

**MINUTES**  
**PUPIL ACCOMMODATION PUBLIC MEETING**  
**DATE: May 10, 2017**  
**The Divine Infant**  
**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
<p><u>In attendance at The Divine Infant:</u>  Rory McGuckin, Associate Director of Education,  Academic Affairs  Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education  Angela Florio, Officer, Superintendent Area 7 &amp; 8  Schools  Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8</p> <p>Siena Da Costa, Principal - Prince of Peace  John Pasia, Principal - St. Rene Goupil  Mark Novis, Principal - The Divine Infant  Roy Chubb, Principal, St. Bartholomew</p> <p>Barbara Leporati, Sr. Manager, Planning &amp;  Admissions  Marco Iorfida, Transportation  Alex Mazzucco, Program Coordinator, Continuing  Education</p> <p><b><u>PARC Members:</u></b>  <b>Prince of Peace:</b> Fiona Yu, Daphne Smith, and  Xuan Duong  <b>The Divine Infant:</b> Issa Marie Mendoza, Elaine  Bravo, Jenine Chung, Dawn Cuba and Lisa Lallion  <b>St. Rene Goupil:</b> Nikki Chung, Katy Teed,  Pollyanna Tan, Lito Lao, Yvonne Yeung, Gaby  Chauvet</p>			
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Kevin Malcolm		

<b>Introduction &amp; Opening Remarks: Kevin Malcolm</b>	<p>First TCDSB Multi-Language School Significant Development/breaking news to update committee Two years ago, Multi-Language School topic raised based on French Immersion Model (subjects to be taught in Spanish, Mandarin and English). Board surveyed – 75 people expressed interest. Topic has recently come to forefront again. Analysis done through Facilities Department. Looked at St. Maximilian Kolbe site – cost prohibitive to Board. Next option was St. Rene Goupil (Scarborough). Registration now open for first multi-language elementary school eligible to start FDK or Grade 1 for September 2017. Open to families living anywhere in City of Toronto.</p>		
<b>Note: Barbara Leporati</b>	<p>Program is expected to enhance enrollment at St. Rene Goupil. PARC process suspended until the Fall and will re-convene again in October.</p>		
<b>Note: Kevin Malcolm</b>	<p>PARC process in abeyance until October for Multi-language School. Registration will be monitored.</p>		
<b>Note: Rory McGuckin</b>	<p>Re-assurance the Board did not devise this at the last minute. Began consultation in October and recently re-confirmed the idea. Additional recommendations and planning began in February. Consultation with TECT to discuss the plan. Investigation into facilities began – additional funds/costs were looked at, space in the school, IT testing, etc. Decision made to locate program at St. Rene Goupil. Registration to be monitored until approximately June 1<sup>st</sup>. Viable number of students required for JK/SK/Grade 1. Recommendations will then go back to the Board. This is a positive move forward.</p>		

<b>Question:</b>	<p>What happens to The Divine Infant and Prince of Peace?</p> <p>Barbara – Changes are dynamic at this point. Depends where children are coming from. If they are coming from north of Steeles, this will impact enrollment at St. Rene Goupil. There could be a potential boundary adjustment depending on enrollment.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>What if it is not viable?</p> <p>Barbara – If the Board does not proceed, we will reconvene and go forward.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Would the Board consider relocating the School (St. Rene Goupil)?</p> <p>Rory – Do we start marketing campaigning next year or drop the idea? Full assessment needs to be done. This may not go well as it is late in the school year.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>When will the Board make a decision?</p> <p>Rory – Registration closes on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Will play it by ear based on the enrollment. A decision must be made in June.</p> <p>Barbara – We have an online tracking system.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>How many students are needed for this to be viable?</p> <p>Rory – 20 for Full Day Kindergarten. Need at least 20 students and over to work with.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>If the numbers are not there for registration this fall, can this program be considered again in January?</p> <p>Rory – The decision is made by the Trustees. It is a Board owned decision.</p>		

<b>Question:</b>	<p>How is the Board marketing this program?</p> <p>Rory/Kevin – Through social media, newspapers, CBC, CTV, Board alerts, press release through the Communications Department, etc. Will continue to market. Should have a sense of interest next week. Will take this one day at a time.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Will the committee members be updated?</p> <p>Kevin –Yes through the principals or through an update in October.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Is all the Board being notified?</p> <p>Kevin – A letter could be sent to all communicating the new program.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Can the letter be in simple language?</p> <p>Kevin - Yes</p>		
<b>Comment: Kevin Malcolm</b>	This will be the only Multi-Language School in Toronto.		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Is there a vote on St. Rene Goupil moving wards?</p> <p>Rory – This is a public report.</p> <p>Gary – If there is a move, St. Rene Goupil could end up in Trustee DelGrande’s ward. There are 44 wards. Three more wards could be added. There would be a ripple effect for all wards to align.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>When is the vote happening?</p> <p>Rory – End of December or the latest March.</p>		

<b>Comment: Gary Tanuan</b>	<p>Gary – Committee has worked hard. International students increase enrollment. This will not be taking away from other schools. There are only a finite number of kids in the community. If kids/international students attend summer camp at St. Rene Goupil, they may like the school and decide to enroll.</p> <p>This is a groundbreaking concept for the Board. St. Rene Goupil is the only school closest to Pacific Mall. With new suburbs being developed and international students coming, they will look at TCDSB to enroll. Church is giving full support – Father Joseph is eager to work together.</p>		
<b>Question: Kevin Malcolm</b>	<p>Do we reconvene in October or go forward with concepts?</p> <p>If we leave this until October, we can reconvene and do a status check.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Should this wait until January?</p> <p>Kevin – We should get together in October for an update.</p>		
<b>Question: Gary Tanuan</b>	<p>Regarding the three schools, will the committee have an impact on the decision-making?</p> <p>Can St. Rene Goupil continue with the programs to help boost enrollment?</p> <p>Kevin – This is at the will of the committee.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>What are we doing to help The Divine Infant?</p> <p>Kevin – We are in agreement that this is held off until October.</p> <p>Siena – If we come back to meet in January maybe more information will be available.</p> <p>Rory – A decision will have to be made for those who registered. Sometimes starting out with a lower number is what is needed to get project going. We should have a</p>		

	<p>better idea of registration by the end of the first week in June. If the numbers are close to viable, it will be brought back to the Board.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>If the numbers are low after the first week of June, can this be looked at again for the next school year?</p> <p>Gary – At the end of the day, the Ministry is looking at the numbers. The school communities should run their own programs, e.g. Summer Camp, RCIC, etc.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Is Chinese Martyrs Church closer to The Divine Infant?</p> <p>It depends on transportation. St. Rene Goupil would be better. The church is offering to help. They are not being asked to choose the school. The church is helping the whole community.</p> <p>Rory – The policy is to enroll children within boundary. It is the most logical way to deal with it. This does not mean student in the RCIC program will go to only one school. The RCIC program was started because of the PFLC and interest in the program. The classes began through the church and parents were very involved. Parents were eager and ready to accept the program.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Why not bring the Chinese Church to Prince of Peace?</p> <p>The church is only offering assistance and not redirecting or pushing one school on parents. The parishioners go to all kinds of schools.</p> <p>Kevin – I am hearing the interest in the RCIC process. Each individual school can do this on their own.</p>		
<b>Question:</b>	<p>If capacities reach 300 at a school, would the Ministry still close the school?</p>		

	Rory – The Ministry looks at schools engaged in community partners, e.g. Public Agency, Voila Learning (French tutoring), Niagara University, Art Groups, Child Care Centres, etc.		
<b>Question:</b>	Who solicits these groups?  Rory – Departments, processes, consultations, etc. We have to be cautious as to who is coming into our schools.		
<b>Question:</b>	Are we looking at daycares?  Barbara – This is not factored in. It is only based on what the students occupy.		
<b>Question:</b>	Full day daycare has brought in many kids. Why are they not enrolling in our schools?  Mark – We need to talk to the parents in the daycare.  Kevin – We would like to see childcare in every school. It is good for the schools, families and communities. This needs to be explored further.  When the news came out about the school closures, parents were weary as to where to enroll their kids. They do not want interruption in their children's education.		
<b>Question: Gary</b>	What are daycares allowed to say to parents?  Can ask the question regarding the RCIC to parents.		
<b>Question: John</b>	Are we staying with the RCIC proposal?  Kevin – When PARC regathers in October, we can see where the process is going and can re-evaluate.		
<b>Proposal: Kevin</b>	Are we in agreement to hold off meeting until October?	<b>Consensus – All Agreed</b>	

<b>Comment: Alex</b>	A note that there is a summer program running in early July at St. Rene Goupil. There will be 40 to 60 international students arriving from China for the three-week program at St. Rene Goupil. They want to be educated with local students.		
<b>Question:</b>	How does the recruitment process work for the international students?  Rory – This process takes place through agencies. The TCDSB is a common name in Asia. Alex works to build relationships with international families.		
<b>Question:</b>	CPIC may change in September. What happens?  Barbara – Past chairs and representatives can attend the meeting in October.		
<b>Next Meeting Date:</b>	October 2017 (To Be Announced).		