

**MINUTES**  
**PUPIL ACCOMMODATION MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DATE: September 20, 2016**  
**St. Gabriel Lalemant**  
**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
<p><b><u>In attendance: St. Gabriel Lalemant</u></b>  Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education  Paola Botticella, Officer, Field Superintendent for Area 7 &amp; 8 Schools  Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8  Colin Johnston, Officer, Trustee Services  John Volek, TCDSB, Sr. Coordinator, Planning  Jessica Peake, TCDSB, Sr. Manager, Planning  Milka Zlomislic, TCDSB, Manager of Renewal, Capital Development  Kevin Hodgkinson, Transportation</p> <p>John Gioia, Principal St. Gabriel Lalemant  Chris Nazar, Principal Sacred Heart  Paola Cherrier, Principal Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati  Anne Marie Muir, Principal St. Bede</p> <p><b><u>PARC Members:</u></b>  <b>St. Gabriele Lalemant:</b> Megan Howell, Tessa Williams &amp; Samia Hussain  <b>Sacred Heart:</b> Manuella Esprit-Foster &amp; Evette Hunte  <b>Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati:</b> Claudia Dioleta, Gillian Khan &amp; Fr. Mark Kolowski  <b>St. Bede:</b> Laurel Gilbert &amp; Lulu Paras –Fox</p>			
Opening Prayer	Fr. Mark Kolowski		

<p>Presentation – Pupil Accommodation Review Policy– John Volek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• undersubscribed schools, our board is in a deficit and ministry grants have changed</li> <li>• Student population changing</li> <li>• Goal is to balance enrolment and right –sizing schools</li> <li>• 2018 the top-up funding will be eliminated</li> <li>• Proposed plan is to bring all SGL students to Sacred Heart. Once boundary changes are implemented new students will be admitted to the appropriate school</li> <li>• Eventually the boundary change will balance enrolment at Sacred Heart &amp; St. Bede</li> <li>• No or little growth anticipated in this area of Scarborough</li> <li>• Process should not take more than 6 months</li> <li>• 2018 is the proposed closure of St. Gabriel Lalemant if that is the decision of the Board of Trustees</li> <li>• Minimum of 2 public meetings with a minimum of 30 days in-between</li> <li>• The board of Trustees will ultimately make the decision to the proposed closing of St. Gabriel Lalemant</li> <li>• Delegations may be presented after the report is submitted to the board</li> </ul> <p>Kevin Malcolm:  <u>Benefits of a larger school:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robust CSAC</li> <li>• Better programming opportunities</li> <li>• Before &amp; afterschool programs possibilities</li> <li>• Full teams (i.e. Track, basketball etc.)</li> <li>• Adequate staffing</li> </ul> <p>Planning team will provide a 15 year blue print to the next meeting.</p>		<p><i>J. Volek</i></p>
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<u><b>Notification Letter</b></u>	<p><b>Letter provided by the board is difficult to understand for parents &amp; community. English is not their first spoken language.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft of a simplified letter requested</li> </ul> <p>Kevin also suggested to be included in the October school newsletter notice of public meetings</p>		<p><b><i>K. Malcolm &amp; Principal(s)</i></b></p>
<u><b>SGL Parent suggestions and questions:</b></u>	<p><b>How can they get Catholic students back from public board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create before &amp; afterschool program: (neighboring TDSB has before &amp; after school program that attracts Catholic families)</li> <li>• Subsidy is required from City</li> </ul> <p>Kevin advised that #'s are generally need to support a before &amp; after school program. Currently regular child care is offered at SGL. John Gioia was advised that 10 – 15 students are needed to support a before &amp; after school program with the same provider.</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> of September set up a booth to gauge interest for a before and after school program (they require a min of 10-15 children).</p> <p>Before &amp; after school program to be recommended for Sacred Heart.</p> <p><b>Parent requested if SGL could offer French Immersion to increase enrolment.</b> Kevin advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French teachers sometimes difficult to find</li> <li>• It hasn't been proven that it would increase enrolment</li> <li>• Not every child is suited for the French Immersion program</li> <li>• Challenges with scheduling</li> </ul>		<p><b><i>John Gioia to provide numbers at Public Meeting</i></b></p>

	<p>Garry Tanuan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nothing is cut in stone and 7 Trustee votes are required to pass a decision</li> <li>• Will take information from these meetings to the Board</li> <li>• Unfortunately the number of small schools exceeds large ones</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Parent questions and concerns:</u></b>	<p><b>Will bussing be provided to student being re-directed to Sacred Heart? Currently most students live less than 1.5K from Sacred Heart and may not be eligible for busing.</b></p> <p><b>Busing is an issue and will come up at the Public Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Parents concerned that the SGL students will register at the public school, once the schools closes, as it is closer</b></p> <p><b>In addition there is a bridge that causes a hazard for parents and it is dangerous to walk kids to SH.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation to look into hazard criteria/information.</li> <li>• with regards to offering busing to those who live less than 1.5 k from the school. Could be added as a recommendation to final report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Father wanted to know the number of public schools in the area:</b></p>		<p><i>Transportation</i></p> <p><i>Volek to provide map of TDSB schools in the area</i></p>
	Consider changing the December 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting Public Meeting.		<i>Board</i>
<b><u>Kevin Hodgkinson - Transportation</u></b>	<p>Catholic Board criteria - 1.5K for busing</p> <p>Public Board is as follows:</p> <p>JK-5: 1.6K</p> <p>6-8: 3.2 K</p>		

	9-12: 4.6K (high school)		
<b><u>Parent questions and concerns:</u></b>	<b>Meeting format for October 12<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer &amp; Introductions</li> <li>• Review policy</li> <li>• Recommendations of initial report</li> <li>• Questions &amp; Answer period</li> </ul> <b>Parent thinks the October 12<sup>th</sup> Public meeting does not give them time to prepare the community.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Volek suggests that they meet amongst as much as possible among themselves in order to better prepare themselves</li> </ul>		
	Email Jessica Peake if parents have any questions regarding data <a href="mailto:Jessica.peake@tcdsb.org">Jessica.peake@tcdsb.org</a>		
	SGL Parents are planning to meet with their local police department and with their parent council at the schools		<i>If required Kevin can be present at the parent council meeting</i>
<b><u>Property Value:</u></b>	<b>SGL parents would like to know the value of the property. They feel that the property will be sold to developers and condos will be built.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Volek advised that there is an extensive process and schools are not sold to the public</li> <li>• They are reused, may be offered to French Catholic, TDSB or after hours program before it would be even considered selling the property</li> </ul> <b>SGL parents are interested in speaking to the contact person at our board that deals with real-estate to determine the value of the property/land.</b>		<i>J. Volek to provide contact person in Real-estate Department</i>
<b><u>Parent questions &amp; concerns:</u></b>	<b>How does this effect St. Bede &amp; Sacred Heart in terms of enrolment:</b>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All SGL students would be transferred to SH and any siblings who do not yet attend elementary school are also eligible to register at Sacred Heart.</li> <li>• Any new admissions would be determined by the new boundary criteria and overtime enrollment would balance.</li> <li>• Portables would be added to SH if required</li> <li>• Blessed Pier Giorgio's Boundaries would not be effected and no change to their enrolment will occur</li> </ul>		<b><i>Volek to provide Diagram at Public Meeting</i></b>
	Trustee Tanuan: Our goal is not to lose children and the Board of Trustee as a whole will vote on this recommendation		
<b>Adjournment: 9:05 pm.</b>			
			<b><i>Next Meeting: Public Meeting Scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel Lalemant in the Gym</i></b>