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**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 #3***

***Notes of Meeting***

**Wednesday, April 24, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**

**West Ferris Secondary School  
60 Marshall Park Drive, North Bay**

**Attendance:**

14 of the 18 voting members were present at the working meeting.

**Summary of Discussions:**

- The facilitator shared with the ARC members present the agenda for approval and reminded the ARC of their role to make the decision that is best for all the students in North Bay.
- He reminded them of the Guiding Principles for decision making that were set by them at the first ARC Meeting.
- All materials that were shared at this meeting were reviewed together.
- Individual ARC members commented on their preferences given the data and the input received to date.
- There was consensus among the ARC members present for the following alternative proposal:

**Discussion on Alternative Proposal:**

1. The consolidation of the three elementary Schools: E.T. Carmichael, E.W. Norman, W.J. Fricker to one new JK-6 build on the W.J. Fricker site:
  - Include childcare and early learning facilities,
  - Create a separate playground for the ELK's, and
  - Rename and rebrand the new school.

2. The consolidation of the 3 North Bay High Schools: Chippewa, West Ferris and Widdifield and the renaming and rebranding of two sites:
  - a) To ensure equity of access for all students, refurbish two of the existing schools (total modernization) one in the south end of the city and one in the north end (First Choice). If total modernization of both facilities is not attainable item (b) is our preference,
  - b) To ensure equity of access for all students build two new schools; one in the south end of the city and one in the north end (Second Choice), and
  - c) Move the Extended French Program, The French Immersion Program and the International Baccalaurate Program to the South site.
  
3. Serious consideration be given to the following matters in the implementation of the above:
  - In consultation with our First Nations leaders, enhance programming for our First Nations students at all new sites,
  - All community programs in existing schools should be transferred to either new site as appropriate (no program will be lost in the transition),
  - All intermediate and secondary special education programs should be offered at one of the sites,
  - Request the City of North Bay to assess the need to add stop lights, crossing guards, sidewalks or bridges as needed to ensure the safety of students based on the new walking routes, and traffic created by changes in school populations. Include a traffic study and a bus transportation audit,
  - Transition opportunities be offered for all students, including extra supports (such as counsellors) for any students that may experience challenges with change/anxiety/transition,
  - Provide adequate communication to parents regarding transitions for students,
  - Provide opportunities for School Advisory Council members to be consulted on transition planning and transition activities, and
  - That the board consider regulating optional zone attendance to ensure a balance in student numbers during the transition period and beyond.

**May 8, 2017 Public Meeting Plan:**

1. The ARC Committee will rise and report in the public session moving motions to place recommendations on the table with opportunities for the ARC to comment on the options.
2. No public comments will be entertained at this meeting.
3. The notes of meeting will be posted on the website on Friday this week.
4. The public will be invited to speak to the ARC's final recommendation (decided upon in public on May 8), directly to the Board on June 12, 2017 at the public meeting at West Ferris Intermediate Secondary School.