

**Accommodation Review**

E.T. Carmichael Public School, E.W. Norman Public School,  
W.J. Fricker Public School, Chippewa Secondary School,  
West Ferris Secondary School, Widdifield Secondary School

***ARC Meeting with Boards/Municipalities/Community Partners***

***Notes of Meeting***

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Near North District School Board Office**

**963 Airport Road, North Bay**

**Attendance:**

Lisa Sharpe Morin, YMCA	Kelli Coroux, West Ferris Day Nursery
Jacqueline Grube, YMCA	Patrick Cantin, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario
Deborah Robertson, North Bay and District Multicultural Centre	Paul Addie, Facilitator
John Severino, City of North Bay	Jackie Young, Director of Education
Michelina Beam, Trustee	Gay Smylie, Principal of Capital Planning
Al Bottomley, Trustee	Carrie Girard, Information Officer
Harry Fry, Trustee	Marjorie Campbell, Administrative Assistant
Paul Moffat, Trustee	
Louise Sargent, Trustee	

**Summary of Discussions:**

- The Board is committed to its annual capital planning process, specifically related to communication with stakeholders and in the alignment of public resources.
- The development of the Capital Plan and the Initial Staff Report which describes the Staff Recommended Option was informed by the information collected from more than 30 meetings with municipalities as well as the results of the CPP meetings in November 2016.
- Schools are centres of the communities they serve (community hubs) and this is very important to many stakeholders.

- Many schools have existing programs offered by our community partners and moving forward, the Board seeks to honour these.
- Community development is a high priority for the City of North Bay, specifically around economic growth/attracting jobs. There is some concern that one large high school will detract from these efforts.
- What will the impact will the staff recommended option at the Chippewa site have on traffic congestion in the core of the City? Preliminary discussions and designs indicate that the Chippewa site could safely accommodate the new school, but more detailed designs and studies would happen once the Board makes their final decision in June.
- A suggestion was made to have the City of North Bay provide the ARC committee with a presentation of long term growth plans and strategies.
- More program opportunities and offerings are available at a larger school.