



William Merrifield VC Public School



Accommodation Review Committee
First Meeting

September 30, 2014

William Merrifield VC Public School Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

- Chair of School Council – Sherri Dean
- Community Member – Ruby Blue
- Municipal Representative – Don McConnell
- Principal – Carol Lucio
- Staff Member – Elena Palazzi
- Superintendent of Education – Joe Maurice



Board Motion – June 17, 2014

“That the Board approve that William Merrifield VC Public School be placed on “Under Review Status”. The review would focus on the possibility of school closure, accommodating the JK-8 program and students currently housed at William Merrifield VC Public School in nearby existing elementary schools for September 2015.”



Terms of Reference

- **Accommodation Review Committee (ARC):**
 - Assumes advisory role
 - Provide recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board of Trustees
 - Seek input and feedback about School Information Profile, School Valuation Template, and accommodation options
 - Hold four public meetings, publicized in advance
 - Present recommendations in last meeting, revise and submit to senior Board administration within 14 days of last public meeting



Ministry Accommodation Review Process

- ARC to discuss and consult about School Information Profile – Public Meetings, with Minutes
- All information to be made public – ADSB website
- Review accommodation options
- Respond to public questions
- ARC Accommodation Report to the Board



Policy 5.01 – Pupil & Accommodation Review Process

- Preliminary Analysis of Pupil Accommodation Data
- Commencing Pupil Accommodation Review
- Community Consultation and Public Meetings
- Local Accommodation Review Report, Board Decision(s) and Implementation
- Administrative Review of Accommodation Review Process



Administrative Review of Accommodation Review Process

If the process was not consistent with the board's policy.

Within 30 days of the board's closure resolution:

- highlight how the process was not compliant.
- Petition of support (minimum 30% of school's student headcount)
- Submit the petition and justification to the school board and the Minister.

The school board would be required to:

- Confirm to the Minister
- Prepare a response within thirty 30 days of receiving the petition.

If the conditions set out above have been met, the Ministry would be required to:

- Undertake a review by appointing a facilitator within 30 days of receiving the school board's response.



Timelines

- After the intention to conduct an accommodation review has been announced by the board, there must be ***no less than 30 days notice prior to the first of four (minimum) public meetings.***
- Beginning with the first public meeting, the public ***consultation period must be no less than 90 days.***
- After the ARC submits the School Valuation report to board administration, there must be ***no less than 60 days notice prior to the meeting where the trustees will vote on the recommendations.***



Accommodation Options



School Valuation Template

- **Value to Student**
 - What is the impact on the student with the closing of this school?
- **Value to Board**
 - What is the impact on student learning across the system if this school closes?
- **Value to Community**
 - What is this school's value to the community?
 - Can this value be relocated to a receiving school?
- **Value to Economy**
 - What is the school's value to the local economy?



Questions



Next Meeting

- **October 29, 2014**
- **7:00 pm**

