

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

# PARC COMMITTEE MEETING #3

Chatham Review Area  
Pupil Accommodation Review Committee

January 19, 2017



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# Opening Prayer

Loving God,  
You watch over us each moment of the day  
and each season of life.  
We have sensed Your faithfulness as individual families  
when we have welcomed new members,  
and through all of life's changes.  
We, the St. Clair Catholic School Board family,  
trust Your guidance now as we gather information  
that might call us to make changes that are necessary  
yet difficult.

***All together: The Serenity Prayer***

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
The courage to change the things I can;  
and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Amen.*

# Our Mission

Walking together in Christ's light with parish and family, we are called to build a safe and inclusive Catholic learning community and to serve as partners in the formation of life-long learners by:

- ▶ Living our faith;
- ▶ Promoting educational achievement and innovation;
- ▶ Fostering stewardship, leadership, and social justice

# Norms for Working Together

- ▶ Everyone has wisdom and insight. Everyone's insight is required for the wisest result.
  - ▶ Be active, say what's important to you.
- ▶ Everyone will hear others and be heard. Everyone has an equal voice.
  - ▶ Listen to understand, then speak from your head and your heart.
- ▶ There are no wrong answers or bad questions.
  - ▶ If you are thinking it, likely others are thinking this too.
- ▶ Respect each other's ideas and thoughts
  - ▶ All ideas and thoughts are valid, even if we have opposing ideas and thoughts

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# AGENDA

- 5:30 pm Arrive, light dinner
- 6:00 pm Opening Prayer and Review of the Agenda
- 6:05 pm Review the process and progress made to date
- 6:20 pm Moving Forward: Business Case Considerations
- 6:35 pm Role of the Transition Committee vs. Mandate of the PARC
- 6:40 pm Preparing to present PARC Recommendation at the Public Meeting (January 25, 2017)
- 7:30 pm Remaining questions and issues to be addressed by PARC
- 7:45pm Where to from here?
- 8:00 pm Adjournment

# Progress to Date

# Progress to date: October 4/16 PARC Meeting #1 *Orientation and Review of Staff Report*

Location: St. Agnes Catholic School

- ▶ Sept. 27/16 Initial Staff Report presented to Board of Trustees
- ▶ Reviewed the Board Policy and Procedures Student Accommodation and Boundary Reviews
- ▶ Explained the composition and mandate of the PARC .
- ▶ Staff members present were introduced;
- ▶ Presentation of *Initial Staff Report*.
- ▶ Interactive Discussion in which PARC members shared their immediate reactions to the Staff Report.

# Oct 4, 2016: Next Steps

- ▶ Parent Advisory Council meetings to be held prior to October 30, 2016 where PARC members would present information to the Parent Councils
- ▶ October 11<sup>th</sup> Bus Tour of 7 Chatham elementary schools -
- ▶ October 26, 2016 Bus trip to visit Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School, Sarnia.

# November 9, 2016 Public Meeting #1

- ▶ Location: St. Joseph School, Chatham
- ▶ Reviewed SCCDSB Mission Statement and introduced the Director of Education, D. Parr, SCCDSB Trustees and staff present.
- ▶ Get-Acquainted Activity,
- ▶ Overview of the Pupil Accommodation Review Process
- ▶ Introduction of PARC members (Parish reps on a go-forward basis)
- ▶ Mandate of the PARC
- ▶ Summary of the *Initial Staff Report* to the Board

# November 9, 2016 Continued

- ▶ Proposed Recommended Options were outlined
- ▶ *Summary of Feedback Report* shared
- ▶ Reviewed *12 Key Themes* that had evolved during the consultations with the PARC members and the Parent Advisory Committees
- ▶ The 12 Key Themes identified: Budget/Costing, School Organization & Programming, Facilities, Students, Sense of Community, Classes/Class Size, French Immersion, Sports, Community Partners, Religion, Staffing, and Transportation.
- ▶ Attendees provided further feedback on the 12 Key Themes

# November 9, 2016 Continued

- ▶ “Round Robin” activity elicited key themes and common ideas rising from each of the 12 Key Themes conducted
- ▶ Comments and questions recorded for future reference by the PARC.
- ▶ Any additional comments or questions may be shared with the PARC members and/or through the SCCDSB website. SCCDSB Staff will respond to all questions and concerns and share responses with the PARC members and post answers on the website

# November 29, 2016 PARC Meeting #2

## St. Ursula School

- ▶ Introduction of the Pastoral Staff from the Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes Parish Cluster: Father J. Higgins, C. Keane, M. McPherson
- ▶ Review of Summary Notes from the November 9<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting
- ▶ Review of List of Questions & Answers submitted to Board Staff as of November 18, 2016. The Questions and Board staff responses, received to date, were sent out to the PARC Committee prior to this meeting for review.
- ▶ Skype Holy Trinity parents call to respond to questions regarding their experiences during the Sarnia Elementary School amalgamations and the construction of the two new schools (St. Matthew and Holy Trinity). Superintendent of Education Scott Johnson facilitated the call. Parent Tony Gabrielle was present and parent Rob Cardiff provided his responses in writing.

# November 29, 2016 Continued

- ▶ Review and analyze the consolidated feedback received by the Parent Advisory Council and Public Consultations.

The PARC responded to the following questions:

- ▶ *Based on the feedback from the original Consolidated Local School Consultations (strengths, weaknesses and suggestions for each option) and the November 9<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting, are there other strategies that you can recommend to support our Budgeting / Costing during this transition?*
- ▶ *Overall, which of the three proposed School Board Options best support the needs of our Budgeting / Costing? Please explain your rationale for identifying on proposed option as “best” to support this theme. Please explain your rationale for identifying one of the proposed options as “best” to support this theme.*

# November 29, 2016 Continued

- ▶ The PARC groups reported on the 12 Key Themes identified and provided their rationale for their identification of a preferred.
- ▶ All PARC groups identified “Option A” as the option best suited to support the identified theme.
- ▶ The PARC discussed the need to consider the elimination of one or two of the options in order to ensure that Ministry timelines are met. Using a weighted “Dotmocracy” activity, the PARC members identified their preferred choice of options. (Refer to Table 4)

OPTION	1ST PREFERENCE	2ND PREFERENCE	3RD PREFERENCE
A	42	0	0
B	3	32	3
C	0	4	12

# Process to Request School Consolidation Capital Funding

- ▶ In 2017 the Ministry of Education (“Ministry”) has a total of \$750 million of School Consolidation Capital (SCC) funding to distribute to school boards provincially.
- ▶ In addition, the Ministry has Child Care Capital funding to replace, and if required, to expand child care and child and family program rooms where the local Municipality is in agreement.
- ▶ SCC funding is available by business case submission application to support projects that address a school board’s excess capacity.
- ▶ SCC funding is for new schools and retrofits or additions that support consolidations.

# Process to Request School Consolidation Capital Funding

- ▶ The Ministry reviews and approves SCC submissions for funding consideration.
- ▶ Even where a pupil accommodation review is not complete, the deadline for SCC submissions is January 27, 2017, with notification to the Ministry upon a final trustee decision.
- ▶ The Ministry expects that school boards will be submitting projects for SCC funding that are linked to pupil accommodation review decisions.
- ▶ SCC submissions related to accommodation reviews must have a final trustee decision to be considered by the Ministry.
- ▶ To be eligible, consolidation projects need to have a planned completion by the 2020-21 school year.

# Process to Request School Consolidation Capital Funding

- ▶ The SCC business cases will be reviewed by the Ministry with the focus being on the cost effectiveness of the proposed solutions.
- ▶ The Ministry is aiming to make announcements regarding their SCC funding decisions in early Spring 2017.
- ▶ With a request for SCC funding there are many possible outcomes
  - ▶ Approval of submitted project(s) and SCC funding provided
  - ▶ Recommendation of alternative solution
  - ▶ Not approved and no SCC funding provided
- ▶ The school board staff are working closely with the Ministry to ensure the required information is submitted for consideration.

# Next Steps

## Consensus is .....

Finding a proposal acceptable enough that all members can support it at the time of the decision and after they leave the meeting; no member opposes it.

# Consensus is not ....

- ▶ A unanimous vote ...
- ▶ A majority vote ...
- ▶ Everyone being totally satisfied.

# Two basic conditions must be met for group consensus making:

- ▶ No one in the group feels morally, ethically or professionally violated by the decision.
- ▶ Every member of the team will support the decision once they leave the meeting.

# A Measure of Consensus

## SIX LEVELS OF CONSENSUS

1. Full support
2. Acceptable
3. Support with reservation
4. I am not thrilled with it, but I can live with it and will not block it
5. Need more information or more discussion
6. Cannot support it and cannot accept it

# Has the Chatham Catholic Elementary School Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) reached consensus?

At your table groups please discussion this question and form a response to this question.

# Preparing PARC Presentations for the January 25<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting

Cluster A	Cluster B	Cluster C
1. Budgeting/ Costing	1. Class Sizes	1. French Immersion
2. Facilities	2. Students	2. Religion
3. Staffing	3. School Organization & Programming	3. Sense of Community
4. Transportation	4. Sports	4. Community Partners

# Closing Prayer

Holy Trinity;

We thank You for Your example of unity.

Unite us in our efforts

to provide loving and faith-filled homes, schools and parishes  
for the children in our care.

We thank You for this meeting

and for the passion each person present has for Catholic  
Education.

We thank You for the ideas and concerns shared here

and we ask for Your wisdom in the time ahead.

Bless our travel home

and bless our cherished families.

Amen