

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

CONFIRMING THE RECOMMENDATION

May 19, 2009

7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic High School



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Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, Divine Teacher be with us as we begin this meeting.

Your Son's command to teach all nations is our concern.

Assist us so that this meeting will be for us who attend it, an opportunity to learn.

In the process of dealing with the material issues at hand

may we learn how to treat each other's ideas with reverence and respect.

**May we be instructed in the Divine Truth that in the variety of approaches,
out of the rich differences among us, will come the balance of the Kingdom.**

**May we discover how to reject ideas without rejecting people
and how to share visions though we do not share the same means
for reaching our desired goals.**

**May this meeting then, be for each of us a prayer, a lesson,
and an opportunity to be Servants to those whom we represent.**

We ask this through our Eternal Teacher, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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May 19, 2009 Agenda

7:00 p.m. Opening Prayer

7:05 p.m. Welcome/ Introductions/Opening Remarks

7:15 p.m. Rules of Order
Attendance
Questions arising from previous meeting
Notes of the previous meeting
Protocols

7:30 p.m. Review of Board Policy—Ann Sutton

8:15 p.m. Summary of the process — Fred Galloway
Recommendation of the ARC — Ann Sutton
Confirmation of the recommendation — Fred Galloway
Recommendation of the staff and next steps – Paul Wubben

9:00 p.m. Questions

Board Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting—June 16, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole—September 15, 2009—6:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting—November 24, 2009—7:00 p.m.



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Policy 7.4

Student Accommodation and Boundary Review

Value Statement

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to provide student accommodation in a responsible and organized manner, and to consult with the community.



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Policy Statement

- a) provide a Catholic school system where the life and gospel of Christ are integrated into the entire curriculum and to seek a spirit of co-operation between the home, the school, and the Church

- b) provide adequate and appropriate accommodation for the students attending its schools pursuant to Ministry Guidelines and Regulations



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Policy Statement continued...

- c) provide effective educational programs for all students through the efficient management of the Board's resources, and

- d) communicate with parents and community concerning possible changes in the status of a school or schools or of school or schools boundaries

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board acknowledges that the consolidation or closure of school or schools and/or revision of boundaries may be required in order to operate in an efficient and effective manner.



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Identification of Schools for Planning Area Review

If one or more of the following conditions apply:

- a) Enrolment in September is less than 80% of the Ministry rated On the Ground Capacity for a school or a grouping of schools. Grouping of schools will be administratively determined.
- b) Under normal staffing allocation, it would be necessary to assign three grades to one class.
- c) The average cost per student may be above the average cost per student for the system.



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- d) The school or schools may be experiencing higher building maintenance expense than the average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements.
- e) The school or schools may experience program changes because of declining enrolment.
- f) The school or schools is unable to provide a suitable range of learning opportunities for students.
- g) The school or schools site or sites do not have potential to accommodate an appropriate addition.



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- h) In respect to one or more of the school or schools, there are safety and/or environmental issues related to the building, the school site or its locality.
- i) The consolidation of the school or schools is in the best interest of the overall system.
- j) It has been at least five years since the inception of a study of the school or schools by an Accommodation Review Committee, except where extenuating circumstances warrant, such as an unexpected economic or demographic shift or a change in the school or schools physical condition.



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Meetings of the ARC

- **November 18, 2008**
 - **Understanding the Reasons and the Issues**
- **January 20, 2009**
 - **Discussing the Options**
- **March 10, 2009**
 - **Making the Decisions**
- **May 5, 2009**
 - **Forming Consensus**
- **May 19, 2009**
 - **Confirming the Recommendation**



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Timelines

- ***June 2, 2009***
ARC reports publicly available on the Board web page
- ***June 16, 2009***
Recommendations of the ARC and recommendations of the Staff received at Board Meeting
- ***September 15, 2009***
Public Input and Presentations at Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
- ***November 24, 2009***
Board decision at a Regular Board Meeting



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RECOMMENDATION

The Accommodation Review Committee recommends that the two school communities of St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School and St. Patrick's Catholic High School be ***consolidated at the current site of St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School.***



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Implementation Considerations

- Sustaining PEOPEL Program
- Technology Program
- Name of school on St. Christopher site will require careful consideration
- Utilization of St. Patrick's track and facilities
- Upgrading of St. Christopher's track
- Owners of St. Patrick's track need to be consulted



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- Respect St. Patrick's tradition
- Transportation issues – shorter bus routes
- Start integration in stages
- Creation of Transition Committee
- Transition Committee chair needs to be familiar with both school cultures and must be an individual who is known and respected in this area, perhaps a retired principal



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- School uniforms and colours need to be considered.
- Deal with McCarthy's for new uniform
- Grandfather both uniforms
- Provide unique curriculum options which might draw students into the school
- Positive attitude to be essential



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- Public relations to focus on the positive and show what Catholic Education is all about
- Marketing the consolidated school, highlighting the potential benefits of this change to our elementary schools as soon as motion is passed. Marketing must begin early
- We want to create a very strong and successful Catholic School



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A Journey We All Take

**We go this way, but once.
So why not make the journey worthwhile;
Giving to those who travel a helping hand,
A word of cheer, a smile?**

**We go this way, but once.
Ah! never more can we go back along the selfsame way;
To get more out of life, undo the wrongs, or speak love's words we
knew But did not say.**

**We go this way, but once.
Then let us make the road we travel fragrant and sweet with helpful,
kindly Deeds and tender words;
Soothing the path of bruised and stumbling feet.**

**Let us pray together the words that Jesus taught us:
Our Father...**



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