

Woolwich/Wellesley Townships

Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review

Public Meeting #1

October 18, 2011

Elmira District Secondary School Gymnasium
Tuesday, October 18, 2011 7:30 – 9:00 pm



Waterloo Region
District School Board

Agenda

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. What is an Accommodation Review?
3. Issues (why are we here?)
4. Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
5. Accommodation Review Process
6. Public Information and Access
7. Next Steps
8. Questions/Other

2. What is an Accommodation Review?

Boundary Study

- Led by Planning Staff
- Could result in
 - Boundary changes
 - Program changes
 - Construction of new facility

Accommodation Review

- Led by an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
- Could result in
 - Boundary changes
 - Program changes
 - Construction of new facility
 - **School closure or consolidation**



2. What is an Accommodation Review?

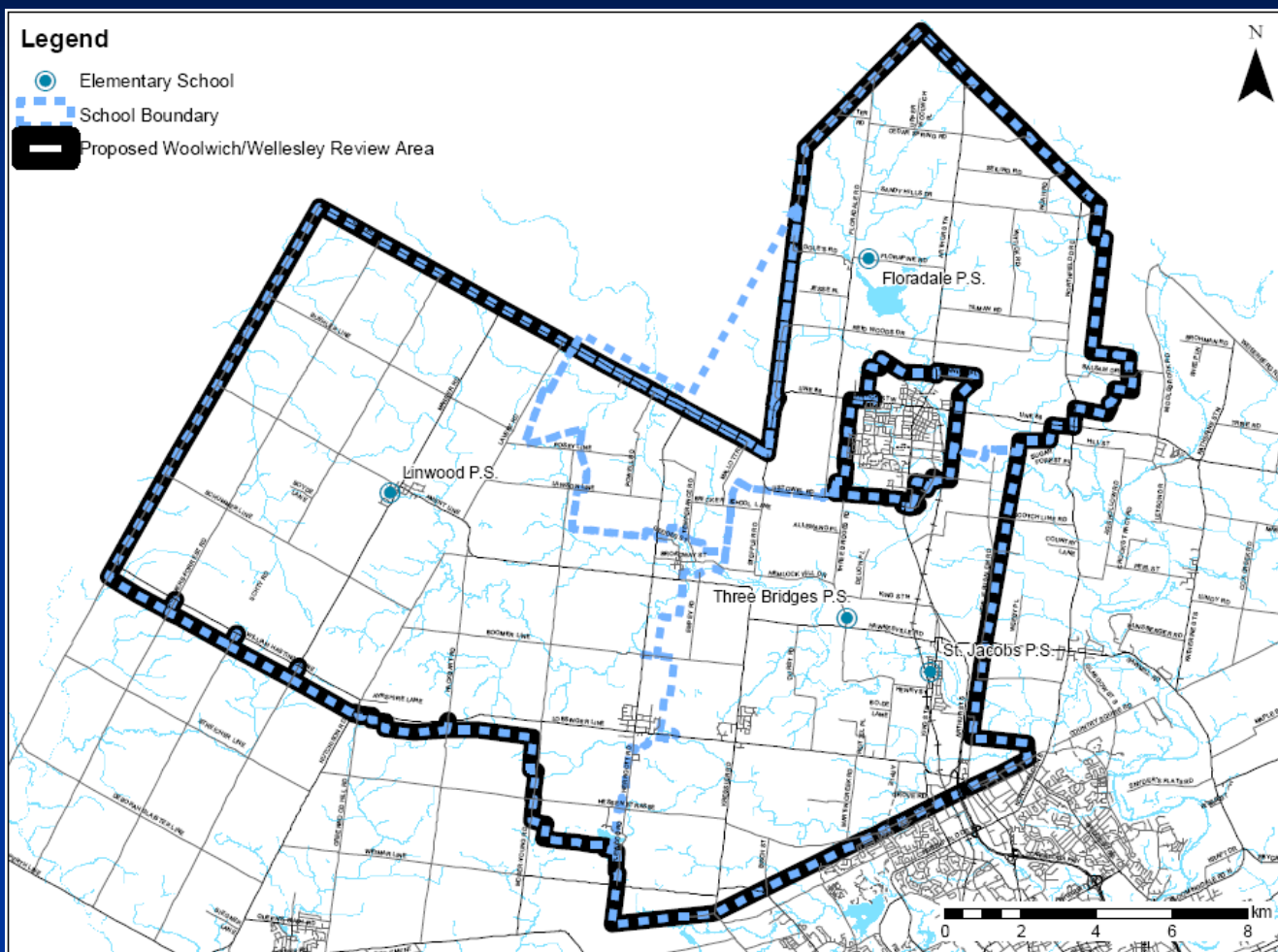
- a formal public process that ensures a decision taken by a school board regarding the potential future of a school (closure or consolidation) has the full involvement of an informed local community
- a process based on a broad range of criteria regarding the quality of the learning experience for students

3. Issues (why are we here?)

- The potential exists within an area under the jurisdiction of the Board to accommodate existing and projected students in fewer educational facilities;
- Due to declining enrolment, a school or group of schools is unable, or projected to be unable to:
 - Provide a suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities for students;
 - Under normal staffing allocations, organize with combined classes of no more than two grades;
- Reorganization involving the school or group of schools could enhance program and learning opportunities for students;
- Teaching and learning spaces and the site are not suitable to provide the programs and accessibility needed to serve the community, and retrofitting and/or enlarging the facility may be cost prohibitive;
- One or more of the schools is experiencing higher building maintenance expenses than average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements;
- The Board has received a formal request from a school community or communities requesting a review of their pupil accommodation facilities



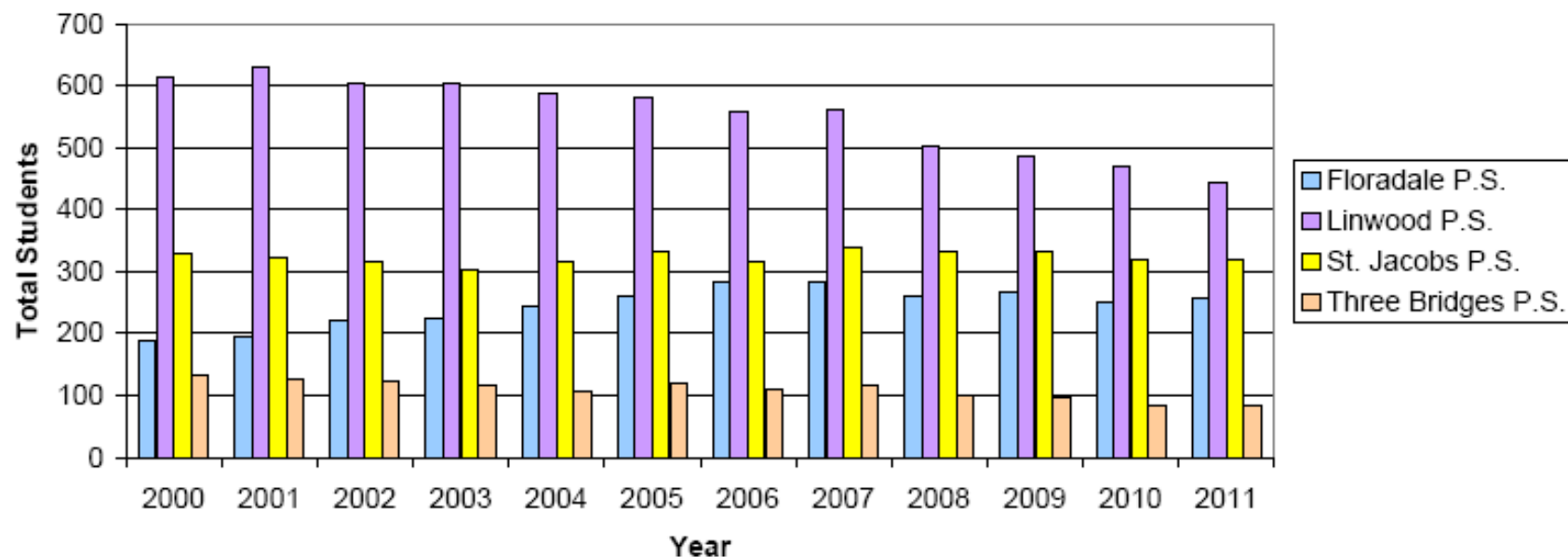
3. Issues (why are we here?)



- Declining enrolment
- Small school organizations
- Facility challenges

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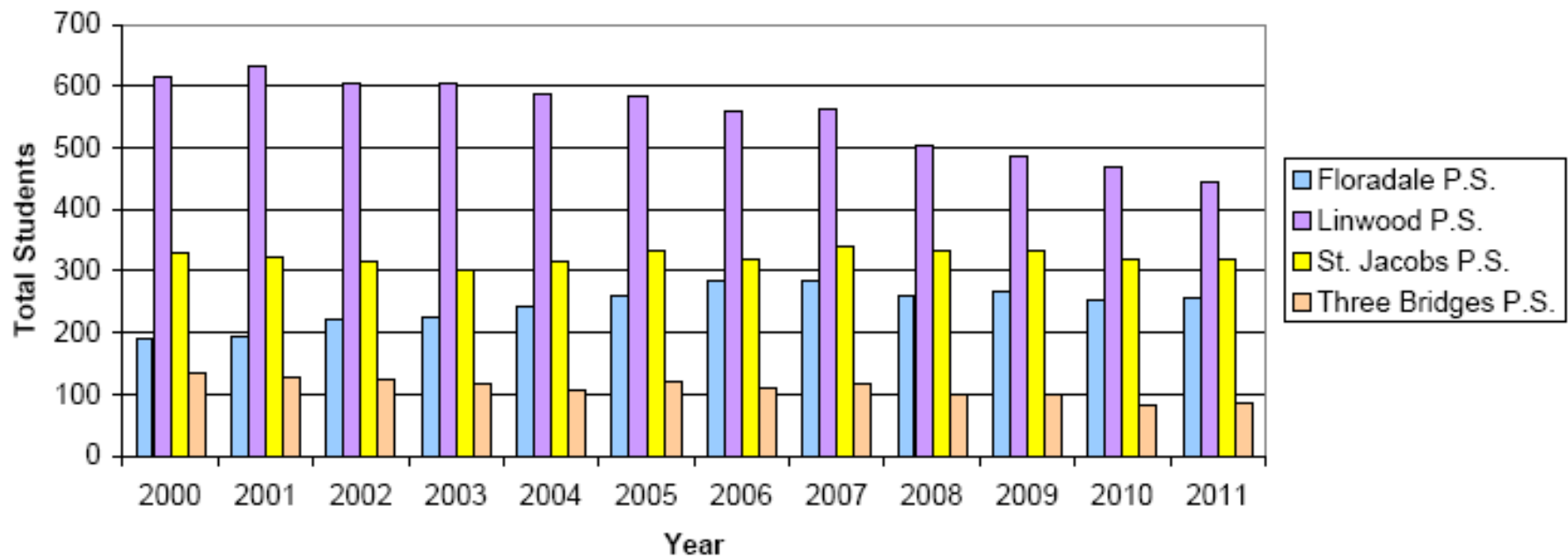
**WoolwichsWellesley Townships Area Enrolment
2000-2011**



Total Enrolment	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Change 2000-2011
Floradale P.S.	190	194	220	226	243	259	283	283	261	266	251	258	36%
Linwood P.S.	616	631	603	603	588	582	559	562	504	487	469	445	-28%
St. Jacobs P.S.	330	322	316	302	316	332	318	339	333	332	319	319	-3%
Three Bridges P.S.	134	127	124	115	107	120	109	118	101	98	83	85	-37%
Total	1270	1274	1263	1246	1254	1293	1269	1302	1199	1183	1122	1041	-18%

3. Issues (why are we here?)

**Woolwich/Wellesley Townships Area Enrolment
2000-2011**



School	Grades	Year Built	Enrolment (Total)	Enrolment (FTE)	Capacity (OTG)	Capacity (w/portapak)	Utilization	Site Size	# Portables
Floradale P.S.	JK-8	2010	258	258	322	322	80.1%	9.83	0
Linwood P.S.	JK-8	1966	445	406	510	510	79.6%	11.18	4*
St. Jacobs P.S.	JK-8	1929	319	287.5	348	348	82.6%	4.65	0
Three Bridges P.S.	1-8	1872	85	83	92	92	90.2%	2.85	3

4. Accommodation Review Committee

- The purpose of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) is to conduct an accommodation review of a particular school or schools within a given planning area of the Board in order to advise and provide recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board of Trustees on whether a school or schools should be either closed or consolidated



4. Accommodation Review Committee

The ARC consists of:

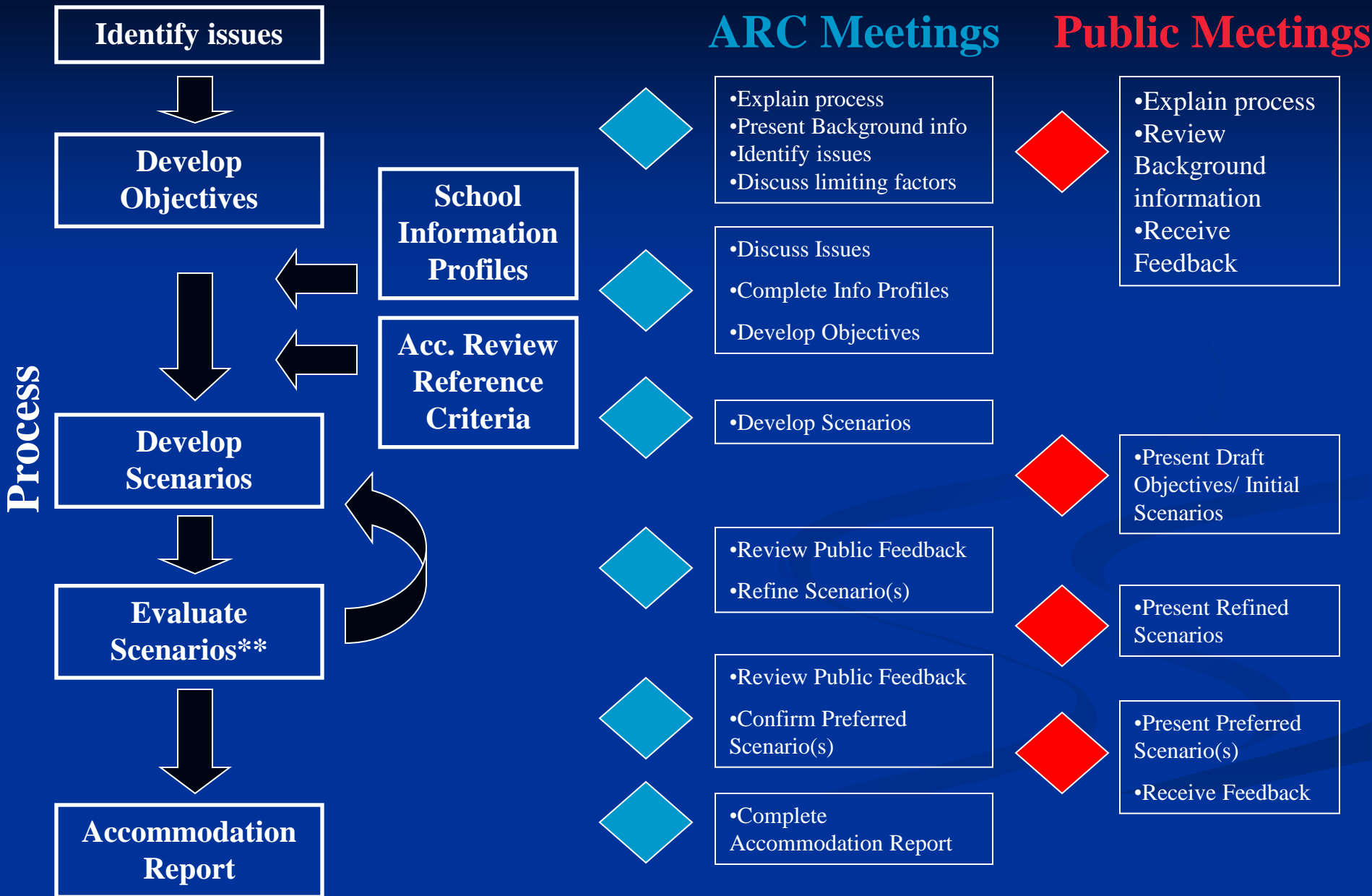
- 2 parents from each school community
- The principal from each school
 - Floradale P.S.
 - Linwood P.S.
 - St. Jacobs P.S.
 - Three Bridges P.S.
- The school area superintendent
 - Diane DeCoene
- Study area municipal representation
 - Township of Wellesley
 - Township of Woolwich
- Up to 2 community representatives
- WRDSB Facilities/Planning Staff

4. Accommodation Review Committee

The ARC is responsible for:

- Review Objectives
- School Information Profiles
- Accommodation Options (Scenarios)
- Accommodation Report and Recommendations
- Public Information and Access
- Community Consultation and Public Meetings

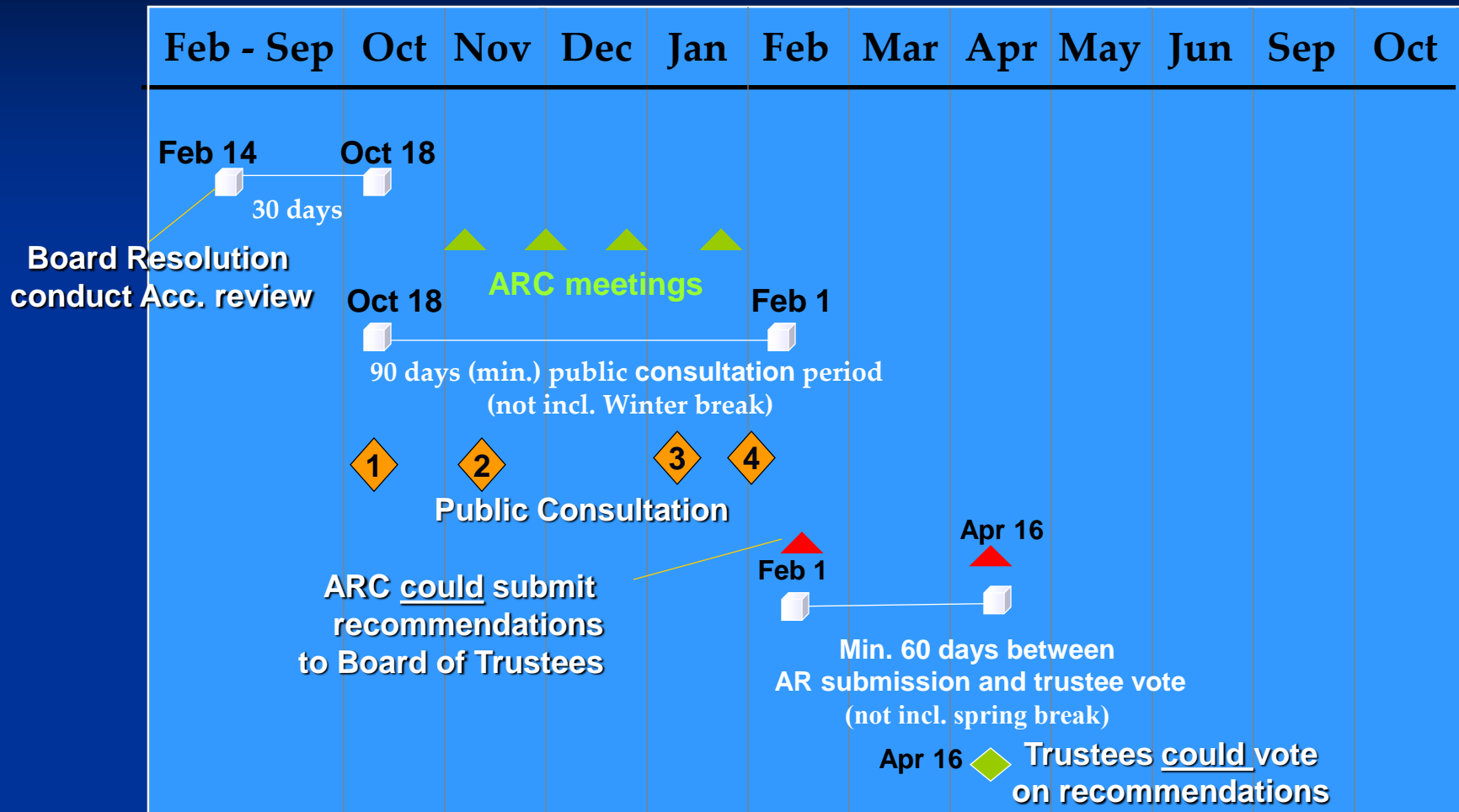
5. Accommodation Review Process



**Scenario development and evaluation may go through multiple iterations as scenarios are evaluated , and new ideas result from the evaluation.

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Accommodation Review Timeline



- Feb 14, 2011 – Oct 18 2011**
30 day minimum period between Board announcement of Accommodation Review, and first public consultation
- October 18, 2011– February 1, 2011**
Public consultation period. Minimum 90 days (not incl.. winter break). Minimum 4 public meetings.
- February 1, 2011- April 16, 2011**
Minimum 60 day period (not incl. summer break) between Accommodation Review Committee's (ARC) submission of Accommodation Report and meeting where Trustees vote on recommendation.

6. Public Information and Access

- ARCs are to ensure that all information relevant to the accommodation review is to be made public by posting it in a prominent location on the school board's website or making it available in print on request

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/accommodation-reviews/woolwich-and-wellesley-townships-elementary-schools>

All information that is used to determine the value of a school must be publicly available

- Where relevant information is technical in nature, it is to be explained in plain language

6. Public Information and Access

Community Consultation and Public Meetings

- Consultations must be based on the customized School Information Profiles in order to elicit input from the various perspectives around the value of the school
- The ARC must seek input and community feedback on options for accommodating students who would be affected by a school closure
- At a minimum, ARCs are required to hold four public meetings to consult and to present the Accommodation Report and recommendations
- Minutes reflecting the full range of opinions expressed at the meetings are to be kept, and made publicly available

7. Next Steps

- ARC to discuss Issues and develop Objectives
- ARC to review the School Information Profile Template, modify if necessary.
- ARC to discuss existing conditions, accommodation options, and recommendations
- ARC prepares Accommodation Report and Recommendations

8. Questions

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