



Minutes
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW (PAR)
PUBLIC MEETING #1
MONSIGNOR LEE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
February 9, 2009 ~ 7 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions— provided by Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
2. Opening Prayer – Prayer to *The Holy Spirit* was recited by all public and committee members
3. Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Presentation

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools; Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant; and Jennifer Sharpe, Manager of Planning & Properties; and Eileen brown, Parent and Committee Member, all participated in defining the Pupil Accommodation Review process to the public members at the meeting. Hardcopies of the presentation were available, and can also be found on the Board website www.smcdsb.on.ca under Community/Pupil Accommodation.

Highlights of the presentation:

- Y The review is a formal consultative process guided by the Ministry of Education
- Y There are many reasons why an elementary school review may be initiated
- Y Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board adopted Policy LE-14 on June 13, 2007
- Y The Ministry guidelines were released on October 31, 2008 – noting in particular the value to the student is the centre of the process and decision-making
- Y Each school in an accommodation review area will be assessed using the School Valuation Framework (SVF) – an evaluation tool
- Y Capital Plan Priorities for 2008 were reviewed and members were informed that projects are determined based on availability of Ministry funding
- Y Accommodation reviews took place in the Orillia area in 2002-2004 and in 2006
- Y The PAC mandate is to study, report and provide recommendations to the Board of the Orillia area group of schools under review, using the SVF
- Y It is intended that PAC members attend all meetings, and the work of the PAC will end when their valuation report is submitted to the Board on May 27, 2009
- Y Timelines and processes were highlighted
- Y Charts were provided for viewing that contained specific information to each school – members were encouraged to view the information provided

- Y Eileen Brown, a parent from Guardian Angels school, addressed the public members and explained the role of the PAC working group, the activities the group has undertaken to date noting in particular, that the intent of the review process is to obtain the best for all students in the Orillia area. Ms. Brown reiterated that the mandate for PAC is to use public input as well into the formation of the School Valuation Report, which will outline specific recommendations to the Board.

4. Community Input

Members of the public may provide comments and ask questions.
We would ask that each comment be kept to a maximum of 10 minutes each.

Q: What does “MLE – partial” mean on the Capital Plant Priorities?

A: Only partial wing of the project is categorized as Prohibitive to Repair funding.
The other wing is new.

Q: What does PCS mean?

A: Primary Class Size

Q: Has consideration been given to the social aspect and how change would affect/impact the students?

A: There is a Value to Student component on the SVF tool, which describes the ‘culture or uniqueness’ aspect for students. This will be used by PAC to determine recommendations in their report and will identify issues related to the social aspect for students.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Public Meeting ~ #2

Date: February 24, 2009
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Notre Dame Catholic School