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PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW (PAR) PAC PUBLIC MEETING #3

TO: PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: March 26, 2009 AT GUARDIAN ANGELS SCHOOL
RE: ORILLIA AREA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY ACCOMMODATION REVIEW,
2008/2009

1. **Welcome** Provided by Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, @7:10pm.
2. **Opening Prayer** Prayer 'For Catholic Education' was said by all.
3. **Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Presentation**

A power point presentation was made 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.

Highlights of the presentation:

Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Elementary Schools

- Reviewed Process outline
- Why we are here and where we are at
- Policy LE-14: Appendix #2 was reviewed
- Presented Impact Considerations
- Presentation of Accommodation Options to be considered

Jennifer Sharpe, Manager of Planning & Properties

- Presented Municipal Development Information
- Presented Enrolment and Enrolment Projections
- Discussed the Municipal Planning Process

Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

Refer to: APPENDIX A: Facility Condition Summary

- Presented Financial Information

4. Community Input / Feedback

The following are questions and comments from the community and the Pupil Accommodation Committee members:

Question: Paul Spears (Councillor; City of Orillia, PAC Member)

If we took into consideration Option #1, GAN would have available capacity. Would you transfer students from MLE JK -5 to GAN?

Answer: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Elementary Schools

We would need to look at boundary optimization.

Question: Kelly Schnurr (MLE/GAN)

Is MLE site big enough to rebuild?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

Yes, we could keep the gym and office area and demolish the 1964 wing and build a 2 storey structure. We would need to look at a site reconfiguration but yes it is possible.

Question: Kelly Schnurr (MLE/GAN)

Where would the children play at MLE? In the green area at the back?

Answer: These are things we need to discuss with the school community and find out what are options are.

Question: Rhonda Lauer (PAC Committee Member) (MLE)

When we first received information on the Capital Projects priority list, Patrick Fogerty was number 5 with an option of getting a new gym. If Patrick Fogerty gets their 'Gym' option would they require the use of their track as often as they are currently?

Answer: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Elementary Schools

A triple gym and track is Board standard for a Secondary School of this size.

Rhonda Lauer (MLE)

At present, MLE doesn't get to use the field at all.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

Monsignor Lee's field could be retrofitted further to increase the space. The understanding is, MLE and PFO should each have shared use of the field to some extent.

Question: Conn O'Carroll (Public)

Has there been any consideration to work with other organizations to build facilities together? Have you looked into multi-use facilities?

For example, the YMCA, Parks & Recreation.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

The Federal Government is also promoting this too. It presents a lot of challenges and we would need a lot of lead time to move with this.

Question: Conn O’Carroll (Public)

Have you investigated this? You have time.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

Not at this time. This is premature at this point as we are still involved in the Accommodation Review process and do not yet know what we are trying to pursue.

Answer: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Elementary Schools

We have not been approached by anyone at this point.

Question: Alexandria Smith (GAN Grandparent)

Could someone talk about the value of a Primary type school JK-4 at Guardian Angels School? I see great value in this primary type of learning. It is a very special age and this would be a great value to focus on young learning.

Answer: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Elementary Schools

This has come up in our Committee work and it has been discussed as: Little people/ little problems and also the leadership opportunities this provides for young students.

It certainly has been recognized as a benefit.

Comment: Kelly Schnurr (MLE/GAN)

Referring to option 2 & 3 rebuilding a larger school. If it stays on this side of the highway it would be fine but if it is on the other side it would not be acceptable.

Question: Theresa Robertson (PAC Committee Member)

Have you looked at any viable sites available to us referring to option #3?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

We have generally taken a look and there aren’t any at this point.

Comment: Janet-Lynne Durnford (PAC Committee Member)

Maybe we could consider other sites available from the Public Board.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

We can review these Public Board Properties.

Question: Shelley Sabotini (Notre Dame)

Do you know the boundary changes for each option?

Answer: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Elementary Schools

No, not specifically. We need to go through the boundary review process first.

Comment: Paul Spears (Councilor; City of Orillia, PAC Member)

If we close GAN, you may lose students to The Public Board as they may not want to travel further if the boundaries were changed.

If we close GAN that land belongs to the Archdiocese. The Catholic Separate School Board could buy surplus site from Public Board.

Comment: Eileen Brown (Parent GAN/PAC Member)

Noting the actual FCI reports are not available online yet. Could there be things done to GAN that would allow it to last for a number of years and then take a look at what the enrolment would be in the future. It's not worth giving a school away just because of air conditioning issues for one month of the year. How long is a school's life expectancy? Have we been given enough information before we just close a school? Is the school safe?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

Yes, the schools are safe. GAN is a very clean school; the challenge is what's behind the walls. The roof and boiler need major repairs. The question is do you keep spending money to fix it up. How bad are the schools and how much will it cost? Can we get funding for an older facility to patch it up? Once we proceed with a retrofit, we are locked into keeping a school for at least 10 years. If you start patching things up, such as: washroom, pipes, ground, under the building, the costs can add up because one thing can lead to another. (Ripple effect). SBE school is most in need of repairs.

Question: Michelle Tazzeo (PAC Committee Member) (GAN/MLE)

The Ministry requested a survey?

Timing – the Lion's Oval could have been helpful when it was available.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

In 2002/2003 the Ministry reviewed all Ontario schools and none of our schools were deemed prohibitive to repair. We asked for clarification on the Ministry's FCI survey and then we did our own detailed reports. These are not available online because they are 150 pages each. We could provide copies to each of the schools. The previous Elementary Review was put on hold by the Ministry's Moratorium, on school closure reviews, therefore no decision was made.

Comment: Conn O'Carrol (Parent - GAN)

I would like to see the reports. I would hate to see a 40 year old building go. Small numbers benefit children. I wouldn't want to see the kids get lost in a bigger school because of consolidation.

Comment (Public Attendee)

How much forethought is put into making a building last?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

We have discussions on standards. Large building components can last 20 years; you could double or triple the life of the school structure if you build a good solid core.

Question: Christine Fry (MLE/GAN, PAC Member)

Looking for GAN community feedback. As a community, we are looking to put forth an additional option.

Option 1: Status Quo with boundary reviews for MLE and GAN. We all agree St. Bernard's needs a new school. Most people in this community live in 80-100 year old homes and they are not rebuilding them. They like them that way.

MLE and GAN don't need to be repaired right away. If it was something serious we could do another Accommodation Review.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

We cannot do another Accommodation Review in this community, within 5 years. We are looking at structural problems, lighting and boiler problems. At what point do we make that determination. There may not be any funding from the Ministry and this should be taken into consideration.

Question: Kelly Schnurr (MLE/GAN)

I agree with Christine's comments. What would the timeline be in terms of implementation of options?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

The focus is on the recommendations and decisions. We need to determine a course of action and where we want to go and then pitch it to the Ministry.

Question: Kelly Schnurr (MLE/GAN)

Do you know the timeframe?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

Not yet. The report goes to the Board in the spring and the decisions would be finalized fall 2009. We are looking at more detailed concepts in regards to St. Bernard's. Work on St. Bernard's has been identified as a number one priority.

Question: Kelly Schnurr (MLE/GAN)

How long does it take to build a new school?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

From the decision and approval for funding and then to build a new school it could take at least 2 years.

Comment: Paul Spears (Councilor; City of Orillia, PAC Member)

If you chose Option #1 it would give us time to look at boundaries and it would give you a little breathing room. This has been the nicest school on my tour.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

I don't know if the Ministry would give funding for Option #1. There are a lot of unknown factors.

Question: Megan Bondy (MLE) (PAC Member)

What about an amalgamation with Monsignor Lee (MLE) and Guardian Angels (GAN) at Patrick Fogerty School? Patrick Fogerty is big enough for both. Then relocate Patrick Fogerty to another site.

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

The question is where do you get the additional funding to build a new site? Additional funding is not available. We chose to rebuild Patrick Fogerty in the past and now we have to stay with that decision for a number of years based on the Ministry of Education. Through this Accommodation Review process we are looking at all the options.

Comment: Paul Campbell (MLE Principal PAC Member)

The status quo option might work for Guardian Angels but not for Monsignor Lee and not for St. Bernard's.

MLE's issues such as: Programming, Staff, Traffic, Enrolment numbers, Utilization Rate B/W GAN & MLE contribute to this.

Comment: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

The FCI report also reflects Paul’s comments with 96% Facility Condition Index.

Question: Marg Mayo (MLE staff)

Questions about option #2. Is this the best option because of traffic? Is the size of Monsignor Lee (MLE) with a fence a good site size for 50 additional students? If the Public Board doesn’t want their sites, then why would we want them? Shouldn’t we know what sites are available from the Public Board?

Answer: Glenn Clarke, Controller of Plant

We may need to modify the fence location. The options need to be developed. These are rough concepts. We are refining our options with the Working Group and the Public.

Answer: Darren Schmidt, Superintendent of Elementary Schools

We also need to consider safety in our recommendations. Conditions are based on many things, funding, safety, boundaries. At the next working group meeting we will consider what we need to know to narrow down our options. We need community feedback; we are not at the end yet. This is a work in progress.

Comment: Alexandria Smith (GAN Grandparent)

Monsignor Lee is over crowded. Maybe we could move younger classes from Monsignor Lee to Guardian Angels to increase capacity. There are a couple of classes empty at Guardian Angels.

5. Closing Prayer: ‘Our Father’ prayer was said by all.

6. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Notes:

<p>NEXT (PAC) WORKING GROUP <u>MEETING #7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing the Draft School Valuation Report <p>Date: April 8, 2009 Time: 7pm Location: Monsignor Lee School</p>	<p>NEXT (PAC) PUBLIC <u>MEETING #4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Draft School Valuation Report with Recommendations • Receive Community Input <p>Date: April 27, 2009 Time: 7pm Location: St. Bernard’s School</p>
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**Facility Condition Summary
For
Orillia PAR Meeting
26 March 2009**

Background:

- Min Ed conducted engineering inspections in all Ontario schools in 2002-03
- Objective to identify work needed to bring schools to satisfactory condition
- Through this process some schools were identified as being PTR i.e. better to build new than replace existing facility if FCI >65%
- No schools identified as PTR
- Board completed own inspections and have supported 3 Orillia elementary schools as PTR: SBE, GAN, MLE

Developments:

Why were the 3 schools being recommended as PTR?

- Engineering reviews calculated Faces as >65%:
 - GAN 79%
 - MLE 92%
 - SBE 115%
- 3 Schools were built 40-50 years ago
- similar type of building construction
- generally schools
 - INTERIOR:
 - need new roofing membranes and upgraded roof insulation
 - replacement of structural roofing system. Existing system is a light weight concrete that will also need to be removed and replaced as part of new roof rebuild;
 - have inefficient interior lighting that had been planned to be replaced a few years ago;
 - poorly insulated walls with facing masonry that needs rebuilding;
 - have single glazed windows that are not energy efficient and are drafty;

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- don't have mechanical ventilation or air conditioning which are standards in our new schools;
- have mechanical systems that are at the end of their useful life;
- need electrical system including fire alarms replacements;
- have plumbing components including underfloor piping that have rusted out
- flooring replacements are also needed

- EXTERIOR:
 - Underground utilities need replacement;
 - Stormwater drainage is poor. Had problems with water running into the KG at SBE;
 - Paving: broken up with severe cracking and delamination

- The schools have individual facility deficiencies including non-compliant accessibility needs at GAN as don't have an elevator;
- Traffic flow and safety concerns at SBE and MLE;
- Limited number of staff washrooms;
- Buildings do not conform to current building code needs

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ORILLIA PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW (PAR) PUBLIC MEETING #3

The Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PAC) met on March 26, 2009 and the following members were:

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