# **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.

Anyone who is hearing impaired should please notify the Chair two weeks in advance of the meeting and accommodations will be made.



#### Policy 7.4 Student Accommodation and Boundary Review

Value Statement

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to provide student accommodation in a responsible and organized manner, and to consult with the community.



#### Policy 7.4 Student Accommodation and Boundary Review

### **Policy Statement**

- a) provide a Catholic school system where the life and gospel of Christ are integrated into the entire curriculum and to seek a spirit of co-operation between the home, the school, and the Church
- b) provide adequate and appropriate accommodation for the students attending its schools pursuant to Ministry Guidelines and Regulations

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## **Policy Statement continued...**

c) provide effective educational programs for all students through the efficient management of the Board's resources, and

 d) communicate with parents and community concerning possible changes in the status of a school or schools or of school or schools boundaries

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board acknowledges that the consolidation or closure of school or schools and/or revision of boundaries may be required in order to operate in an efficient and effective manner.

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Identification of Schools for Planning Area Review If one or more of the following conditions apply:

 a) Enrolment in September is less than 80% of the Ministry rated On the Ground Capacity for a school or a grouping of schools. Grouping of schools will be administratively determined.

 b) Under normal staffing allocation, it would be necessary to assign three grades to one class.

c) The average cost per student may be above the average cost per student for the system.

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 d) The school or schools may be experiencing higher building maintenance expense than the average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements.

e) The school or schools may experience program changes because of declining enrolment.

 f) The school or schools is unable to provide a suitable range of learning opportunities for students.

g) The school or schools site or sites do not have potential to accommodate an appropriate addition.

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 h) In respect to one or more of the school or schools, there are safety and/or environmental issues related to the building, the school site or its locality.

i) The consolidation of the school or schools is in the best interest of the overall system.

 j) It has been at least five years since the inception of a study of the school or schools by an Accommodation Review Committee, except where extenuating circumstances warrant, such as an unexpected economic or demographic shift or a change in the school or schools physical condition.

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## Review of the Board Motion June 10, 2009

## **Report to the Board of Trustees**

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- Aggregate enrollment has declined in the Catholic secondary schools in Sarnia.
- The schools will experience program changes because of declining enrollment.
- Consolidation of the school or schools is in the best interest of the overall system.

## **Motions**

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: Student Accommodation and Boundary Review – St. Patrick and St. Christopher Catholic Secondary Schools, for information. Carried.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for St. Patrick and St. Christopher Catholic Secondary schools, as per policy 7.4 (revised). *Carried.* 



<u>January 20, 2009 - Agenda</u>			
7:00 p.m.	Opening Prayer		
7:05 p.m.	Welcome/ Introductions/Opening Remarks		
7:10 p.m.	Rules of Order • Attendance • Questions • Notes of the meetings • Protocols • Customizing the valuation instrument		
7:20 p.m.	Defining the Issue - Jim McKenzie		
7:50 p.m.	Focus Group Information - Fred Gal	lloway	
8:20 p.m.	Recommended approach to deal wi Fred Galloway	th legacy issues -	
8:40 p.m.	How many Catholic Secondary Schools are needed by the Sarnia Community? Discussion-conducted by Fred Galloway		
9:30 p.m.	Presentation of the proposed agenda - March 20, 2009		
	Questions	estions ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey	

# 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... ST. CI

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