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AGENDA ADDENDUM SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC SESSION

Barbara Poplawski, Chair

Maria Rizzo, Vice-Chair

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

5:00 P.M.

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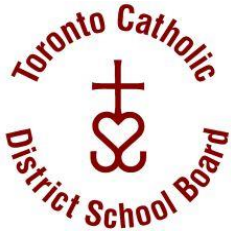
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Name	Matthew Vukovic	
Committee	Regular / Special Board	
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018	
Topic of Presentation	International Language Program	
Topic or Issue	2 hour loss of English instructional time per week.	
Details	Information on exactly which area of curriculum is being affected by implementing Italian within a shortened school day.	
Action Requested	-Specific answer where this time is coming from/cross curricular subjects. - Alternatives such as optional 30 min after school Italian classes.	
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I am an official representative of student government		
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Name	Berta Carreco	
Committee	Regular / Special Board	
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018	
Topic of Presentation	ILP, instruction time, lack of parent involvement	
Topic or Issue	Loss of instruction time due to continuation of ILP and shortened school day (8:30-3PM).	
Details	See above	
Action Requested	More communication of parents on how to ensure instruction time just like the other 124 elementary schools in the TCDSB.	
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Name	Helen Falbo	
Committee	Regular / Special Board	
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018	
Topic of Presentation	International Languages	
Topic or Issue	International Languages	
Details	I am a parent who cannot make tonight's meeting but wish to make written submissions.	
Action Requested		
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June 25, 2018

Dear Sirs/Madam,

Unfortunately, I am not able to make the meeting tonight personally but I still feel it is important for my parental voice to be heard.

My name is Helen Falbo and my daughter is currently in Grade 3 at St. Fidelis Catholic School. She will begin Grade 4 in September.

I am writing to express my concern with respect to the impending change at her school in September specifically relating to the International Languages program. My concern relates to the time change and, specifically, the loss of instructional time for our children as a result thereof if International Language (Italian) is continued as part of the curriculum during the regular school hour.

Let me begin by expressing my concern about the fact that the written communication originally received from the school in connection with this matter lacked key information. To be frank, it was as clear as mud. It is equally disturbing that this communication was distributed to parents with a few weeks left during this school year. Personally, I cannot help but feel that the decision to release this communication so late was deliberate, leaving parents in the dark and somewhat powerless. Perhaps, this was not the intended result but, unfortunately, the lack of information provided to us in that communication at the outset, and its late timing, certainly amplifies that feeling.

I have since received information about what this change really means for our children. It is my understanding that our children will continue to be taught Italian at St. Fidelis but will, in turn, be losing a half hour of instructional time as a result of the earlier end to the school day. I also understand that, as it stands, this will also mean that the school will not be meeting the current criteria as outlined by the Ministry of Education's regulations with respect to instructional teaching time. Obviously, as a parent, this is a critical concern to me and wholly unacceptable.

I will simply get to the point: I **do not** support the continued inclusion of International Language during the regular school hour and believe that it should be removed and be offered as an after school program or, in the alternative, via some other avenue that will not interfere with any instructional time needed by our children.

Helen Falbo

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Name	Stephanie Morson	
Committee	Regular / Special Board	
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018	
Topic of Presentation	International Language Program	
Topic or Issue	Italian Language at St. Brigid	
Details	Review the International Languages program at St. Brigid school	
Action Requested	To retain the Italian Heritage Language program at St. Brigid.	
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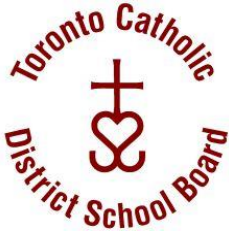
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Name	Danielle Pollington
Committee	Regular / Special Board
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018
Topic of Presentation	International Language Program
Topic or Issue	The International Language program at St. Brigid should be offered on a weekend or after school, as per the TCDSB policy.
Details	The International Language program will impact St. Brigid teachers ability to teach and students ability to learn Ministry-mandated curriculum.
Action Requested	For the TCDSB to adhere to its own policy and offer the International Language program on weekends or after school for St. Brigid.
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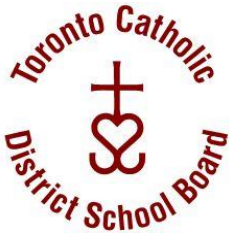
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Name	Magdalena Furmanski
Committee	Board / Special Board
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018
Topic of Presentation	IL program and shortened school day
Topic or Issue	IL program
Details	I seek to express my views and concerns regarding the IL program
Action Requested	Consideration to rectify the issues of the shortened school day in lieu of the IL program
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I am an official representative of student government	<input type="checkbox"/>
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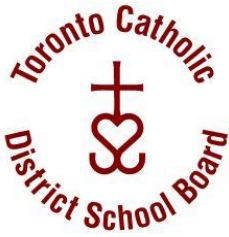
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Name	Domenico Paglia	
Committee	Regular / Special Board	
Date of Presentation	06/26/2018	
Topic of Presentation	I.L. situation	
Topic or Issue	I will speak about the situation of I.L. been integrated into the 300 minutes, instead of exerted day.	
Details	I will speak about the situation of I.L. been integrated into the 300 minutes, instead of exerted day.	
Action Requested	I will speak about the situation of I.L. been integrated into the 300 minutes, instead of exerted day.	
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Name	Orest Sklierenko
Committee	Regular / Special Board
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018
Topic of Presentation	Eastern Rite Catholic Schools - impact of recent IL announcement
Topic or Issue	The recent announced changes to the length of day and their impact on the IL program, specifically Ukrainian language at the Eastern Rite Catholic schools.
Details	The importance of the International language program, specifically Ukrainian language, at the Eastern Rite Catholic schools cannot be understated. Announcements of this magnitude made in the last month of the academic year do not allow for appropriate stakeholder engagement and thoughtful discussions within the Catholic school community.
Action Requested	We respectfully request the TCDSB board of trustees move to "defer a y schedule changes to the Eastern Rite Catholic schools for the 2018-2019 academic year" in order for us to appropriately and thoughtfully assess a way forward which will satisfy all affected stakeholders, including the ministry of education, the school board, the teachers' union, school administration, church, parents and, most importantly students.
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I am an official representative of student government	

I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	Yes Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Toronto Branch - Education Committee
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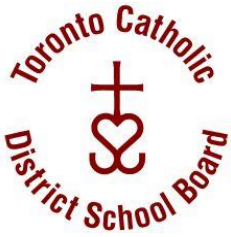
Name	Marianna Kaminska
Committee	Regular / Special Board
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018
Topic of Presentation	Eastern Rite Catholic schools impact of recent ILP announcement
Topic or Issue	Recently announced changes to the length of day and their impact on the IL program, especially Ukrainian language in the Eastern Rite Catholic schools.
Details	Importance and magnitude of ILP specifically to Ukrainian language at the Eastern Rite Catholic schools cannot be understated. Announcements of this magnitude made in the last month of the academic year do not allow for appropriate stake holder engagement and thoughtful discussions within the Catholic School community.
Action Requested	We respectfully request the TCDSB board of trustees move to differ any schedule changes to the Eastern Rite Catholic schools for 2018/2019 academic year in order for us to appropriately and thoughtfully assess the way forward which will satisfy all affected stake holders, including the Ministry of Education, the Toronto Catholic School Board, the Teachers Union, the school administration, church, parents and most importantly students.
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I am an official representative of student government	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name	Cheryl Devine
Committee	Regular / Special Board
Date of Presentation	6/26/2018
Topic of Presentation	International Languages program at St. Brigid
Topic or Issue	We will give an update on comments from parents to the CSPC, regarding the upcoming changes to the delivery of the International Languages program
Details	We have heard a number of concerns from approximately 10% of the population of families at our school. Most surround the loss of 2 hours per week of instructional time to cover the Ministry mandated curriculum, in order to accomodate the Italian program at our school. While the feeling about Italian at our school has been overall positive in a longer day scenario, many of those who have commented to date have suggested that it is not worth sacrificing 2 hours of core curriculum time in order to accommodate it. Given the late notice of these changes we have NOT been able to do a whole school poll so do not have clear idea of the true balance of opinions on this matter. We HAVE voted to hold a community meeting to determine whether to ask the Board to go forward with a review of the Italian program at our school, but given the late date in this year we may try to look at doing this online before September.
Action Requested	We ask that if the vote at our school is to go forward with a review of Italian at our school, that the Board do this in an expedited manner, still allowing for a democratic process with all voices being heard. We also ask that the Board consider consulting on alternatives to the proposed delivery method, and that if a review can not be conducted by September, that the Board consider a temporary alternative to the proposed delivery (e.g. offer optionally at lunch)
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**PETITION CONCERNING ST. RAPHAEL'S SCHOOL START/END HOURS -
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

We, the parents of St. Raphael Catholic School would like to raise concern and petition against the recent communication regarding the change of the school hours.

Parent's schedules and lives revolve around the school schedule and moving bell times would have a rippling effect. While 30 minutes may seem insignificant, it's a considerable impact on families when you factor in commute, financial add-ons for possible childcare, lack of local before school programs, increased school zone safety concerns; (The 8:30 drop off is already saturated with parking concerns, moving the start time to later will only increase the urgency in drop offs for some parents so that they can reach their employment locations on time) and so forth.

We feel that there was not enough transparency in communication with parents leading to this decision and that a fair opportunity to raise concerns was not provided. We ask that this decision be reconsidered, and that this petition be factored in with the recent survey sent to Parents with the start time options and that the option to start at 8:30am and end at 3:00pm be in effect.

We, also ask that the International Language Program be revisited and that the 2 hours in question be allocated to curriculum like Math and Language which are suffering in our board. There is no added benefit to the International Language Program especially when a high percentage of the school community is not Italian. Math and Language curriculum is what our children will need to help them be successful in their future. The International Language program is an option that parents can consider outside of school hours if they choose to. Our children however need the added teaching time, please don't impact them with less learning opportunity.

Please consider the parent's signatures below to validate our concerns.