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William Merrifield VC Public School Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Meeting #1

Location: William Merrifield VC Public School

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm – 7:40 pm

Present: **Don McConnell** (Municipal Representative), **Ruby Blue** (Community Representative), **Sherry Dean** (Parent and Chair of the Committee), **Carol Lucio** (Principal), **Elena Palazzi** (Teacher), **Joe Maurice** (Superintendent)

Attendance: Ed Haley – Vice-Principal – no members from the public attended the meeting

- (1) **Welcome and overview of the agenda** – Committee did not need to do introductions and meeting started at 7:05 pm
- (2) **Presentation of Accommodation Options** – Superintendent Joe Maurice outlined for the committee that with the condition of the building, we should focus on where students will go next year – how students would be housed in neighbouring schools that have room
- (3) **Presentation of Valuation Template** – Superintendent Maurice went through the Valuation Template with the committee – much of this template will be completed before the next meeting by Joe Maurice and Carol Lucio with input from various departments at the Board office (ie. Transportation, Plant Dept.) Superintendent Maurice explained each of the areas of Valuation – Student, Board, Community and Economy – and showed the committee the template. For example, the school is rated for a capacity of 279 students and currently houses only 132. After the first pre-meeting the committee had, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Maurice and Mrs. Lucio toured the building and Mrs. Lucio pointed out the areas of concern with the physical structure. Issues with the furnace, roof and plumbing were discussed. If it becomes necessary to evacuate the building during the school year, there is space available for the whole school to move to Alexander Henry as a temporary measure. A cluster map will be requested by Mrs. Lucio from the transportation department to start looking at where the students live and what schools may be able to accommodate them.

Question – Can we get the PTR ratings for the other schools nearby to do a comparison?

Answer – We may be able to access this information before the next meeting. Once the Valuation Template is filled in the committee can decide what they want to know about the neighbouring schools as information that can be presented to parents if they have questions.

- (4) **Confirmation of Second Public Meeting** – Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm – the committee will meet on October 22 at 3:30 pm to review the Valuation template prior to the public meeting.
The third meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 27 at 7:00 pm and the final meeting for Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm.

(5) **Adjournment** 7:40 pm