

BUILDING A NEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY - TOGETHER

NORTH CHATHAM SCHOOL TRANSITION COMMITTEE

NOTES

Monday, May 14, 2018
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

TIME	ITEM
6:30 p.m.	<p>Welcome and Opening Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education, welcomed everyone and thanked them for giving of their time • The Prayer for Unity was recited together
6:35 p.m.	<p>Getting to Know Each Other - Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone was invited to introduce themselves and which school community they are associated with • Ms. Callaghan read a story “<i>Anything is Possible</i>” by Giulia Belloni and Marco Trevisan • The book was given to each school to use as mentor text for the students in their school to use in conjunction with an activity • Attendees were invited to share their thoughts or dream for the new North Chatham school
6:40 p.m.	<p>Establishing our Norms for our Work Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share - your ideas from your mind and your heart. • Listen – attentively and with an open mind and heart • Focus – on the matters at hand as outlined in the agenda <p>Notes of the meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be posted on our Board website under <i>New Catholic Elementary Schools Chatham</i> which is located on the home page.
6:40 p.m.	<p>Video Shared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The video “<i>Obvious to You, Amazing to Others</i>” by Derek Sivers was shown to the group • The theme of the video - Share ideas freely
6:50 p.m.	<p>Always Start with WHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is our WHY? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are meeting as a committee so that . . . see the Golden Circle responses

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7:00 p.m.	<p>Golden Circle WHAT DO WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH –see Golden Circle responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each group shared with the Committee the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe ways for students to get to school • Plan events to for families • Older students to be role models for younger students • Ongoing communications with parents – we will be using the Board website for this • Open House at the new school before the first day of school • Maintaining old traditions and creating new ones • Opportunities for 3 communities to come together for activities • Grade trips to other schools • Every school to bring something to the new school • Grade Masses for all 3 schools together • Create school motto or brand for the new school • How do we want the new school to be known? • Fish on the Fence - each colour from original school with student's initial • Tulip garden at new school • Students to meet new staff members before first day of school • Clubs to get to know each other • New equipment for learning
7:20 p.m.	<p>Ground Breaking Ceremony Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 18, 2018 at 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. • Transition Committee are all invited • Who can come from Transition Committee? • Ice cream and balloons will be involved • Come as a team from your school • We do have a gold shovel • Prayer service will be included

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7:25 p.m.	<p>Brainstorming Activity: Our Future Work Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea Boxes – student voice <p>Our Lady of Fatima</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School uniforms for the new school – easier to get dressed in the morning • Earlier start and finish times – easier coordination with sibling at UCC • Playgrounds in school backyard • Chrome Books in every classroom <p>St. Agnes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotics Team – cool to make robots • Big gym <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide enough parking space • FDK rooms not having shared cloak rooms and cubbies <p>St. Vincent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More variety of sports • More clubs i.e. Art Club • White board desks in the library for collaborative learning • Better computers
7:35 p.m.	<p>Consolidating our Thinking</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need to name the new school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will have a process established for this by September • Anyone in the community will be able to recommend a name within our guidelines 2. Slogan, mascot and colours need to be established as they are necessary for the build

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7:40 p.m.	<p>PRO Grant Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools who apply get around \$1000.00 if approved • Principals of the 3 schools have been working on these grant applications • Principals have already met and looking at doing 3 big events next year – Fall, Winter, Spring – 3 pieces of art will come out of these three events to bring to the new school i.e. Thumb Print tree and painting rocks this would include staff, students and parents • Our Lady of Fatima – Fall - Harvest Fest – family dance • St. Agnes - Winter – Carnival Theme – skating - family event • St. Vincent - Spring – family BBQ at Kingston Park with games • All 3 schools will work together with staff and families to come together for these events. • Twitter - #weareone
7:48 p.m.	<p>Establishing our Meeting Schedule Moving Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or 3 meetings in the fall and winter • Meetings will rotate locations between the 3 schools
7:50 p.m.	<p>Ticket Out the Door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on what you know now and something that you are still wondering about
7:55 p.m.	<p>Closing Prayer & Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.