

MINUTES
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE: September 21, 2016
Prince of Peace
TIME: 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
<u>In attendance at Prince of Peace:</u> Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education Paola Botticella, Officer, Superintendent Area 7 & 8 Schools Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8 Siena Da Costa, Principal - Prince of Peace John Pasia, Principal - St. Rene Goupil Mark Novis, Principal - The Divine Infant John Volek, TCDSB, Sr Coordinator, Planning Jessica Peake, TCDSB, Sr. Manager, Planning Deborah Friesen, TCDSB, Sr, Manager, Capital Marco Iorfida, Transportation <u>PARC Members:</u> Prince of Peace: Fr. Lorenzo, Fiona Yu, Suja Velauthapillai and Xuan Duong The Divine Infant: Issa Marie Mendoza, Betsy Eason and Lisa Valentine St. Rene Goupil: Michelle Freitas, Loida Sevilla and Gaby Chauvet,			
Opening Prayer	Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan		

<p>Presentation – School Accommodation Review Policy – John Volek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undersubscribed schools, our boards deficit and ministry grants changes • Declining enrolment • No or little growth in this area • Small schools are costly to run • Proposed plan is to bring all students from St. Rene Goupil and The Divine Infant students to Prince of Peace • 2018 proposed closure of the two schools • 2018 the top-up funding will be eliminated • Process should not take more than 6 months • The public meetings will give the public/community an opportunity to ask questions • Minimum of 2 public meetings • Committee members are to dialogue and come up with solutions – creative & innovative ideas • Multiple committee meetings are possible • Interim report due in early spring • The board of Trustees will ultimately make the decision to the proposed amalgamation of St. Rene Goupil & The Divine Infant • Delegations may be presented after the report is submitted to the board <p>Kevin Malcolm:</p> <p><u>Benefits of a larger school:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust CSAC • Better programming opportunities • Before & afterschool programs • Full teams (i.e. Track, basketball etc.) • Adequate staffing 		
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Parent Questions/Concerns:	How do you come up with student projections/enrolment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical trends • Residential development • 8 year projections have had a .5% error rate • Enrolment declining yearly 		
	Letter provided by board is complicated for most parents in the community to understand as English is not their first language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A simplified letter is required • Kevin also suggested to add information to monthly school newsletter about Public Meetings 	Yes	<i>Superintendent & Principal(s) to draft new letter</i>
Translation Services	Translator required for Public Meeting - Mandarin & Cantonese	Yes	<i>Superintendent to arrange with our community relations group</i>
Child Care currently at St. Rene Goupil & enrolment impact	<p>Current child care at St. Rene Goupil since 2005</p> <p>Toddles & preschoolers</p> <p>B&A program could bring in young families who are moving into the area.</p> <p>If they move to Prince of Peace those families will have to travel further and may consider public school</p> <p>Estimate time to get from St. Rene Goupil to Prince of Peace – travel/busing may impact registration at Prince of Peace</p> <p>Child care centres within our school groom students to register with the TCDSB if they meet admission requirement</p> <p>Infant room important asset</p>		

	John/Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would definitely recommend a B&A program at Prince of Peace – trend towards licensed child care centres in all schools. • No significant growth in north Scarborough • Statistically we don't lose many students to the TDSB • Older community with no new growth – natural decline • No major gain from new immigration • Catholic families value Catholic schools 		
Transportation	<p>Concerns from parents is that families will register at the TDSB as it may be closer or busing will be offered</p> <p>Concerns with congestion of the additional traffic at Prince of Peace as street has public school, church and library</p> <p>Traffic will be a problem in the morning and after school</p> <p>Staff parking concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busing will be provided to students of The Divine Infant and St. Rene Goupil 	Yes	<i>Transportation to review risk analysis</i>
What happens to empty schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate process and extensive process • They are reused, may be offered to French Catholic, TDSB or after hours program before it would be even considered to be sold 		
Public Meeting Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer • Introduction • Presentation / Review policy • Questions & answer period <p>Principals should include public meeting dates in their upcoming newsletters and include in Parish bulletin.</p>	Yes	<i>Father will advise the church community</i>

Parent concerns about closing two schools	How do we deal with Intensive programs: Behaviour & LD classes Deaf and hard of hearing How will these programs be integrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities advised that a 4-5 class addition would be suitable to accommodate the increase enrolment <p>Could Prince of Peace accommodate 100 children in the child care?</p> Would there be an option to close only one school?	Yes	<i>Planning to advise</i>
	Trustee Tanuan: Our goal is not to lose children and the Board of Trustee as a whole will vote on this recommendation		
Adjournment: 7:00 pm.			
			<i>Next Meeting: Public Meeting Scheduled for October 19th @ 7:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace</i>