

Kanata ARC
K-North Public Meeting #3 Notes

October 20, 2011 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Earl of March Secondary School, Auditorium/Cafeteria

Meeting Commenced: 6:41 p.m.

Jill Bennett, Superintendent of Instruction, provided welcome remarks.

Jill spoke of the recent loss of one of OCDSB's own, student - James Hubley, who passed away earlier in the week.

She made special notation regarding the funeral held earlier in the day.

The OCDSB offers its condolences and extends sincere thoughts and heartfelt sympathy to the family and school community at this time.

Jill indicated that the format for tonight's meeting would include a presentation by the ARC chair, which would be followed by an open house format. The public was invited to visit Option Stations where they could review and discuss proposed Options and concerns/questions with volunteer ARC members. It was acknowledged that ARC volunteers are members of the school community who have committed a tremendous amount of their own time to this project.

Cathy Briggs, Chair of the Kanata North ARC presented the PowerPoint presentation on the Options being considered by the Kanata North ARC (see Powerpoint October 20/11). She highlighted the role of the ARC, the task at hand, the Options proposed and request for feedback from the public.

Karyn Ostafichuk, Manager of Planning was introduced by the Chair and brought forth information on how the situation has come about and the necessity for an ARC review.

Pressures have come about due to the capping of class sizes by the Ministry, the limitation of provincial funding for proposed school construction allowing for structures to be built that have a capacity for the mean population, the use of portables for the bulge in continued growth and the recent pressures with the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten.

She also provided details on how and when a school board selects a potential site. It is noted that this is undertaken early on in an areas community development plan stage (many years earlier than when actual development occur). Once a developer proceeds with a plan of subdivision, the school board can act on a selected site, if that stage in development moves ahead. In the Kanata case, numerous environmental issues have caused many problems for the developer resulting in delays in phasing and development. This means that the OCDSB is not able to access its site in the near future due to these constraints.

As a result, the Planning Department has engaged the help of an independent planning consultant and real estate consultant to pursue possible available land for purchase in

order to build and or availability of vacant office space for lease for a potential satellite site.

There have been many helpful ideas put forth by Kanata residents which we do review. Sometimes these ideas are not possible due to restrictions related to Official Plan, zoning or servicing constraints. Staff acknowledged that a site is necessary and will continue to search for space in the north.

The Chair invited all those in attendance to visit the Option stations in the Cafeteria for viewing of the proposed Options and Boundary Maps, where ARC members will be available to discuss the information presented. The members have studied the key issues and the proposed Options presented, are an attempt to resolve the problems.

It was noted that a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, the feedback/comment form and other information regarding the Kanata North Accommodation Review can also be found on the OCDSB website and will be available at the area schools.

It was also noted that there are still more opportunities to provide feedback, as there is another public meeting and Board meetings where delegations may speak on the final Options presented.

The Open house portion of the meeting began.

Public Meeting concluded 8:45 p.m.