



RENEWAL: CATHOLIC FRENCH IMMERSION IN CHATHAM NOTES

Monday, February 12, 2018
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

Chair	L. Callaghan, Superintendent of Education
Recorder	C. Calvert, Administrative Assistant
TIME	ITEM
6:30 p.m.	<p>Welcome and Opening Prayer Laura Callaghan led the Opening Prayer and welcomed everyone.</p>
6:32 p.m.	<p>Introductions – Ms. Callaghan</p> <p>Trustees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Mallette-Snobelen • Mat Roop <p>Director of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Crawford <p>Architect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Wilson <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Janssens, Associate Director – Corporate Services & Treasurer • Tony Montanino, Manager – Facility Services • Cathy Calvert, Administrative Assistant • Ken Ross, Technical Support Specialist <p>Parish Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colleen Keane
6:35 p.m.	<p>Greetings from Director of Education, Deb Crawford</p> <p>Ms. Crawford thanked Ms. Callaghan for Chairing the meeting. Thanks were extended to everyone who served on the PARC Committee and the Principals who supported the PARC process and Cathy Calvert who supported the PARC committee. Ms. Crawford also thanked everyone and our Trustees for coming tonight.</p> <p>This meeting will highlight how we are planning to revitalization this building for the expansion of the French Immersion program in Chatham. These are exciting times for the city of Chatham and St. Clair Catholic District School Board.</p>

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	<p>The plans, which we are presenting, are innovative, student centered and will enhance our 21st Century learning.</p> <p>Ms. Crawford then turned the meeting over to Amy Janssens, Tony Montanino and Randy Wilson for their presentations on our Renewal of Catholic French Immersion in Chatham.</p>
<p>6:36 p.m.</p>	<p>Setting the Context and Norms for tonight’s conversation – Ms. Callaghan</p> <p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the work to date at Our Lady of Fatima • Share the draft plans for the renewal of Our Lady of Fatima site • Gather you questions and insights <p>Norms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on what matters • Contribute your thinking • Speak you mind and heart • Listen to understand • Assume best intentions • Link and connect ideas • Listen together for insights • Have fun <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be asking you to submit your questions in writing tonight and we will post the answers on our Board website. • Questions can also be submitted through our Board website. <p>Notes of Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes are being taken of this meeting and they will be posted on our Board website.
<p>6:38 p.m.</p>	<p>Get Acquainted Activity – Ms. Callaghan</p> <p>The attendees were asked to introduce themselves to the others at their table and to write on the paper provided one wish for this new chapter in our French Immersion Community in Chatham.</p>
<p>6:43 p.m.</p>	<p>How did we get here?</p> <p>Ms. Janssens highlighted the PARC process to date. This presentation has been seen by some stakeholders</p>

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	<p>already. Special note was made of the Applicable Additional Considerations which were noted by the PARC, they were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbished site to have the same modern standards as the two new schools • Better climate-control and air quality with air conditioning in all schools • Sacred Space • Appropriately sized gym <p>Monsignor Uyen Enrolment Projections Ms. Janssens explained that our enrolment projections fluctuate with time. The Monsignor Uyen enrolment projections has changed from what was shown at PARC which was 400 and now shows 380 which will fit nicely at this school site with on-the-ground capacity of 420.</p> <p>Facility Data Mr. Montanino compared the Facility Date between Our Lady of Fatima and Monsignor Uyen sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average age of Our Lady of Fatima is 37 years and Monsignor Uyen is 47 years • On-the-Ground capacity of Monsignor Uyen is 654 and Our Lady of Fatima is 420 which makes it a better size facility for the number of students • The way the government is now measuring gym size is the size of the gym and stage area are combined into 1 measurement • The gyms at both schools are identical in size. • Proposal is to remove the stage area; this would add an additional 800 sq ft. to the gym • We would add a drop down stage which would have a storage area behind it • This will allow us to have gym size of 4,326 which is above what the Ministry will allow for new builds <p>School Library Ms. Callaghan explained that the library in today's schools are different from the past. New libraries have shared learning space, flexible seating, conversational areas and quiet spaces as well as diverse open-ended zones. Ms. Callaghan has already had some meetings with students to gain their input as to what they would like their libraries to look like and what they would like to have available to them.</p>
<p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Architect's Presentation Mr. Randy Wilson was the architect for St. Matthew and Holy Trinity in Sarnia</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to hear input from a number of people • About identifying the opportunity and gaps in the project • Large classrooms, right-size gym • There is a sense that Our Lady of Fatima is dark, spaces and corridors confined and narrow • Library has low ceilings and tends to be claustrophobic, this can be improved • Lighter colours needed in corridors • Nice front to the street, ample parking and lots of green space • We need “WOW!” factor from the street • Main entrance very closed in, areas around library does not flow • Eliminate fire doors and barriers • New mechanical HVAC system will be installed and will be the same unit as in new schools. • Open up large Atrium, which will go up 2 stories, when you walk into the school and bring in more natural light and will communicate the gym by glass wall. • New mechanical room will need to be made • Office and Library will both flow off of the Atrium • Office needs to be secure in its own space but still accessible to see who is coming and going in the school and needs to join with the staff workroom and staffroom • Also redoing the outside of the front entry with lots of glass and a prominent cross • Phase 2 – will consist of a new mechanical room and installing sprinklers, which do not exist now, in the entire school. Work will begin in July 2018 and will be completed by September 2018. • Brick on outside of school is in need of replacement so entire exterior of the school will be redone. • Windows will all be replaced and will continue until weather turns too bad to continue. • Children’s safety will be paramount while work is being done. • Phase 3 – will be to finish classrooms, new millwork, new white boards, new flooring & ceiling, everything will be replaced and continue down childcare area. • This will be an entirely new building once completed. • Important to have input from community.
<p>7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Timeline Mr. Montanio explained the timelines for the work to be completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 was completed this September 2017

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2 will be from June to November 2018 • Phase 3 will be from June 2019 to December 2019 <p>Mr. Montanio explained that during Phase 3 it will not be safe for students or staff to be in the building so the proposal is that staff and students will remain at Monsignor Uyen until December 2019 and start at the refurbished school on the first day of classes in January 2020.</p>
<p>7:34 p.m.</p> <p>7:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Feedback from Attendees Ms. Callaghan explained that there would be 20 minutes for group discussion at the tables. After, the time is up each table will be asked to share the main points with the group.</p> <p>Reports from Groups:</p> <p>Table 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the flow of the floor plan and natural light for students. • Keep students at Monsignor Uyen school until September 2020 when refurbished school will be sure to be completed. <p>Table 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassured we are putting energy efficiency into refurbishment. • Like Staffroom, work room and office all in one area. • Open space good. • Should we wait until September 2020 to move in rather than rush for January move? • How will drop down stage work and fit in? • Still concerned with parking, and drop off / pick up areas. <p>Table 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like bigger gym and natural light • Will there be Spiritual Space? • What does budget look like and will this be a separate budget from new build? <p>Table 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like natural light and air conditioning • Move in date of January 2020 is that rushing? Should it be pushed to September 2020? • Where will clinic rooms, sensory rooms be located?

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8:00 p.m.	Next Steps Ms. Callaghan explained that the answers to the questions will be posted on Board website along with notes and slides of tonight's presentation. If you have other questions these can be submitted to us using the form on our Board website.
8:01 p.m.	Closing of Meeting Ms. Callaghan thanked everyone for coming and for being so positive and sharing their thoughts on this project. Closing Prayer was said together. Ms. Callaghan reminded those in attendance sign in if they had not already done so.