
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 WORKING MEETING #2

Notes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

6:30 p.m.

ET Carmichael Public School

1351 Chapais Street, North Bay

Attendance:

Attendance was taken at the beginning of the meeting.

Summary of Discussions:

- ARC members reviewed the different ways that they have connected with their constituents and provided an overview of the feedback they have received.
- The ARC Committee spent time reviewing and discussing the pros and cons of alternative options.
- It was noted that there was no “perfect” option.
- Boundary changes can lead to splitting elementary feeder school populations for secondary school.
- The proposals were reduced to 4 given some commonalities for further review:
 - 3:2 Boundary split
 - Two different 3:2 Program splits
 - 3:1 Staff Recommended Option
- Proposals #6 and #7 speak to Indigenous Programming and these suggestions can be integrated into any 3:2 option.
- Staff is generated by enrolment.
- With smaller secondary populations, it is increasingly difficult to offer a variety of courses which can lead to split classes.
- Several research studies were discussed with regard to school size and socio-economic status as predictors of student success.

- The importance and role of a transition committee was discussed, regardless of the decision the Board makes.
- Transportation impacts of the 3:1 staff recommended option were reviewed and an increase in traffic congestion along the Highway 11 corridor in the City were noted. Increased costs to transportation were also noted.
- An increase in 2016-2017 funding for the Board (recently announced by the Ministry) was reviewed. The money is all “spoken for” related to the 2-year provincial contract extensions for items such as salary increases and cannot be spent on school renewal/operations.
- A review of the Ministry’s capital funding priorities took place with specific reference to Ministry memos. A summary chart will be shared with ARC members prior to the next working meeting. Distinction between refurbishment, retrofit and new build criteria were provided as well as an explanation of the different “pots” of funding the Board can apply to depending on the ask.
- The more criteria you can satisfy in terms of meeting the Ministry’s capital funding priorities, the stronger the business case the Board can make for funding. An ARC is required before the Board can apply for funding.
- The format of the May 8 public meeting will be discussed at the next working committee meeting which will take place on April 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at West Ferris.
- School staffs will be invited to make any further written submissions to the ARC, but will not be required to present to the ARC.