

February 13, 2017

6:30 p.m.

**Accommodation Review Committee
(ARC)**

**Honey Harbour Public School
ARC Working Meeting #2**

**Baxter Ward Community Centre
Lounge**

Facilitator/Chair: Katherine MacIver

Participants: Andrea Elgar, Tricia Fenn, Linda Foster

Staff: Dave Golden, Larry Hope, Bob Kaye, Catherine Shedden, Deb Wines

Trustees Louise Clodd, David Morrison

Staff Support: Wendy Browne, Karen Franke

Regrets: Amy McDonald

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION /ACTION
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.	
	Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) members were provided with updated documentation for their Information binders.
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Superintendent of Learning Katherine MacIver welcomed ARC members, trustees, staff, and guests to the meeting and expressed appreciation of the members flexibility as the original working meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather. Katherine MacIver is facilitating this Working Group Meeting as Michael Ash is unavailable. Trillium Lakelands DSB staff present, who will act as resources throughout the ARC meetings, present were: Superintendent of Learning Dave Golden, Superintendent of Business Bob Kaye, Principal of Honey Harbour and Glen Orchard Public School Deb Wines, District Manager Catherine Shedden, and Administrative Assistants Wendy Browne and Karen Franke. Trustee Chair Louise Clodd and Trustee David Morrison were also guests in attendance.</p> <p>Meeting norms were reviewed. The public may complete a Public Input form to ask their questions which will be addressed at the next Public Meeting on February 21, 2017. Members of the public may also request to present to the ARC at the Public Meeting by completing a Public Input form.</p> <p>Facilitator MacIver stated that today is the second of two scheduled working meetings of the Accommodation Review Committee. The ARC will review the draft ARC report from the January 31st meeting and is also an opportunity for the</p>

	<p>committee members to discuss information received, request clarification, and ask questions from the staff to assist in the development of this report.</p> <p>All ARC meetings will be recorded. Minutes of the meeting are taken. Though the minutes will not be verbatim, the recording will be available if required. Minutes are voted on and approved at the next meeting.</p>																				
<p>Approval of Working Meeting # 1 Minutes of January 31, 2017</p>	<p>Minutes of the Honey Harbour School Accommodation Review Committee Working Meeting # 1 on January 31, 2017 were sent to members for review. No errors or omissions. Approved by Tricia Fenn, seconded by Linda Foster All in favour. Carried.</p>																				
<p>Submissions: Questions and Answers from Staff</p>	<p>All questions and staff answers were reviewed from January 31, 2017.</p> <p>Members were directed to review the agenda package which included a census report and a letter from Mayor Larry Braid.</p> <p>Staff will investigate the reasons behind the lack of involvement from teachers and staff from Honey Harbour School</p> <p>RESPONSE: The board was not aware and did not provide any direction that staff from Honey Harbour Public school should remain silent during the accommodation review. The board has spoken with the staff and it appears that they have chosen not to be involved in the accommodation review process. The board has followed up with the president of the union who has stated that staff may choose to be or not to be involved, and that the union will provide support and direction to staff when needed.</p> <p>Potential bus trip lengths were researched by the board using google maps time and distance. Using very basic way points:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="457 1241 1511 1533"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Glen Orchard PS</th> <th>Honey Harbour PS</th> <th>Tay Shores PS</th> <th>Coldwater PS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South Gibson Lake Road/400</td> <td>24min/35km</td> <td>22min/26km</td> <td>27min/39km</td> <td>25min/38km</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Port Severn/400</td> <td>31min/51km</td> <td>11min/12km</td> <td>14min/17km</td> <td>11min/16km</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honey Harbour PS</td> <td>38min/55km</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>25min/30km</td> <td>23min/28km</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Could TLDSB approach Simcoe County DSB to attend the Public Meeting as a resource?</p> <p>TLDSB have spoken with Simcoe County DSB. They have confirmed that they do not wish to interfere with the TLDSB ARC process or appear to be trying to influence the outcome. They are unable to attend the Honey Harbour Public Meeting.</p> <p>What are the options available to attend Simcoe County schools?</p> <p>Tay Shores Public School in Simcoe County DSB is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school and has the capacity to accept Honey Harbour students. Buses running</p>		Glen Orchard PS	Honey Harbour PS	Tay Shores PS	Coldwater PS	South Gibson Lake Road/400	24min/35km	22min/26km	27min/39km	25min/38km	Port Severn/400	31min/51km	11min/12km	14min/17km	11min/16km	Honey Harbour PS	38min/55km	n/a	25min/30km	23min/28km
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	<p>with Simcoe County Catholic DSB and Simcoe County DSB would allow Honey Harbour students to ride the bus to Tay Shores Public School. Coldwater Public School also has capacity to accept Honey Harbour students. Should students attend the public school in Coldwater, students of Honey Harbour may board the Simcoe County Catholic DSB and/or Simcoe County DSB public school bus at an existing stop. The bus route will not be altered.</p> <p>Could students transfer from SCDSB transfer to a Coldwater bus? There is no junction/transfer point available that would make this feasible and bus routes will not be extended.</p> <p>What are the results of the upcoming census? Some census data has become available and has been shared with the committee. The data indicates a general overall population growth of 17 people over a five year period in the Township of Georgian Bay. Muskoka Lakes and Lake of Bays shows a decline in population numbers. More data, ie age ranges, will be available in August. The census does show that the area's population is older than the average Ontario mean, i.e. not of child bearing years.</p>
<p>Discussion: New Information from ARC Members</p>	<p>The facilitator invited discussion regarding the information provided.</p> <p>It is understood that the Ministry will not approve a moratorium. Could the review be delayed and completed in five years time allowing time for potential community growth to realize its possible impact. This is a possible suggestion for the ARC report.</p> <p>In lieu of moving students to Glen Orchard Public School, could Honey Harbour Public School become a satellite school of Simcoe County DSB? This would require a boundary change by the Ministry of Education and such changes have not been successful in the past. The Ministry will allow a student to attend a school in another district if it is physically closer to the student's home although there is no guarantee of transportation.</p> <p>Is there documentation that supports the school board's argument that a multi-grade classroom is not conducive to student programing? It is felt that the majority of the school community feels that their students received a good education. This ARC review was prompted not just by enrolment numbers but also because it is felt there is better student programming available where there are more students. For example, there is currently one student in a single grade at Honey Harbour Public School.</p> <p>ARC member Linda shared that Muskoka Family Focus will be providing further information based on their numbers and may be presenting. It was confirmed that Muskoka Family Focus have been in contact with the school board and may be presenting at the upcoming Public Meeting.</p> <p>Why are presenters given a 5 or 10 minute time constraint to make their presentation?</p>

<p>BREAK: 7:46pm RECONVENE 8:01pm</p>	<p>In order to keep meeting length reasonable, the board has a policy that defines the length of delegations. The ARC may ask the Facilitator to be lenient with presenters at the public meeting.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees consists of 9 individuals. Why are there only 2 present at the meetings as the ARC would like all the trustees to hear the public input and discussion? There will be an opportunity on April 4th for the public to address all the trustees through a delegation process.</p> <p>UNESCO is mandated to provide education to the public on the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve. Are we losing an opportunity for partnership and impact education? This could be built into the ARC Report as an alternative.</p> <p>ACTION: The school board will obtain the history of the housing development projects in Honey Harbour.</p> <p>Comment was made around concern that Glen Orchard PS might go through an accommodation review in future years.</p> <p>Is there an expectation to provide in-depth detailed rationale when providing alternatives? No there is not.</p> <p>Would the school be involved in the transition? Yes, typically both schools involved would take part in the transition.</p> <p>In regards to bussing potential, would parents be expected to drive their child to meet the bus or will the bus pick them up at the end of the driveway? Walk distances to stop locations would not change for students attending schools in Trillium Lakelands DSB. If students attend a school in the Simcoe County DSB, there are buses available to Tay Shores Public School. Should the student attend Coldwater, then the parents would need to take the student to a pick-up point to catch the appropriate bus.</p> <p>Can the public utilize the projector when making their presentation? Yes, ideally they should provide the presentation ahead of time so that we can ensure there are no technical difficulties, along with a written report of their presentation.</p> <p>ACTION: a printed copy of the draft ARC Report will be distributed to ARC via Principal Wines.</p>
<p>Development of ARC Report</p>	<p>The committee reviewed the draft ARC Final Report. The report will remain in draft until it is submitted to staff. The draft ARC Report is not recorded in the minutes. The board can assist the ARC and provide a draft of the report purpose and context which provides meeting dates, etc, for the ARC to review. The content of the ARC will be developed fully by the ARC. This content will give a response to the Initial Report recommendation, provide alternatives, and state needs to be addressed through any transition.</p>

Next meeting date and structure	The next meeting of the Accommodation Review Committee will be the 2 nd Public Meeting on February 21, 2017. All meetings are held at the Baxter Ward Community Centre @ 6:30 p.m.
Mechanisms for ongoing public input	<p>Through the completion of the Public Input Form, the public may make a request in writing to speak at the next Public Meeting, February 21, 2017. Time allotments are 5 minutes for an individual; 10 minutes if representing a group. The presenter must supply a written summary that will be posted on the board website.</p> <p>The public may also ask questions at the Public Meeting by completing a question form. Staff will provide a response at the Public meeting if able or at a later date.</p> <p>All submissions received thus far have been posted on the board website.</p> <p>Please note that if school buses are cancelled due to inclement weather the meeting is also cancelled. This will be posted on the board website and confirmed to ARC members by email with an alternate meeting date.</p>
Adjournment	8:25 p.m.

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