

PARC PUBLIC MEETING #2
NOTES
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
St. Ursula Catholic School, Chatham

Chair	D. Crawford, Superintendent of Education
Recorders	C. Calvert & J. Cincurak, Administrative Assistants
TIME	ITEM
6:35 p.m.	Opening Prayer – Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education
6:40 p.m.	<p>Welcome/Opening Remarks – D. Crawford, Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed everyone to the meeting • Introductions were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Facilitator - Brian Benn ➤ Director of Education – Dan Parr ➤ Executive Superintendent – Corporate Services & Treasurer – Amy Janssens ➤ Superintendents of Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Laura Callaghan ❖ Scott Johnson ➤ Executive Manager-Human Resources Services – James Duff ➤ Trustees – Carol Bryden, Anita Mallette-Snobelen, Linda Ward, and Matt Roop ➤ Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Manager – Facilities Services - Tony Montanino ❖ Manager Financial Services and Information Technology - Catherine Day ❖ Principal – Special Education - Brendan Deery ❖ Coordinator – Elementary Curriculum & Early Years Lead - Brenda Corchis ❖ Todd Lozon – Supervisor – Communications & Community Relations ❖ Technical Support – Ken Ross and Damon Srokosz ❖ Administrative Assistants - Cathy Calvert & Joanne Cincurak ➤ General Manager, CLASS – Kent Orr ➤ Parish Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Father Jim Higgins ❖ Colleen Keane ❖ Mike McPherson

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be notes taken of this meeting • There was an audio recording of the meeting. The audio recording is used to assist in preparation of the Notes for this meeting. Once the Notes are completed and posted on the Board Website the recording will be destroyed. • The members of PARC Committee were thanked for their time, commitment and their open dialogue during this process.
<p>6:42 p.m.</p>	<p>Norms for Working Together – B. Benn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained how our PARC Committee has been working together • This meeting will following the same Norms (Presentation) • Sheets were available on tables for Public to use to record their thoughts and questions. These sheets were collected at the end of the meeting and will become part of the public record of this meeting • There was an opportunity at the end of the meeting for the Public to ask questions or share their thoughts • The Agenda for the evening was explained
<p>6:44 p.m.</p>	<p>Review the Process and Progress Made to Date – D. Crawford (see Presentation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 26, 2016 - Board of Trustees approved amendments to Board Policy, Section B: Administration - <i>Student Accommodation & Boundary Review</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chatham school were deemed to be under capacity and future decline is forecasted. • September 27, 2016 – Initial Staff Report presented to Trustees & Trustees authorized a Pupil Accommodation Review to commence for the seven Chatham elementary schools – St. Vincent, Our Lady of Fatima, Monsignor Uyen, St. Joseph, St. Agnes, St. Ursula, Georges P. Vanier Catholic Elementary Schools. Trustees will make final decision after the PARC process is completed. • October 4, 2016 – PARC Committee Meeting #1 – Orientation and Review of Staff Report (Notes) • October 11, 2016 – Bus Tour of 7 Chatham Elementary Catholic Schools • October 26, 2016 – Bus Tour of Holy Trinity Catholic School in Sarnia • November 9, 2016 – Public Meeting #1 – St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Notes) • November 29, 2016 – PARC Committee Meeting #2 (Notes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed and analyzed the consolidated feedback received by the Parent Advisory Councils and Public consultation ➤ A Skype session with parents from the newest Sarnia school, Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School ➤ Based on the feedback the PARC Committee had received to date, the PARC Committee was

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	<p>asked if they had any other options for the Board other than the three options put forth in the Initial Staff Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The PARC did not put forward an alternative proposal to staff ➤ The PARC Committee then identified their preferred option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The results were almost unanimous for option A. See slide #20 (Presentation) • January 19, 2017 – PARC Committee Meeting #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed process and progress to date ➤ Business Case Considerations were outlined
6:50 p.m.	<p>Mandate of the PARC – D. Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See slide #10 (Presentation)
6:57 p.m.	<p>Introduced the PARC – D. Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members of the PARC Committee were introduced – see slide #11 (Presentation)
7:03 p.m.	<p>Short Break for Coffee</p>
7:05 p.m.	<p>Moving Forward: Business Case Considerations – A. Janssens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See slides #22 to #24 (Presentation) • Special Note was made to the Additional Information see slide #25 (Presentation)
7:12 p.m.	<p>2016 - 2019 Our Lady of Fatima Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects and timeline were outlined. See slides #26 to #28 (Presentation)
7:16 p.m.	<p>PARC Recommendation to Trustees – D. Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus was achieved for “Option A” with some reservations by PARC members • The PARC members spoke to their Recommendations that will go to the Trustees as well as their Recommendations for the Transition Committee when formed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See slides #31 to #38 (Presentation) ➤ Budgeting / Costing / Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by John Mariconda, Monsignor Uyen and Lucy Haggeman, Georges P. Vanier ➤ Students / Class size / School Organization / Programming

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Jen Thomas, St. Agnes ➤ Religion/French Immersion/Sense of Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Christine Canniff, Georges P. Vanier
p.m.	<p>Option A (Preferred option) Summary – D. Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See slide #39 (Presentation)
p.m.	<p>Next Steps – D. Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See slide #40 (Presentation)
7:54 p.m.	<p>Opportunity for Public Feedback – B. Benn</p> <p><u>Table One</u> Representatives at table from Georges P. Vanier Our Lady of Fatima, St. Vincent and Monsignor Uyen Schools</p> <p>Budgeting/ Costing/Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North side site – land currently owned by Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ busy location, no sidewalks, no crossing guards ○ Bussing times would be increased ○ Student drop off area at OLOF needs better design ○ Disruption of students during renovations at OLOF – work to be done in summer and finished by September to alleviate disruption <p>Question: Can the parents have a vote on North side location? Answer: D. Crawford commented that all of the concerns will be considered and that the property has not been decided upon</p> <p>Question: What is plan for schools that will close? Will vacated properties be maintained? Answer: D. Crawford responded that there is a process in place to dispose of properties, which we will follow. Buildings owned by the Board will be maintained</p> <p><u>Table Two</u> Representatives at table from Monsignor Uyen, St. Vincent, St. Joseph Schools</p>

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- Location of new schools is a concern
- Concerns around transportation i.e. length of bus ride

Students/Class Size/School Organization Programming

- 21st Century Learning – Parents not sure what that looks like?
- Refurbished OLOF what will that look like?
- Will French Immersion students leave to go to one of the new schools or the French school if our French Immersion school is not as new as new schools?

Religion/French Immersion/Sense of Community

- Community readiness to move to three schools?
- Student safety is a concern in a larger school
- Concern about which Parish each schools will belong

Other Concerns/Questions

- Communication plan to the public has not been addressed

Table Three

Representatives at table from Monsignor Uyen, Our Lady of Fatima Schools

Budgeting/ Costing/Facilities

- Gym size is a concern at OLOF - if gym size is not adequate school will not be able to host games
- Scoreboard at OLOF 10 years old when Msgr. Uyen moves to OLOF
- Msgr Uyen students do not want to go into a school still under construction. Could they remain at Msgr Uyen current location until construction finished?
- Will there be smartboards in all classes in all three locations?

Students/Class Size/School Organization Programming

- Library space at OLOF is very closed in and dark – it will need to be equitable with the new school
- Currently OLOF does not allow for 21st century learning

Table Four

Representatives at table from Monsignor Uyen, St. Vincent

Budgeting/ Costing/Facilities

- OLOF library needs to be more open, brighter, and welcoming

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- Location of new schools – more central for parents,
- Enough equipment for all i.e. music/phys. ed. equipment
- Music Room would be nice

Students/Class Size/School Organization Programming

- EA coverage for students
- Hot lunch available

D. Crawford responded:

- Many of the things mentioned would fall to the Transition Committee
- Ministry will tell us how much money we will receive
- Ministry has guidelines, which we must follow, for gym size etc.

Other Comment by Public

- Commented on how great the PARC process has been. There has been lots of communication. Thank you to the Board for this and for these sessions

Table Five

Representatives at table from Monsignor Uyen

Budgeting/ Costing/Facilities

- OLOF gym – ensure will accommodate all of students
- Enough exits for all students
- Equity between all schools
- Electrical upgrades at OLOF
- Asbestos management at OLOF

Students/Class Size/School Organization Programming

- Public Health Nurses back into schools would assist with mental health issues

Table Six

Representatives at table from Georges P. Vanier

Most of our discussions have been brought forward by other tables.

Other Concerns/Questions

- Is there a video or virtual tour on the Board website where we can look at Holy Trinity in Sarnia to see

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	<p>what a “newer build” is like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Crawford responded that yes we can put that the Board will add a video of Holy Trinity to the website. <p>Other Concerns Brought Forward</p> <p><i>What happens if you get an influx of students trying to get in to the new school(s)?</i> D. Crawford responded: Our Planning department has looked at census, birthrates, baptismal information from our parishes etc. and from that data can predict what our population will be in the future and the size of the new schools will accommodate that growth. Access to our elementary schools is limited to Catholic students and very few non-Catholic students are allowed to register.</p> <p><i>What has the Board done with regard to housing, municipal issues for the new schools?</i> D. Crawford – All public partners are invited to our Board Meeting and see the Long Term Capital Plan that the Board has. There is communication between all partners.</p> <p><i>What is the average population of other Ontario schools – does 564 promote a health risk?</i></p> <p>D. Crawford – There are many advantages to schools of the size we are recommending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not aware of any increased health risk • Lots of new schools in Ontario have over 1000 pupils in elementary schools • This is an ideal size for an elementary school as it provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More straight grades ○ More vitality – increased availability of more clubs and sports <p>Comment from Audience French Immersion Students deserve equal opportunity – what the new builds get should be included in French Immersion school i.e. sports/musical equipment, and technology.</p> <p>Childcare essential at all three sites including OLOF site to accommodate large number of children</p>
<p>8:28 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing Remarks – D. Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended thanks to PARC Committee and our school Principals for their participation in this process • Thanked the Public for their input and reminded them that further comments can be emailed to the board

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	<p>and questions can be submitted via our Board website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will post information about 21st Century Learning on our website. • Information from this meeting and all meetings are posted on our Board's website • Deb thanked Brian Benn for his assistance with the PARC process
<p>8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Remarks from Director of Education – D. Parr</p> <p>Dan thanked the assembled for the great questions, and input provided this evening. Many of the concerns are the same as those expressed by the PARC committee. Many of the answers are posted on our Board's website and he encouraged the public to refer to the Q and A on the website.</p> <p>Dan expressed his thanks to the PARC Committee members and acknowledged the time, commitment, discernment and thoughtful, respectful and wise role they have played in this process.</p> <p>Dan expressed that St. Clair Catholic District School Board was challenged by the outdated, under-utilized Chatham Catholic Elementary schools and the need to envision a response to maximize the fullest opportunity possible for those seven school communities.</p> <p>The PARC Committee has participated in a thoughtful process to arrive at their recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Committee realized that there was no way to achieve any improvement other than to seize this opportunity that has presented itself to us now. The Committee has recommended the option most likely to result in the greatest improvement for the greatest number of students in the greatest number of schools.</p>
<p>8:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Adjournment Future PARC Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 14, 2017 – Final Staff Report to the Board of Trustees • February 28, 2017 – Public Delegations to the Board of Trustees • March 28, 2017 – Final Decision made by the Board of Trustees • Announcements Early Spring – Ministry of Education