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PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW (PAR) PAC PUBLIC MEETING #4

TO: PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: April 27, 2009 AT ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL 7pm
RE: ORILLIA AREA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY ACCOMMODATION REVIEW,
2008/2009

1. **Welcome** Provided by Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools at 7:05 pm
2. **Opening Prayer** Prayer for Blessing of One's Daily Work was said by all
3. **Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Presentation**

A PowerPoint presentation was given to the public and the Orillia Pupil Accommodation Committee. Hardcopies of the presentation were available as handouts and can also be found on the board website www.smcdsb.on.ca under Community/Pupil Accommodation.

Darren directed the group to the green handout which provided a summary of the PAC Recommendations.

Highlights of the presentation:

i) **Process Outline**

Presented by: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

- SMCD SB Policy Highlights
- Process
- PAC Mandate and Responsibility
- Technical Information
- Impacts

ii) **Draft School Valuation Report**

- Draft School - Specific Valuation Framework (SVF) Highlighted key findings
- Alternate Accommodation Plan Strategies
- Criteria for Evaluating Accommodation Plans
- Option Benefit and Limitations
- Accommodation Options and Timing

iii) PAC Draft Recommendations

The following PAC Draft Recommendations were presented to the group:

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- Status Quo for FOL school building
- Consideration should be given to proceed with review of school's boundary to better balance enrolment and capacity

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- 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.

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

MONSIGNOR LEE & 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):

Replacement school located on alternative site

OPTION B:

Replacement school located on MLE existing site

4. Community Input/Feedback

The following were questions/concerns made by the attending public and committee members:

Trina Duggan: How do we find a 5 acre site in Orillia? Would they take down the fence at Monsignor Lee if an alternate 5 acre site is not found?

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools:

They would need to do whatever is possible to create appropriate spaces and optimal uses at a school.

It is up to the Board to address these considerations on MLE or another site.

Paul Campbell, Committee Member: Is there a time frame when we will know about the decisions on Park Street and Orillia District Public Secondary School (O.D.) amalgamations?

Jennifer Sharpe, Manager of Planning and Properties:

The Public Board will make a decision at the end of May on these properties.

At this time, we do not know what our financial impacts/costs would be if we were to take over the O.D. property.

Anna McMillan: If the O.D. property becomes available, is there an idea of timing for construction?

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools:

Timing and funding are unknown. If there are appropriate sites available, then we can pursue them.

Kelly Schnurr: What would happen if there wasn't any funding this year? Could we consolidate ahead of time?

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

Yes we could consolidate during the process.

Kelly Schnurr: If we start building a new school where do we house the children and teachers?

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

We need to work with the school community and we also need to ask the question how do we do this with minimal impact to the school? Maybe another option to consider would be to leave the classrooms in place and build on a new wing or structure.

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

Our Board has examples of portable communities being set up at existing schools to accommodate new school communities in advance of a new school being built. Once the school is constructed the new school community has a pilgrimage to their new facility.

Public Question: How much does it cost to build a new facility?

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant In the range of approximately 8 million dollars to replace SBE and 7 million dollars to replace MLE.

Eileen Brown, Committee Member: I just want to make it clear that the Church is not kicking GAN out for more parking. GAN is only 1 acre with no green space, therefore; it does not make sense to rebuild. Repairs could be required at any time.

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools: It's very important to retain the culture in both MLE/GAN school communities.

Question: Are they going ahead with St. Bernard's replacement?

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

We have already initiated the design for St. Bernard's. We only have preliminary designs for MLE currently. Everything is still contingent on funding from the Ministry.

Question: Is it possible to start this summer?

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

The Ministry could make a decision at any time.

5. Adjournment

The group was invited to use the comment sheets provided for comments and feedback. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

6. Next Steps

Monday April 27, 2009: PAR Public Meeting #4
Presenting the PAC Draft School Valuation Report with Recommendation.

Monday May 4, 2009: PAC Working Group Meeting #8
Finalizing the PAC School Valuation Report with Recommendations.

Wednesday May 20, 2009: Delivering the finalized PAC School Valuation Report with Recommendations to the Director of Education

Wednesday May 27, 2009: Submitting PAC Report to the Board for info only.

Wednesday June 24, 2009: Submitting Staff's Report with Recommendations to the Board for review and consideration. (PAC Report to be included as Appendix to Staff Report)

September 2009: Board Meeting to receive Public Input on report.

October 2009: Submit staff's follow-up report to the Board based on Public Input.

November 2010: Notice of decision from the Board.

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PAC PUBLIC MEETING #4

The Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PAC) met on April 27, 2009 and the following members were:

PRESENT:	Paul	Campbell	Principal	Monsignor Lee	
	Rhonda	Lauer	Non Teaching Rep.	Monsignor Lee	
	Karen	Murphy	Teacher Rep.	Guardian Angels	
	Janice	Tulipano	Non Teaching Rep.	Guardian Angels	
	Christine	Fry	Co-Chair	Guardian Angels	
	Eileen	Brown	Parent	Guardian Angels	
	Audrey	Hamilton	Principal	Foley	
	Carol	Taylor	Parent	Foley	
	Sharon	Turlej	Parish Rep.	Foley	
	Theresa	Robertson	Teacher Rep.	Foley	
	Heather	Shier	Non Teaching Rep.	Foley	
	Nadine	Lajoie	Teacher & Parent	Notre Dame	
	Heather	Stanton	Co-Chair	Notre Dame	
	Robert	Kennedy	Parent	St. Bernard's	
	Rich	Foshay	Principal	St. Bernard's	
	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:	Paul	Spears	Councilor	City of Orillia
		Kristie	Anderson	Parent	St. Bernard's
		Brenda	Lawlor-MacDonald	Teacher Rep.	St. Bernard's
Valinda		Trivett-Cockburn	Non Teaching Rep.	St. Bernard's	
Natalie		D'Agnillo	Teacher/Parent	Notre Dame	
Sue		Peacock	Chair	Notre Dame	
Kevin		Strong	Vice Principal	Notre Dame	
Deacon Bernard		Harris	Parish Rep.	Guardian Angels	
Michelle		Tazzeo	Parent	Guardian Angels	
Janet-Lynne		Durnford	Teacher Rep.	Monsignor Lee	
Megan		Bondy	Parent	Monsignor Lee	
Sandra		Downer	Parent	Monsignor Lee	
Jeff		Duggan	Chair	Monsignor Lee	
Sherri		Black	Chair	Foley	
Karen		Whalen	Parent	Foley	
Dave		Christie	Non Teaching Rep	Notre Dame	
John		O'Donnell	Councilor, Ward 2	Township of Ramara	
Adrian		Zulian	Principal	Notre Dame	
Darlene		England	Parent	St. Bernard's	
REGRETS:		Paul	Frederick	Principal	Guardian Angels