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PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW (PAR) PAC WORKING GROUP MEETING #7

TO: PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (PAC)
DATE: April 23, 2009 AT MONSIGNOR LEE SCHOOL
RE: ORILLIA AREA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY REVIEW, 2008/2009

1. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Provided by Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools.

2. **OPENING PRAYER** *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* was said by all

3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES (advise of errors &/or omissions)**

There were no errors or omissions noted by committee members.
Minutes can be found on the Board's website www.smcdsb.on.ca

4. **BUSINESS ARISING** Date change for working group meeting #8:
From Wednesday May 6/09 to Monday May 4/09.

5. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools presented information on the
summary of feedback from Public Meeting #3.

6. **POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

A power point presentation was given to the Pupil Accommodation Committee.
Hardcopies of the presentation were available as handouts and will be posted on
the Board's website www.smcdsb.on.ca under Community/Pupil Accommodation.

Highlights of the presentation:

A) **Alternate Accommodation Plans**

Presented by: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

- Reviewed technical information reminders
- Criteria for evaluating accommodation plans
- Reviewed Options 1, 2, 3
- Reviewed timing for each option

- Benefits and Limitations of each option developed by the PAC at previous working group meetings.

Discussion on PAC Recommendations

A recommendation (s) needs to be put fourth at our PAC Public Meeting on Monday April 27, 2009

The following represents a list of key concerns and questions raised by committee members as the recommendation decision was being discussed:

Paul Spears, Committee Member: Have we heard about funding from the Ministry related to St. Bernard's?

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools: We haven't received any word on funding from the Ministry on any of the PTR schools. We want to look into the future or we'll be in the same place 5 or 10 years from now and the same issues still not have been addressed.

Jim Canning, Committee Member: It is important to be forward thinking - the 99 year lease at GAN was established in 1949 prior to the addition. It is important to make the recommendation(s) to the Board and the decision will be up to them.

Paul Spears, Committee Member: If we recommend closing MLE & GAN, could the Orillia District Collegiate (O.D.) property be an alternative property to construct a new school on?

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools: Nice site and location but the issue would be timing & funding.

Jennifer Sharpe, Manager of Planning and Properties: The Public Board has received their ARC report with recommendations and their staff report related to the Orillia Secondary Public Schools. The SCDSB is scheduled to make a decision at the end of May. Acquiring this site would be contingent on funding and the disposition of the property may not occur for another four (4) years.

Christine Fry, Committee Member: Is there a Board philosophy on middle school/primary schools?

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant: There has been no other discussion to shift the JK-8 model. GAN is the only primary school in our Board.

Janet-Lynn Durnford, Committee Member: When thinking about the recommendation, do we consider the expansion of Patrick Fogarty?

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant: It wouldn't make sense at this time to include any expansion of Patrick Fogarty in this analysis.

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools: There is a decline in Secondary School enrolment across the board; therefore, the space is not needed at Patrick Fogarty.

Darlene England, Committee Member: What would the enrolment be at GAN considering the program change option?

Jennifer Sharpe, Manager of Planning and Properties:

Approximately 150.

Paul Campbell, Committee Member: We need to ensure that all students have access to equal opportunities across the Board, regardless of their communities. Therefore, we need to construct a building equal to other schools.

Let us first talk about providing the best facilities, and then deliver that to the families.

Rich Foshay, Committee Member: A renovation project is complete at Regent Park School (\$6,000,000), 400 metres from SBE and it's beautiful. Some families may make a choice to move.

Paul Campbell, Committee Member: Some parents are touring the schools to see what the facilities have to offer prior to making a commitment to register.

Nadine Lajoie, Committee Member: From a teacher's perspective, new technology and new school spaces are an advantage as it allows for new program options.

Eileen Brown, Committee Member: FCI report for GAN identifies items on the list that we could perhaps live with. The report is a best case scenario, but we do not have to live with best case scenario.

We should look at FCI for GAN and how much we would need to spend in the future. You don't see too many things that need to be fixed right now but in the future GAN may not stand up.

Glenn Clarke: Facilities will have components which will have been past their designed life. If these start breaking down, then we may have a crisis on our hands.

Darlene England, Committee Member: In terms of GAN; the board does not own the land, so should we be putting money into it? The community cannot count on Guardian Angels because of the lease. I don't know how the Ministry would feel about putting money into GAN when we don't own it.

Audrey Hamilton, Committee Member: When I was at GAN, all outdoor physical education programming was located at the Lion's Oval, but now that space is not available. There is no place to play at GAN.

Paul Campbell, Committee Member comment: Isn't it more reasonable to ask for and receive funding for (1) not (2) buildings?

Jeff Duggan, Committee Member: Concerned with MLE configuration/site. Is there any opportunity to purchase additional land surrounding the existing site?

Paul Campbell, Committee Member: MLE requires better options for efficient pedestrian and traffic movements on site.

Christine Fry, Committee Member: GAN is not an ideal drop off location either. How realistic is it for us to get the funding to place MLE/GAN on another site.

Nadine Lajoie, Committee Member: I have worked at six different schools of varying ages and all of them have had difficulties with parent pick-up and drop off.

Paul Campbell, Committee Member: The lack of green space is the issue at MLE and how do we maximize the current site? Discussion is required on ways to incorporate school community culture. In the event of closing GAN/MLE and building a new school on an alternate site, a new school name could reflect both school communities?

Sharon Turlej, Committee Member: Would the Ministry see something more desirable between building on existing MLE property or an alternate site?

Eileen Brown, Committee Member: As a tax payer, I would prefer to build on a site we already own.

Jennifer Sharpe: In addition to considering the site size, we should ensure the alternate site location allows for all components to fit. (i.e. addressing bus loop, kiss n' ride, activity area, future portables, etc.)

Jim Canning, Committee Member: Recommendations need to be clear and concise. The PAC can give any directions to the Board that they would like (i.e. Specific alternate sites).

RECOMMENDATIONS

A consensus was reached by the committee and the PAC recommends that:

1) *FOLEY*

Status Quo for FOL school building

Consideration should be given to proceed with review of school's boundary to better balance enrolment and capacity

2) *NOTRE DAME*

Status Quo for NOD school building

Consideration should be given to proceed with review of school's boundary to better balance enrolment and capacity

Consideration should be given to review timing of site acquisition for the future elementary site in West Ridge and possibly advance the acquisition timing.

3) *ST. BERNARD'S*

Replacement of the school on existing site based on receiving funding from the Ministry of Education

Replacement of school to be designed and constructed to accommodate more than existing pupil places. (Existing school designed for 213 pupil places; replacement school to target design for approximately 300 – 350 pupil places)

Consideration should be given to proceed with a review of the school's boundary to better balance enrolment and capacity

St. Bernard's Students to be accommodated in existing facility with additional temporary portables during construction

4) *MONSIGNOR LEE AND GUARDIAN ANGELS*

Consolidation of MLE and GAN school communities in a replacement school, based on receiving approval of funding from Ministry of Education

Consideration should be given to proceed with review of the combined schools' boundary to better balance enrolment and capacity

OPTION A: PREFERRED OPTION:

Closure of GAN school building
Closure of MLE school building

Replacement of school on alternate site

Replacement school to accommodate approximately the same combined pupil places of existing MLE and GAN (300 – 350 pupil places)

Replacement school to take into consideration history, culture and identity of both school communities

Alternate Site to take into consideration:

5 acre standard size
within walking distance of either MLE or GAN
usual site fit components for the replacement facility including:

- parking and access
- green space / activity area
- efficient traffic flow
- kiss-n-ride
- bus loop
- student safety / access to school

Students accommodated in existing facilities until such a time that a school is constructed to consolidate both GAN & MLE.

If Option A is not achievable, then proceed with Option B

OPTION B:

Closure of GAN school building

Consolidation of GAN and MLE school communities and replacement school on MLE existing site

Students accommodated in existing facilities until such a time that a school is constructed to consolidate both GAN & MLE

Replacement school to accommodate approximately the same combined pupil places of existing MLE and GAN (300 – 350 pp)

Replacement school to take into consideration history, culture and identity of both school communities

In developing the replacement school on the existing site, the following site considerations should be included:

- maximizing the existing and potential adjacent property available (dependent of funding)
- improved parking and access to be addressed
- green space / activity area
- efficient traffic flow
- kiss-n-ride
- bus loop
- student safety / access to school

Students accommodated in existing facilities until such a time that a school is constructed to consolidate both GAN & MLE

B) Preparing the Draft School Valuation Report with Recommendation(s)

By: Darren Schmidt; Superintendent of Schools

- Considerations:
 - community input
 - Appendix 2 of Policy LE-14

- Forming a Sub-Group:
 - Suggestions in forming a Sub-group
 - Principal, teacher, non-teaching staff and community
 - One representative from each category, with each school being represented.

- Report Outline
 - An Executive Summary needs to be prepared by the sub-group for the Recommendation Report.
 - Timing/Schedule

7. NEXT STEPS

- i) Consider approach for presenting info at Public Meeting #4
- ii) Sub-Group will meet to work on Recommendation Report at next working group meeting on May 4, 2009

8. CLOSING PRAYER The 'Our Father' prayer was said by all

9. NEXT MEETING *Public Meeting #4*
Presentation of Draft School Valuation Report
& Recommendations
Monday April 27, 2009
St. Bernard's School @ 7:00pm

10. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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The Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PAC) met on April 23, 2009 and the following members were:

PRESENT:	Paul	Campbell	Principal	Monsignor Lee	
	Jeff	Duggan	Chair	Monsignor Lee	
	Rhonda	Lauer	Non-Teaching Rep.	Monsignor Lee	
	Janet-Lynne	Durnford	Teacher Rep.	Monsignor Lee	
	Karen	Murphy	Teacher Rep.	Guardian Angels	
	Janice	Tulipano	Non Teaching Rep.	Guardian Angels	
	Christine	Fry	Parent	Guardian Angels	
	Eileen	Brown	Parent	Guardian Angels	
	Paul	Frederick	Principal	Guardian Angels	
	Audrey	Hamilton	Principal	Foley	
	Carol	Taylor	Parent	Foley	
	Sharon	Turlej	Parish Rep.		
	Theresa	Robertson	Teacher Rep.	Foley	
	Heather	Shier	Non Teaching Rep.	Foley	
	Adrian	Zulian	Principal	Notre Dame	
	Nadine	Lajoie	Parent	Notre Dame	
	Heather	Stanton	Co-Chair	Notre Dame	
	Rich	Foshay	Principal	St. Bernard's	
	Robert	Kennedy	Parent	St. Bernard's	
	Darlene	England	Parent	St. Bernard's	
	Kristie	Anderson	Parent	St. Bernard's	
	Paul	Spears	Councilor	City of Orillia	
	Glenn	Clarke	Controller of Plant	SMCDSB	
	Darren	Schmidt	Superintendent of Schools	SMCDSB	
	Jim	Canning	School Trustee	SMCDSB	
	Jennifer	Sharpe	Manager of Planning and Properties	SMCDSB	
	Kristin	Dibble Pechkovsky	Planning Officer	SMCDSB	
	ABSENT:	Brenda	Lawlor-MacDonald	Teacher Rep.	St. Bernard's
		Valinda	Trivett-Cockburn	Non Teaching Rep.	St. Bernard's
		Natalie	D'Agnillo	Teacher	Notre Dame
		Sue	Peacock	Chair	Notre Dame
		Kevin	Strong	Vice Principal	Notre Dame
		Deacon Bernard	Harris	Parish Rep.	
		Michelle	Tazzeo	Parent	Guardian Angels
Megan		Bondy	Parent	Monsignor Lee	
Sandra		Downer	Parent	Monsignor Lee	
Sherri		Black	Parent	Foley	
Karen		Whalen	Parent	Foley	
Dave		Christie	Non Teaching Rep	Notre Dame	
John		O'Donnell	Councilor, Ward 2	Township of Ramara	