

Accommodation Review Committee

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ARC Mandate

- Board Motion to establish the ARC December 20/16
- ARC's are advisory by design... the Board decides
- “To conduct a public consultation process to make recommendations regarding the best solution to restructuring the schools in the defined areas.”
- Ministry of Education sets guidelines for ARC's
- Minimum of 2 meetings, over a 40-60 day period
- Feedback goes to Administration who consider it, then make their recommendations to Board.

Goals of the ARC (from ISR)

The goals of the ARC are to:

- Address the underutilized space in these schools,
- While promoting student achievement and well being and,
- Managing capital assets in a fiscally viable and sustainable manner.

ARC Procedures

- Two public meetings, February 15, and May 8, 2017
- Two working committee meetings to be determined (March 22, and April 19, 2017)
- At February public meeting we will receive presentations on the ISR and the SIPS. Community presentations will also take place.
- At working committee meetings the ARC will discuss the Staff recommendations and options and alternatives
- At May public meeting we will finalize our response to the Board on the Staff Recommendation and any alternatives the ARC may come up with aligning with its mandate.

ARC Membership

- 2 parents from each school involved (12)
- 1 secondary student from each school (3)
- 2 independent community members (2)
- 1 Indigenous community member (1)
- 1 City of North Bay representative (1)
- 1 principal from each school (6)
- 1 Superintendent of Schools from each school (2)
- 1 Trustee (1)
- The facilitator & Principal of Capital Planning, (2)

Roles & Responsibilities

- **ARC Parent & Student Members**
- Represent their communities
- Report back to the body they represent (School Council and SAC)
- Listen to constituents, take into consideration their views
- Make decisions based on criteria and in the best interest of the students and community

Roles & Responsibilities of Principal Representatives

- To assist their staffs and parents in understanding the ARC process and ISR details.
- To assist their parent and student representatives in sharing information with their constituents and in their roles as community advocates.
- To communicate with the ARC Facilitator to access resources and information needed for interested groups in their school communities.
- To host and share information about their schools at ARC meetings and answer questions as required.

Meeting Norms

- Chaired By Facilitator
- All members can speak when recognized by chair
- Every attempt will be made to reach consensus through dialogue & collaboration
- Only community members (parent reps, student reps, community reps and Indigenous community rep) will vote, should the ARC decide to vote on a matter.

Consensus

- We must agree on the parameters of consensus at our 1st meeting
- We could agree that consensus is when 75% of the voting members agree on an option if put to a vote.
- We could agreed that consensus is reached by collaboration when we agree that one of the options meets all (or an overwhelming majority) of our guiding principles for decisions

Guiding Principles for ARC Decisions

- Expanded curricular offerings
- Expanded co-curricular offerings
- Enhanced safety for students
- Equity of access to programs
- Sustainable financially
- Smooth transitions for students
- Special programs maintained
- Enhanced facilities

Next Steps

- Working Meeting Dates
 - **MARCH (1)**
 - Wednesday March 22, 2017
 - **APRIL (1)**
 - Wednesday, April 19, 2017