
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

Additional Public ARC Meeting

Notes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2017

6:30 p.m.

**W.J. Fricker Public School
790 Norman Avenue, North Bay**

Attendance:

15 out of 18 voting members of the ARC Committee were in attendance.

Summary of Discussions:

- Director Young highlighted the Board's commitment to openness, transparency and the ARC process. Although a Staff Recommended Option has been put forward, which is required by policy, it is staff's best thinking based on an evaluation of the data and drivers in the Capital Plan. The ARC process is designed to hear from our communities on both the option that was put forward by staff and to hear alternative proposals.
- At its first working committee meeting, the ARC decided it would look at 3:2 options and wanted to hear feedback from the public on the 3:2 options that came forward.
- The next public meeting will be held on May 8. From there, staff will consider the ARC recommendation along with all feedback received to date and submit a Final Staff Report to the Board of Trustees on May 23. A special Board Meeting will be held on June 12 where members of the public will have a chance to present their thoughts directly to the Board of Trustees on the option(s) presented in the Final Staff Report, the ARC recommendation(s) if there are any, and alternative solutions. The Board of Trustees will make a final decision in public session of the regular Board meeting on June 27, 2017.
- 13 speakers presented to the ARC Committee related to:
 - Concern around the traffic congestion at the Chippewa site.

- Concern around the large school population of 3:1 secondary school model and the impact it could have on student outcomes, student well-being, safety, relationships and other impacts such as only one English public secondary school choice in North Bay.
 - Several speakers expressed support for Alternative proposal 4.
 - Several speakers expressed that the location of the French program was not a concern to them.
 - Concern that the decision making process is too short.
 - Encouragement to keep students at the centre of decision-making.
- 14 of 18 voting members is consensus to send a recommendation to the Board.
- A traffic study will be required at any site, and the City of North Bay would require that any deficiencies be addressed before a permit would be granted. Costs are worked out at the time of application. A traffic study has not been commissioned yet, because trustees have not made a final decision.
- The ARC Committee has listened to the questions put forward by the public. The questions that the ARC committee wished to have answered/fleshed out were responded to by staff. Much of this information can be found in the handouts provided to the ARC.
- A capital submission was not made to the Ministry of Education in March of 2017 because the Board did not have an ARC completed at the time. The Board will submit an application in the Fall of 2017, following the completion of this ARC.
- The ARC Committee will be meeting tomorrow to work through all of the information.