

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL ARC BOARD MEETING

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW 2010:03 – ALLISTON UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL,

ERNEST CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

ROY EDWARDS ROOM

- A.**
- (1) Roll Call
 - (2) Approval of Agenda
 - (3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Cassandra DeGrace
2. Kim Berek
3. Michelle Davidson and Carole Madsen

C. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

Special Board Meeting – November 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Program Standing Committee Meeting – November 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Barrie Central Partnership Evening – November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
Years of Service Celebration – November 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – November 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Couchiching Room
Regular Meeting of the Board – November 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will resume at 7:30 p.m. (Roy Edwards Room)

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PUBLIC SESSION

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011 – 6:00 P.M. – ROY EDWARDS ROOM
RECOMMENDED ACTION**

REPORT	FYI	Decision Req.	MOTION
			Call Meeting to order. Roll Call
		√	That the agenda be approved as printed.
			Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
Delegations	√		1. Cassandra DeGrace 2. Kim Berek 3. Michelle Davidson and Carole Madsen
Future Business			
Adjournment		√	Motion to Adjourn

Robyn, Lena

To: Robyn, Lena

Subject: FW: Pupil Accommodation Review 2010:03 Delegation Submission Request

From: Cassandra De Grace

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 2:53 PM

To: Robyn, Lena

Subject: Pupil Accommodation Review 2010:03 Delegation Submission Request

Hi Lena,

I would like to delegate at the November 8, 2011 Delegation Special Board Meeting. I will be delegating in support of the ARC recommendation to keep the Alliston Union site.

My presentation will include:

- introduction
- the Alliston Union building and site
- comparison to the Northeast (Mattamy site)
- funding
- possible use
- planning for the next ten years
- conclusion

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Cassandra

Cassandra DeGrace

Robyn, Lena

To: Robyn, Lena

Subject: FW: Nov.8 delegation

From: Kim Berek

Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 11:10 AM

To: Robyn, Lena

Subject: Nov.8 delegation

Hello Lena,

My name is Kim Berek. I was a parent representative for Alliston Union Public School on the Accommodation Review Committee 2010:03.

I would like to be added to the list of delegates for the SCDSB's Special Meeting on November 8th, 2011.

Outline for presentation:

- Focus on the Accommodation Review Process:

- a)-policy
- b)procedures
- c)recommendations

Kim Berek

ARC Delegation
November 1, 2011
Michelle Davidson
Carole Madsen

Outline: Introduction/Thank you's, main focus of the ARC, process and procedures followed, overview of 3 possible sites, advantages of the NW site, disadvantages of current AUPS site

Main Focus:

- Where the new school should be emphasizing the best interest of all students in Alliston
- Great that we were granted the funds from the Ministry

Overview of 3 possible sites

- NW, NE and current AUPS
- After site visits, NE was dismissed early due to its isolated location and single road access
- NW site and current AUPS pursued
- NW site selected

Policies and Procedures

- Enough information to make an informed decision
- Fair and open process in which the community was given decent notice and opportunity to comment
- Faith in projections, given that the estimates for this year were very close on a large scale
- Appreciated the input of not only the written material but also input of planning, facilities, and other SCDSB staff members as well as staff from the Town of New Tecumseth
- Went through the reference criteria, all of it was covered although some of it was not relevant due to the nature of this ARC-it was not a school closing, but rather a school moving
- ECES school not inspected because we weren't moving it
- If there are questions regarding the process, the proper place to raise that is with the Ministry

Advantages of choosing the NW site

- Better option than the existing site
- Location is central to growth areas
- Enables a better school to be built on a larger lot

- Hope that if the AUPS site is retained that it will not be left empty (i.e. if the site is kept, lease or get rid of the building).

Disadvantages of current AUPS site

- Declining student population and student enrolment
- Re-building on the current AUPS site not cost effective approximately 1 million dollars of Ministry of Education funding spent on demolition and housing all students, staff, classrooms and washrooms in portables for approximately a 1 year time frame
- Rebuilding on site poses many daily safety issues and loss of any play areas
- Noise pollution, students with sensitivity to noise or dust allergens significantly impacted
- Best interest of the students that the 1 million dollars be utilized to enhance the new school with additional resources and improvements to promote a better education
- Too close to ECES being roughly 1.6 km away

Letter of support: James W. Smith, ARC community representative for the Town of New Tecumseth

James Smith

November 1, 2011

The Board of Trustees
Simcoe County District School Board,
1170 Highway 26,
Midhurst, Ontario
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Dear Sirs,

I am a member of the Accommodation Review Committee 2010:03, studying Alliston Elementary Schools, as the community representative for the Town of New Tecumseth. This is the second ARC I have been a member of as a community representative; the previous one being ARC D which dealt with Tecumseth North, Alliston Union, Beeton and Cookstown. I have been a Town Councillor since 2003. I am unable to attend the School Board's meeting on November 8, 2011. I support the delegation being made by Michelle Davidson and Carole Madsen.

I strongly support the recommendations of ARC 2010:3. The process was open, all information necessary to make a decision was provided and staff were both supportive and co-operative - not to mention patient. The Public were given ample opportunity at four meetings to address their concerns, make suggestions and question both the Committee and Board staff. All necessary procedural steps were taken.

It quickly became apparent that in general the Ernest Cumberland community is fairly happy with the status quo and the issues facing it are those that face every elementary school on a day to day basis. The main question facing the Committee was the future of Alliston Union and its future location. There is no doubt that the existing building has to be replaced and this was confirmed by the fact that during the course of our meetings the Provincial government confirmed financing to replace it.

There are three potential sites for the replacement school. The present location, which is central, undersized and in a mature neighbourhood and two sites in new subdivisions in the northeast and northwest of Alliston. The northeast site has several disadvantages; it is odd shaped, isolated and in an area where future growth will be constrained. Therefore it was dismissed early in the process. The northwest site is a rectangle, on a main street and in an area where several hundred homes will be built in the near future. After a great deal of careful consideration it was chosen as preferred site for the new school.

I think it is fair to say that the main reasons the majority of the Committee chose this site were

because:

1. There will be no disruption of the school during construction. Temporary accommodation and demolition costs will not have to be deducted from the construction budget. There will be more money for students.
2. More students will be able to walk to the new site.
3. It is in a growth area adjacent to a park and a Roman catholic school.
4. It has a larger site.

I hope the above is helpful.

Yours very truly,

James W. Smith