



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

Recommendation of New Name for Jean Vanier Catholic S.S.

But now thus says the Lord he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine (Isaiah 43)

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

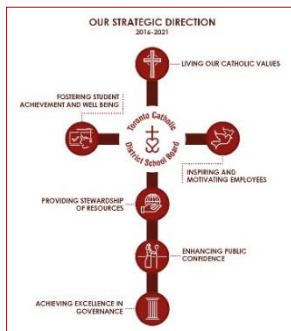
Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends a new name for Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 5 hours

B. PURPOSE

In light of the findings of the L'Arche International Independent Inquiry regarding the late Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, the Director of Education determined that there were extenuating circumstances which required community consultation on a name change for Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School. This report outlines the consultation process and recommends a new name for the school.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The naming of TCDSB schools is governed by the School Names Policy S.07. (Appendix A)
2. Section C3 of the School Names Policy S.07 states that “where the Director determines that there are extenuating circumstances, the Director may require that the [CSPC] of the school consider a name change”.
3. A report outlining the consultation process was approved by the Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee on March 5, 2020 (Appendix B).

D. EVIDENCE/ANALYSIS

1. After consultation with the school CSPC, staff, students, parish priest, local trustee and school superintendent it was determined that a name change for Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School was necessary.

2. Further consultations with the school CSPC, staff, students, parish priest, local trustee and school superintendent were held to gather a list of potential names for the school. (Appendix C)
3. The list of potential names was presented to the school's Student Council, and the Council was provided an opportunity to add additional names. On behalf of students the Student Council submitted a list of their top 5 choices.
4. A community meeting was held on June 4, 2020. The list of potential new names, as well as the student council preferences, was presented and discussed. In attendance were parents, staff, the local parish priest, the local trustee and the school superintendent.
5. Following this meeting, all members of the community were asked to rank their top choices from the list provided. This was done through an electronic survey.
6. As a result of the survey, the following four names were chosen for a short list:
 - a. St. Joan of Arc
 - b. Mary Queen of Peace
 - c. St. Michael the Archangel
 - d. St. Lorenzo Ruiz
7. As required by Board policy, the list of proposed names was sent to the Archdiocese for consultation. The Archdiocese concluded that all of the proposed names were acceptable.
8. The 4 names were presented to the 3 major Jean Vanier CSS stakeholder groups for a vote: Staff, Students and Community/Parents. In order to ensure fairness, each of the stakeholder group's total vote counted for 1/3 of the final vote.
9. The vote was held in the form of an electronic survey that went out to all parents, staff members, students, the parish priest and the local trustee. The survey was available from June 16-20, 2020.

10. The result of the survey was:

	St. Joan of Arc	Mary Queen of Peace	St. Michael the Archangel	St. Lorenzo Ruiz
	%	%	%	%
Staff (n=42)	50.0	26.1	9.5	14.3
Students (n=198)	28.8	14.6	28.8	27.9
Community (n=95)	15.8	11.6	37.9	34.7
Total % of Vote	31.5	17.4	25.4	25.6

n=number of participants

11. The school has seen a recent increase in EQAO scores and in September will be introducing Advanced Placement Courses. In light of this change, and in order to reflect an increased focus on academics, the school staff has requested that the new name chosen for the school be followed by “Catholic Academy”.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School be renamed St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy.