

# Southwest Kitchener Accommodation Review Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Accommodation Review Committee was held on December 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Catholic Elementary School

Present:

**Committee Members:**

John Sullivan (Principal - Blessed Sacrament), Paul Boucher (Principal - John Sweeney), Paul Smith (Principal - Monsignor Haller), Kathryn Peace (Principal - Our Lady of Grace), Laurie Maschio-Hanson (Principal - St Timothy), Bill Haber (Blessed Kateri), Louise Ervin(Trustee), Dave Bennett (Senior Manager of Capital Planning), Heather Cullen (Superintendent – Chair), Kevin Freeland (Parent - Blessed Kateri), Chris Spere (Parent - Blessed Sacrament), Joan MacDonald (Parent - Blessed Sacrament), Joe Potworka (Parent - John Sweeney), Lori Palubeski (Parent - John Sweeney), Steve Ross ( Parent – Our Lady of Grace), Chris Gehan (Parent – St. Timothy), Sandra Street (Parent – St. Timothy), Fred Bittner (Transportation), Shelley Hercanuck (Transportation).

**Recording secretary:**

Lindsay Reinhardt (Planner)  
Shuyu Zhou (Planner & recording secretary)

Regrets:

John Shewchuk (Senior Manager of Public Affairs), Wayne Buchholtz (Trustee), Dalia Najera (Parent – Monsignor Haller), Edgar Najera (Parent – Monsignor Haller).

Next Meetings:

January 14, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

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1. Welcome, Introductions and Opening Prayer:

The meeting opened at 6:30pm with a prayer led by Laurie Maschio-Hanson.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for Nov 17, 2008 were approved. This will be posted on the Board's website.

3. Historical Enrolment

Planning staff provided historical enrolment data from 2003 to 2007 for each school in Southwest Kitchener to the ARC for their consideration.

4. Review Boundary Options

The ARC reviewed each of the revised options and the options that were selected at the last meeting to present at the public meetings. These options have been renumbered for the public meetings.

ARC members questioned the logic behind doing a boundary change to move portables from St Timothy to Blessed Kateri. It was explained that St. Timothy cannot handle any additional portables due to the topography of the site. Blessed Kateri's site is flat and therefore better able to accommodate portables. Also, the core facilities of the school (i.e. double gym, library, washrooms, administration, etc) are better suited to accommodate a larger student population.

**a) *OPTION 1 (formerly 1b) - South (St.Timothy & Blessed Kateri)***

ARC members had no additional comments on the option 1 (formerly option 1b). Some committee members recommended that option 1a that had been discarded at the last meeting should be presented to the public. The two options would provide alternatives for the public to consider.

Some committee members questioned the logic of new potential boundaries for St. Timothy. St Timothy's boundary is very difficult to divide since there are no major barriers or roads to follow. The boundary line used in the options follows the greenway and the edge of a farm field. The ARC suggested that a boundary line through an intersection would be more appropriate than one through the middle of a field.

**DECISION: Formerly option 1a and 1b will be presented to the public for comment.**

**b) OPTION 2a, 2b, 2c(formerly 2d revised) & 2d(new added) – North (OLO Grace, John Sweeney, Monsignor Haller, Blessed Sacrament)**

There were no changes to options 2a and 2b. Option 2c (formerly 2d with revisions) includes SWNY Triangle within Blessed Sacrament since Fischer-Hallman is a logical boundary line. Option 2d moves Huron Village to Blessed Sacrament and the Trillium area would remain at Our Lady of Grace. The ARC decided to present all the options.

**DECISION: Option 2a, 2b, 2c & 2d will be presented to the public for comment.**

**c) OPTION 3a(formerly3b), 3b(formerly 3c), 3c(formerly 3d) – South (St. Timothy, Blessed Kateri and one new school - Brigadoon)**

The ARC agreed that option 3a and 3c should be presented to the public. Option 3b showed a break between Blessed Kateri Home and St Timothy South and it was suggested that the boundary be rationalized since students living in those two sub areas will attend Blessed Kateri. The planning department staff will modify option 3b.

**ACTION: Modify option 3b to connect Blessed Kateri Home and St Timothy South.**

**DECISION: Present Option 3a, revised 3b & 3c to the public for comment.**

**d) OPTION 4a & 4b – North (OLO Grace, John Sweeney, Monsignor Haller and Blessed Sacrament)**

The ARC agreed to present options 4a and 4b to the public. Some committee members questioned why John Sweeney was shown as having two different capacities: 417 and 555. The existing capacity is 417 and 555 would be the capacity of John Sweeney with an addition.

**DECISION: Option 4a & 4b will be presented to the public for comment.**

**f) OPTION 5 (formerly 6) – South (new Doon South School, Brigadoon School, St. Timothy and Blessed Kateri)**

The ARC reviewed option 5 and agreed to present it to the public.

**DECISION: Option 5 will be presented to the public for comment.**

5. Public Meetings

The public meeting will be an open house format with no formal presentation on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Kateri and December 10<sup>th</sup> at Monsignor Haller. Display boards will be set up so people can look at the options on their own. Planning staff will be available to explain the options if necessary and to answer any questions. Some ARC members were worried about possible low attendance since it is close to Christmas. The Southwest Kitchener public meetings will be held over two nights at two schools – one in the south and one in the north for convenience. The public can submit comments and concerns by a variety of ways (e.g. the public meetings, WCDSB website, mail, email or telephone) and all of the information that will be shown at the public meeting will be available on the board's website. If there is a need for additional public input, another public meeting can be scheduled.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.