent Blaseg asked if there were any questions or comments.

**Q - Did anyone approach the other board about the possibility of sharing St. Thomas School?**

A - A meeting was held in August with Jean Hanson, Director of Education, Rainbow District School Board; Diane Cayen-Arnold, Superintendent of Business, Rainbow District School Board; Norm Blaseg, Superintendent, Rainbow District School Board and Ron Spina, Manager of Plant, Rainbow District School Board as well as the Director, Superintendent of Business, and Plant Manager from the Sudbury French Catholic Board (Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario). The Board received a layout of the school. The northeast wing of St. Thomas School is not being used. This entire section could be made available to Rainbow District School Board. The gym, stage and library would be shared space. There is a separate entrance. The schools would run independently of each other. Any decision to share space at St. Thomas would need to be approved by the Trustees of the Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario. Superintendent Blaseg reminded everyone that the meeting was for discussion purposes only. There would be many more discussions between both Boards before this option could move forward. (Superintendent Blaseg)

**Q - Would this option include students in Grades 4 to 6? (Trustee Dewar)**

A – Yes. We would like to phase in this option for students from JK to Grade 6. There is space in the school. (Janet Johnson)

**Option D** was presented by Superintendent Norm Blaseg. This is more of a statement than an option. In the event that the students of Warren Central Public School were to move to another location, a recommendation would be to donate Warren Central Public School to the municipality. Superintendent Blaseg explained that before the school can be donated to the municipality, the school must be made available to all other school boards. If, after a period of time, there is no interest, then the school can be donated.

Superintendent Blaseg asked if there were any questions or comments or if anyone from the audience had a recommendation he/she would like to present at

this time. There were none.

#### **4. Next Steps**

Public Meeting No. 4 will take place on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will include public input on options developed by the Accommodation Review Committee. The public was reminded they could come forward and present their recommendations at this time. As well, "Request for Public Input" sheets were available at the door and could be completed at any time up to the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please call Superintendent Blaseg at 674-3171, ext. 7229 or Heather Thirkill at 674-3171, ext. 7216 to if you would like to make a presentation at the October meeting.

#### **Other important dates:**

**By November 12, 2007** - ARC submits a written School Valuation Report to the Board's Administrative Council that includes findings and recommendations.

**Monday, November 19, 2007** - Administrative Council reviews the report and prepares Administrative Council recommendations.

**Monday, December 17, 2007, Board Meeting** - Administrative Council presents the Accommodation Review Committee School Valuation Report to the Board and the Administrative Council report to the Board.

**Monday, January 21, 2008, Board Meeting** - The Board will hear public presentations related to the School Valuation. Public presentations will be made in accordance with the bylaws of the Board.

**Monday, January 28, 2008** - Administrative Council will prepare a follow-up report to the Board based on public input.

**Monday, February 18, 2008, Board Meeting** - A final decision will be made regarding accommodation.

#### **Q - Can the public attend a Board Meeting? (Janet Johnson, ARC member)**

**A** - Yes, absolutely. However, you are not able to ask questions at a Board meeting. If you wish to speak at a Board meeting, there is a process to follow. The procedures for delegations are posted on the Board's website at the following link: <http://www.rainbowschools.ca/boardroom/delegations.php> (Superintendent Blaseg)

## Delegations

### **Rainbow District School Board welcomes delegations to the Board in accordance with section 4.14 of the Board's Governance By-Laws:**

**4.14.01** A person or delegation wishing to appear before or present a brief to the Board or a Committee shall apply in writing. The application shall state the matter on which the submission is to be made, the organization or interested parties to be represented, and the authority of the spokesperson. Not more than two persons may be designated spokespersons.

**4.14.02** A copy of the brief must be provided to the Secretary of the Board at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. This rule may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting at which the person or delegation wishes to be heard, if in the opinion of the Chairperson and the Director, an extreme time constraint is involved.

**4.14.03** For valid reasons, any persons or delegations may be denied the right to appear before the Board by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board present at a duly constituted meeting.

**4.14.04** The presenter is reminded that the written brief has been included as back-up material in the agenda for the meeting. Therefore, trustees will have read the brief. The presenters of the brief may speak to the trustees for approximately 10 minutes in order to summarize the pertinent points in the brief and to outline the solution/action, which is requested. They should then be prepared to receive questions for clarification from the trustees.

**4.14.05** The Board's response, when requested, will be made through the Secretary in writing at a later date, after the trustees have had the opportunity to discuss the matter and arrive at a decision.

**For more information, please email us or phone 705.674.3171, ext. 7254.**

Those in attendance were reminded that the minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Board's website (rainbowschools.ca). The PowerPoint presentation will also be posted on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 7:00 pm.