

**MINUTES**  
**PUPIL ACCOMMODATION PUBLIC MEETING**  
**DATE: January 30, 2017**  
**Sacred Heart**  
**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
<p><u>In attendance at Sacred Heart:</u>  Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education  Colin Johnston, Officer Trustees' Services  Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8</p> <p>John Gioia, Principal – St. Gabriel Lalemant  Chris Nazar, Principal – Sacred Heart  Annemarie Muir, Principal – St. Bede  Paola Cherrier, Principal – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati</p> <p>Mario Silva, Comptroller, Planning  Barbara Leporati, TCDSB, Supervisor, Planning  Kevin Hodgkinson, Transportation</p> <p><b><u>PARC Members:</u></b>  <b>St. Gabriel Lalemant:</b> Meagan Howell, Sameia Hussain  <b>Sacred Heart:</b> Manuela Esprit-Foster, Colleen Walker, Evelfe Hunt  <b>St. Bede:</b> Lulu Paras- Fox, Jason R Joseph,  <b>Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati:</b></p>			
Opening Prayer and	Chris Nazar – Principal Sacred Heart		
<b>Opening Remarks and the Process so Far</b>	Kevin Malcom Trustee Garry Tanuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple PARs underway across TCDSB and other Boards across the Province</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim report goes to Board following public meetings</li> <li>• Opportunity for delegations</li> <li>• Final report goes to Board of Trustees for vote</li> <li>• Committee feedback will be included in report</li> </ul>		
<b>Question St. Gabriel Lalemant</b>	<p>Why St. Gabriel identified for closer over other schools given its higher utilization percentage?</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment, condition of facility and size of facility. 219 max capacity</li> <li>• Porta pack has facility condition issues. One room currently closed</li> <li>• Other buildings in area that are larger and in good condition</li> </ul>		
<b>Concern: St. Gabriel Lalemant</b>	<p>Parents will not move with the school if its consolidated. Tom Longboat is an obvious destination. Have heard from multiple community members.</p>		
<b>Question: Trustee Tanuan</b>	<p>At January 26 Board meeting Initial PAR reviews were presented to Board. All three had community support. New facilities in two locations. How are staff reports affected by community input and desires?</p> <p>Mario Silva:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff have many different challenges including suggested school sizes.</li> <li>• Ministry funding for new facilities tied to staff right sizing schools in many cases</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to balance system wide concerns with local community concerns</li> <li>• Staff recommendations must be honest and unbiased. Have to propose what they feel are best recommendations even if they may be unpalatable locally.</li> <li>• Board of Trustees make final decision to reconcile differences between staff and community recommendations if there is disagreement when the report reaches the Board</li> </ul>		
<b>Note: Trustee Tanuan</b>	One recommendation of a current PAR is to go forward with consolidation conditional on funding for a new facility.		
<b>Question: St. Gabriel Lalemant</b>	<p>Can the committee ask that current recommendation be removed?</p> <p>Kevin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now that the process is started a report must go to Board eventually</li> <li>• Staff position will be included</li> <li>• The ARC recommendations, lack of recommendations, or recommendation to stay status quo will be included in these reports</li> </ul>		
<b>Question: St. Gabriel Lalemant</b>	<p>Why are other under enrolled schools not being considered for consolidation. St. Bartholomew or St Mathias for example?</p> <p>Barbara:</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are some schools that could be considered in the future</li> <li>• St. Bartholomew is in a unique situation where it is the only Catholic school in the area</li> <li>• St. Mathias is part of a 2 stage consolidation. Currently slated to accept Holy Redeemer students with further consolidation planned pending a new facility</li> </ul>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Can Sacred Heart take all of St. Gabriel Lalemant's students?</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initially there may be a need portable(s), but after boundary realignment populations would equalize over time</li> </ul>		
<b>Question: Sacred Heart</b>	<p>Was this PAR under consideration when decision to build Frassati made</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was built with funding intended to address high growth in the local area.</li> <li>• Funding secured in 2008 several years before this PAR was considered.</li> </ul>		
<b>Question: Kevin Malcolm</b>	<p>What might the bussing situation look like under the staff proposal?</p> <p>Kevin Hodgkinson answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board policy that students outside a 1.5 km radius are eligible for bussing</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety policy looks at traffic volume to determine if students may need to be bussed across a road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently Nielson does not meet the mark but staff are awaiting updated data from City of Toronto</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee may make recommendations to suggest extra transportation</li> <li>• Currently 60 students at St. Gabe would be eligible for transportation to sacred heart under existing policy</li> <li>• Other SARCS have requested transportation</li> <li>• \$50k cost per bus route.</li> </ul>		
<b>Question: St. Bede</b>	<p>Why are these types of decisions, Ministry and Board, based on money more than on social or other aspects?</p> <p>Mario Silva:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry is expanding their understanding of how consolidations and similar actions are affecting communities including the intangibles of day care or walking to school vs transport.</li> <li>• Staff can only use the metrics they can prove and the data they can rely on which currently are based on enrollment</li> <li>• Direction has been given by the Ministry to find efficiencies based on these types of data</li> </ul>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Why was a new building not recommended here but in other places?</p> <p>Barbara:</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently two large existing buildings with space in them.</li> <li>• Both buildings are in relatively good shape</li> </ul>		
<b>Question: St. Gabriel Lalemant</b>	<p>Why does St. Gabriel Lalemant's good FCI, 19%, not count for more?</p> <p>Mario Silva:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff can't make a business case primarily based on the small facility size</li> <li>• Cost to add addition to Lalemont and close different school is much greater</li> <li>• Ministry requires that empty space at existing schools be used as a condition of approving new funding</li> </ul>		
<b>Question; St. Gabriel Lalemant</b>	<p>How was this cluster determined?</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff identify a low enrollment or low capacity school then work outwards</li> </ul>		
<b>Question: Kevin Malcolm</b>	<p>What are realistic options for the committee to consider?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation with committee recommendations</li> <li>• Status quo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Riskier approach. Could be all or nothing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consolidating multiple (3) schools into expanded or new facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ministry funding never guaranteed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consideration of closing different schools or different boundary adjustments</li> </ul>		

<b>Information Requested for Next Committee Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pros – Cons. Weighted grades.</li> <li>• Could permit or other revenue make the school self-sustaining and eliminate the need for top up funding               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is the board wide top-up funding requirement vs GSN surplus in higher enrollment schools?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Possibility of increased enrollment with visa students</li> <li>• Cost difference between operating large vs small schools</li> <li>• Different boundary options</li> <li>• Information on St. Columba</li> <li>• Binders for next meeting</li> <li>• Can the carbon footprint be considered?</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	<p>Monday, February 13, 2017 at St. Bede</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking available next door should by-election crowd parking lot</li> </ul>		