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Minutes of the Working Committee of the Accommodation Review Committee of the NCDSB held at Sacred Heart Catholic School, April 2, 2012 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Staff Present:
Glenn Sheculski, Director of Education – Chair of ARC
Mary-Lou Pollon, Manager of Financial Services
Robert Landry, Manager of Plant
Andrew Marks, Community Relations Officer

Working Committee Members Present:

Sacred Heart Catholic School:
Cheryl Ricco, Principal
Kimberley Walker-Hausel, Non-Teaching Staff Rep.
Susan Berlingeri, Catholic School Advisory Council Member

St. Jerome School:
Karen MacGregor, Principal
Tracey Lalonde, Teacher Rep.
Caroline Harvey, Non-Teaching Staff Rep.
Melissa Burnside, Catholic School Advisory Council Chair
Stephanie Sinclair, Parent Representative
Andra Pettenuzzo, Parent Representative

Working Committee Members Regrets:

Sacred Heart Catholic School:
Julia Spadetto, Teacher Rep.
Glenna Hesketh, Catholic School Advisory Council Member

Call to Order:
Glenn Sheculski, ARC Chair, led the committee in prayer

Welcome:
Glenn Sheculski provided opening comments and led the committee introductions. He began by thanking committee members for their commitment to the Northeastern Catholic District School Board and for accepting to take on this important task over the next several months.

Presentations:
Andrew Marks made reference to new Arc page of NCDSB website (www.ncdsb.on.ca) and pointed out the information located on the web site. All meeting notices, agendas, minutes, committee members and relevant MET documents and feedback section were discussed.

Glenn Sheculski provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- ARC Terms of Reference, Membership, Purpose, Mandate & Guiding Principles
- Board Profile
- School Profiles
- Demographics
- Financial Parameters
- Contact and Feedback Information
- Board Policy – Pupil Accommodation Review F-8 Policy
- ARC Timeline

It was noted that this PowerPoint presentation will be the bulk of information presented to the Public, several corrections were noted and to be made before the 1st Public Arc meeting.

Questions Posed:
Glenn asked what potential outcomes could come out of ARC
Several Members put forth their ideas about a super school could be created, with increased population potentially the secondary years could be incorporated into a larger new school; the status quo could also result from the ARC.
Andra asked about FDKEL program. Glenn responded about FTE versus body spacing and funding.
Karen asked about a potential MET penalty for underutilized OTG capacity. Mary-Lou responded that currently no penalty in place, but this is coming with new Provincial Budget Education announcement.

School Valuation Tool:
Both the Generic and customized Valuation tool for Sacred Heart Catholic and St. Jerome Schools was handed out. Discussion took place on next steps and working committee asked to review documents and see what can be omitted and what changes/additions need to be made.

Questions on points and ranking systems and if all generic points have to be listed in customized version, and if both school valuation tools need to be the same, and why is EQAO evaluated in two different sections of the valuation tool are to be answered by next working committee meeting.

Selection of Business Rep. and Town Councilor
Glenn noted previous meeting with Mayor Enouy and C.A.O. Nancy Allick and our request for a town Rep. to sit on the working committee. Glenn updated group that Town rep. will not take place at this time, perhaps later in the process when recommendations are identified. However, it was noted that the Town of Kirkland Lake has been very supportive and offered their assistance in anyway.

Date of next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart School

School Site Visits:
School site visits were offered, but most present were familiar with both school locations. Anyone wanting to visit the schools is most welcomed by both principals.

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm