

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

FORMING CONSENSUS

May 5, 2009

7:00 p.m.

**St. Christopher Catholic
Secondary School**



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Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, Divine Teacher be with us as we begin this meeting.

Your Son's command to teach all nations is our concern.

Assist us so that this meeting will be for us who attend it, an opportunity to learn.

**In the process of dealing with the material issues at hand
may we learn how to treat each other's ideas with reverence and respect.**

**May we be instructed in the Divine Truth that in the variety of approaches,
out of the rich differences among us, will come the balance of the Kingdom.**

**May we discover how to reject ideas without rejecting people
and how to share visions though we do not share the same means
for reaching our desired goals.**

**May this meeting then, be for each of us a prayer, a lesson,
and an opportunity to be Servants to those whom we represent.**

We ask this through our Eternal Teacher, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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May 5, 2009 Agenda

- 7:00 p.m. Opening Prayer
- 7:05 p.m. Welcome/Introductions/Opening Remarks
- 7:10 p.m. Rules of Order
Attendance; Notes; Protocols
- 7:15 p.m. Presentation of the March 10, 2009 notes
Questions from ARC members arising from the previous meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Emerging information from Ministry of Education – Jim McKenzie
- 7:45 p.m. Review of accommodation alternatives – Fred Galloway
- 9:00 p.m. Forming the proposal – Fred Galloway
- 9:30 p.m. Formulating the recommendation – Fred Galloway
- 9:45 p.m. Identifying key implementation issues – Ann Sutton
- 10:00 p.m. Presentation of the proposed agenda - May 19, 2009
Questions



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NEW INFORMATION



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Grants for Student Needs 2009-10

Changes to Top-Up Funding

- Current – schools not at full capacity receive top-up funding equal to an additional 20% of capacity to a maximum of 100%
- 2010-11 – top-up reduced to 18%
- 2011-12 – top-up reduced to 15%



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Updated Previously Presented Information

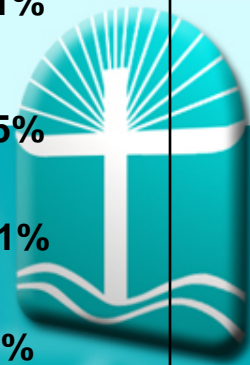


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Updated Projected Enrolment vs. Capacity

	ST. CHRISTOPHER (Capacity 894.0)		ST. PATRICK'S (Capacity 1,017.0)	
YEAR	ENROLMENT October FTE	% CAPACITY	ENROLMENT October FTE	% CAPACITY
2009	848.0	94.85%	753.0	74.04%
2010	856.0	95.75%	656.0	64.50%
2011	850.0	95.08%	593.0	58.31%
2012	835.0	93.40%	506.0	49.75%
2013	807.0	90.27%	475.0	46.71%
2018	774.0	86.8%	421.0	41.4%



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Costing and Student Data



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Capital Costs Summary

Scenario	Capital Cost Range (\$000,000)	Additional Costs
Consolidation at St. Patrick's	15.5 to 17.5 Plus additional costs →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition needs (Temporary relocation, bussing, etc.) • Foundations & footings • Accessibility compliance in existing building • Enhancements
Consolidation at St. Christopher	11.0 to 13.0	
Sustain current venues	9.0 to 10.0 Plus additional costs →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition needs • Foundations & footings • Accessibility compliance in existing St. Patrick's building • Enhancements • Loss of annual Top-up funding for both schools
Smaller school at St. Patrick's site	13.3 to 13.5 Plus additional costs →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition needs
Smaller School on another site	15.3 to 15.5 +	



Scenario 1 – Consolidate at St. Patrick's

- 300 additional pupil places required (15 classrooms, 3 tech rooms) – approximately 34,000 sq. ft.
- Total cost estimated to be \$15.4-17.5M
(ReCAPP - \$8-9M; new construction - \$7-8M; demolition costs and parking expansion - \$400-500K)
- Plus transition costs – St. Pat's students will have to be relocated while construction takes place



Scenario 1 – Consolidate at St. Patrick's

- Plus foundation/footings costs
- Plus extras/enhancements to existing facility
- Plus existing building accessibility compliance costs (Ontarians with Disabilities Act)
- Results in an older school facility remaining
- Ministry will not likely support such a project when a fairly new, well maintained high school already exists (St. Christopher)
- This would mean no funding from the province and likely no approval to use our own reserves



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Scenario 2 – Consolidate at St. Christopher

- 400 additional pupil places required (15 classrooms, 4 tech rooms, 2 science labs, expand drama space, expand cafeteria) – approx. 42,000 sq. ft.
- Total cost estimated to be \$11.3 -13.3M
(ReCAPP - \$750K; refurbish track - \$500K, construction - \$10-12M)
- No other renovation/construction costs
- No transition costs as new construction/addition will not affect existing learning spaces



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Scenario 2 – Consolidate at St. Christopher

- Project of this nature would be looked upon more favourably by the ministry and could possibly generate capital funding (better business case)



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Net Operating Cost Impacts

- Staffing Cost Reduction - \$655,000
 - *Includes savings related to Principal, School Secretaries, Custodians, Chaplain and Department Head Allowances*
- Utility Cost Reduction - \$150,000
- Reduction in Ministry funding related to Principal and School Secretary - \$181,000
- Transportation Cost Increase - \$245,000
- Net Annual Operating Cost Savings - \$379,000



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Scenario 3 – Sustain current venues

- Renewal costs as per ReCAPP totalling \$9.0-10.0M for the two schools
- Plus transition costs - St. Patrick's students will have to vacate the building for a half year to accommodate HVAC renewal work
- Plus accessibility compliance cost for existing St. Patrick's building
- Plus enhancements



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Scenario 3 – Sustain current venues

- St. Patrick's is already below current standard of 80% utilization and future standard of 85% utilization resulting in reduced annual funding, which will further decline over time as enrollments continue to decrease
- Older school facility remains at St. Patrick's
- Will not be able to offer full range of program options, including technology



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Scenario 4 – Small school on St. Patrick's site

- Small secondary school for 400 pupil places will cost \$12M +
- Plus demolition cost of old structure - \$500-750K
- Plus relocation costs for St. Patrick's students while construction takes place
- Financially not feasible with ministry funding benchmarks for capital construction
- St. Christopher renewal costs - \$750K



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Scenario 4 – Small school on St. Patrick's site

- Size will only generate funding for a principal, 0.75 FTE vice principal and 2 school secretaries
- VP and secretarial staff not adequate to deal with the complexities of running a secondary school



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Scenario 5 – Small school on another site

- Small secondary school for 400 pupil places will cost \$12M +
- Currently the Board has no other adequately sized properties available in South Sarnia
- Cost to purchase additional properties adjacent to Board properties \$2-3M
- St. Peter site – surrounding block too narrow; Diocese in process of selling church



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Scenario 5 – Small school on another site

- St. Margaret site – approx. 16-20 homes would have to be purchased
- No room for a playing field and track
- Demolition cost of old St. Patrick's structure - \$500-750K
- Financially not feasible with ministry funding benchmarks for capital construction



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Scenario 5 – Small school on other site

- St. Christopher renewal costs - \$750K
- Size will only generate funding for a principal, 0.75 FTE vice principal and 2 school secretaries
- VP and secretarial staff not adequate to deal with the complexities of running a secondary school



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Community Use



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Community Use of Schools (2007-08 Activity)

– St. Christopher

- Total hours – 2,226
- Number of participants – 5,512
- Primary activities – youth basketball, indoor and outdoor soccer, wrestling, volleyball, youth musical theatre groups

– St. Patrick's

- Total hours – 1,503
- Number of participants – 4,529 (includes 2,400 for two track meets hosted by Sarnia Central Athletics)
- Primary indoor activities – youth and men's basketball, volleyball



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Curriculum Related Information



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PEOPEL PROGRAM

Scenario 1 and 2 – Consolidate at

St. Patrick's/Consolidate at St. Christopher

– could be offered at either site

Scenario 3 – Sustain current venues

– could be offered at either site

Scenario 4 and 5 – Small school alternatives/ Sustain St. Christopher

– could be offered at either site



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ACCESSIBILITY

Scenario 1 – Consolidate at St. Patrick’s

- compliance requirements needed in renovation

Scenario 2 – Consolidate at St. Christopher

- accessibility is not an issue and would be in compliance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Scenario 3 – Sustain current venues

- accessibility issues need to be addressed at St. Patrick’s

Scenario 4 and 5 – Small school alternatives/Sustain St. Christopher

- new facility could be built to meet accessibility standards



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Technology Programs

Scenario 1 – Consolidate at St. Patrick’s

- Current program only – no expansion or addition due to facility limitations
- Current Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) only – no expansion or addition due to facility limitations

Scenario 2 – Consolidate at St. Christopher

- Room to expand current programs and add new programs
- Room to expand SHSM and add new programs



Scenario 3 – Sustain current venues (2 schools of 650 students)

- All current programs and SHSM at risk
- No addition of new programs or SHSM

Scenario 3, 4 and 5 – Sustain current venues/Small school alternatives/Sustain St. Christopher

(Schools of 850 and 400 students)

- 850 school maintains current programs and SHSM with no expansion or additions
- 400 school tech program at risk, no SHSM



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Magnet Program

Scenario 1 and 2 Consolidate at St. Patrick's/Consolidate at St. Christopher

- No magnet program needed

Scenario 3, 4 and 5 – Sustain current venues/Small school alternatives/Sustain St. Christopher

- Magnet - \$20,000/yr for bussing based on 08/09 costs
- Past funding covered by one-time grant for technology expansion – future funding not sustainable
- Courses offered will be limited due to scheduling difficulties
- Decreased school identity as students spend 50% of day away from home school



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Broader Curriculum Issues



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Impacts on Curriculum

Scenario 1 and 2 – Consolidate at St. Patrick's/Consolidate at St. Christopher

(School of 1300 students)

- All ministry compulsory courses offered
- Wide variety of optional courses available for interest and aptitude
- Greater flexibility in timetables
- Courses for all post-secondary destinations possible
- Full slate of extra-curricular and athletic activities possible
- Large facility allows multiple practices taking place at same time



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Scenario 3 – Sustain current venues

(2 schools of 650 students)

- Ministry compulsory courses offered but may require alternate years/split grades
- Optional courses limited and flexibility will be reduced
 - not all courses can be magnet programs
- Limited options for all post-secondary destinations
- Fewer extra-curricular options available
- Fewer teams due to reduced availability of coaches – teams may be less successful due to smaller student population



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Scenario 3, 4 and 5 – Sustain current venues/Small school alternatives/Sustain St. Christopher

(Schools of 850 and 400 students)

- Larger school will maintain current compulsory course and optional course programs
- Larger school will maintain current athletic and extra-curricular offerings
- Smaller school will have limited flexibility
 - *Compulsory courses will be alternate years/split grades*
 - *Optional courses limited*
 - *Limited opportunities for all post-secondary destinations*
- Will result in 'have not' situation for smaller school
- Student population and staffing limitations in small school will reduce athletic and competitive opportunities



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May 19, 2009

Proposed Agenda

7:00 p.m. Opening Prayer

7:05 p.m. Welcome/ Introductions/Opening Remarks

7:15 p.m. Rules of Order

Attendance

Questions arising from previous meeting

Notes of the previous meeting

Protocols

7:30 p.m. Review of Board Policy

8:15 p.m. Summary of the process — Fred Galloway

Recommendation of the ARC — Ann Sutton

Confirmation of the recommendation — Fred Galloway

Next Steps — Paul Wubben

9:00 p.m. Questions

Board Meeting Dates:

May 26, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.



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A Journey We All Take

We go this way, but once.
So why not make the journey worthwhile;
Giving to those who travel a helping hand,
A word of cheer, a smile?

We go this way, but once.
Ah! never more can we go back along the selfsame way;
To get more out of life, undo the wrongs, or speak love's words we
knew But did not say.

We go this way, but once.
Then let us make the road we travel fragrant and sweet with helpful,
kindly Deeds and tender words;
Soothing the path of bruised and stumbling feet.

Let us pray together the words that Jesus taught us:
Our Father...



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