

MINUTES
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION PUBLIC MEETING
DATE: May 23, 2017
St. Gabriel Lalemant
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
<u>In attendance at Sacred Heart:</u> Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education Colin Johnston, Officer Trustees' Services Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8 John Gioia, Principal – St. Gabriel Lalemant Annemarie Muir, Principal – St. Bede Paola Cherrier, Principal – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Barbara Leporati, TCDSB, Supervisor, Planning <u>PARC Members:</u> St. Gabriel Lalemant: Megan Howell, Tessa Williams, Sameia Hussain Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: Claudia Dioleta			
Opening Prayer	Kevin Malcolm		
Opening Remarks and the Process so Far	Kevin Malcolm		
Presentation by St. Gabriel Lalemant CSPC:	Summary: The St. Gabriel Lalemant community opposes consolidation		
Remarks Trustee Tanuan	On the difficulty in the process and the challenges facing the Board		

Remarks: Senator Enverga	On the importance of Catholic Education		
Q&A	<p>What is the difference between interim and final staff reports?</p> <p>Barbara – Interim staff report incorporates initiative of the review, pros and cons, costs and savings, and, committee discussion and recommendations. Final staff report includes the above as well as a summary of delegations during previous meetings. The final report is where the decision is made to consolidate schools or not.</p>		
	<p>What safety precautions would be put in place if consolidation into Sacred Heart is chosen?</p> <p>Kevin – Safety issues have been a recurring theme in discussions. At Committee it was discussed that St. Bede could be a viable option because it guarantees bussing. Hazards issues would be highlighted and the recommendation would be to request crossing guard.</p>		
	<p>If space is available in a different school can parents send their children there?</p> <p>Barbara – Yes. According to the Admissions Policy, students can apply to and, be admitted to, out of area schools if space is available.</p>		
	<p>What happens to the building if the school closes?</p> <p>Mario – An entirely different process starts. Looking for tenants, other schools, community groups or others to recover cost of maintaining the building. If that fails, the Board would start a third process</p>		

	<p>looking to sell the site. Even if the site is sold, it would have to be rezoned to permit anything other than a school which includes more public-consultation. However, this is many years down the road.</p>		
	<p>Is this a done deal? Parents clearly want to keep it open.</p> <p>Barbara – The report would clearly capture these comments. Trustees can vote to keep the school open and it will stay open. Staff opinion will recommend closure but the committee opinion can disagree. However, final decision rests with the Trustees with Board staff being obliged to make their decisions reality.</p>		
	<p>Fraser report lists Gabriel Lalemant as one of the best in the area. Will this be included in the report?</p> <p>Barbara – All community concerns and comments including the successes of Lalemant’s students and teachers will be included.</p> <p>Mario – Whatever we’re doing right at Lalemant we will work to replicate in our other schools.</p>		
	<p>Would students still have access to ISP programs?</p> <p>Kevin – They ISP program may not necessarily go to St. Bede or Sacred Heart but they would still have access to the program. Siblings would also be accommodated at that school.</p>		

	<p>Has the Board given consideration to losing children to the TDSB</p> <p>Kevin – The Board has agonized over it at length. Historically the system has not lost many students following consolidations but it is always a concern.</p>		
	<p>Would bussing be guaranteed to St. Bede?</p> <p>Barbara – If students qualify for bussing based on distance to St. Bede, and all of Lalemant qualifies, they would be guaranteed bussing. Sacred Heart is within 1.5 km from most of Lalemant community</p>		
Comment from Audience	<p>St. Bede and bussing is a more attractive option of the two schools.</p>		
Note	<p>Kevin and Anne Marie – On site day care provided at St. Bede. Neighbouring community centre offers \$45 before and after school care.</p>		
Q&A	<p>Would after school program be able to accommodate a huge increase in kids</p> <p>Barbara and Kevin – They would be addressed in the interim and final reports</p>		
	<p>What can community do to keep school open?</p> <p>Mario – Speak to Trustees. They make the final decision. Staff are obligated to make the case to consolidate as it is the best option in their professional opinion.</p>		

	<p>Why was Lalemant selected for closure?</p> <p>Barbara – Primarily the size of the facility. Low utilization in the cluster overall and the small size of Lalemant building made it the better option.</p>		
	<p>How much excess capacity in the area?</p> <p>Barbara – about 600 extra spaces. Currently about 900 students enrolled with 1500 spaces. Closing Lalemant would shed approximately 200 spaces. Growing FI program at Frassati will continue to grow enrollment at Frassati</p>		
Comment from John	<p>Room for expansion at Lalemant doesn't exist. St. Bede's is a larger building with room to grow. Wouldn't be able to consolidate into Lalemant</p>		
Q&A	<p>What are the benefits of larger schools?</p> <p>Kevin – Better access to extra curricular activities. Full sports teams. Easier access to programming. Fewer split classes. Better funding for shared resources.</p>		
	<p>Can St. Bede accommodate all of Lalemant enrollment?</p> <p>Barbara-Yes. No need for portables. Enrollment projections don't predict St. Bede will be over subscribed in the future. Bussing commitment would be guaranteed to St. Bede.</p>		
	<p>Why was Sacred Heart the initial recommendation</p>		

	Kevin – It was closest geographically. It was counterintuitive to bus students past Sacred Heart to St. Bede. However, committee discussion highlighted benefits of St. Bede and concerns of getting to Sacred Heart.		
	Why not St. Barnabus? Kevin – Outside of cluster. Less room. Greater distance.		
	Timelines for closure if it happens? Kevin – Lalemant would close for September 2018. Decision would happen in November 2017 after which a transition period would happen to get students and families ready for the move.		
	How would Transition happen? Barbara – Transition committee would be formed immediately after decision to close. Meet and greets would be held, students would meet new classmates and teachers before hand. Principals and Board support staff would be available to assist.		
Evening Recap and Wrap Up	Kevin Malcolm		
Closing Remarks	Trustee Tanuan		

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DATE: April 3, 2017
St. Gabriel Lalemant
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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<p><u>In attendance at Sacred Heart:</u> Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education Colin Johnston, Officer Trustees' Services Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8</p> <p>John Gioia, Principal – St. Gabriel Lalemant Chris Nazar, Principal – Sacred Heart Annemarie Muir, Principal – St. Bede Paola Cherrier, Principal – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati</p> <p>Barbara Leporati, TCDSB, Supervisor, Planning</p> <p><u>PARC Members:</u> St. Gabriel Lalemant: Megan Howell, Tessa Williams, Sameia Hussain Sacred Heart: Yvette Hunt St. Bede: Lulu Paras- Fox, Patricia Alexis, Deslyn Jack, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: Claudia Dioleta</p>			
Opening Prayer	Kevin Malcolm		
Opening Remarks and the Process so Far	Kevin Malcolm		

Recap of St. Gabriel Lalemant CSPC Meeting: John	Approximately 30 families in attendance. Some reservations about the distance to St. Bede. The overall sentiment was that they would still prefer that Lalemant stay open. Desire to have final public meeting at Lalemant. Discussion around organizing a bus to board for delegations.		
Comment: Megan	Still a lot of anger in the community. Feel targeted. Sense that there isn't anything being offered in return for school closing		
Question: Kevin	Was there a preference in amalgamation location? Megan – Leaning towards St. Bede due to the increased bussing options.		
Comment: Megan	Also some concern about several home daycares that walk students home from SGL		
Comment Anne Marie	Malvern Family Resource Centre operate an after school program for \$45 per year serving students up to grade 6		
Comment Garry	Budget projects to balance without need for more consolidations. Committee may want to consider that.		
Question Garry	Can we have committee meetings following the public meeting? Barbara - If necessary. Once again no minimum numbers of meetings		
Question Tessa	What happens if St. Bede is off the table and the Board choose to close SGL anyways? Barbara - The Board has multiple options. Original staff recommendation. They could go for further		

	consultation. Hard to predict exactly what will happen		
Question Kevin	<p>Is the Committee ok with a public meeting April 25th? *Please note meeting rescheduled to May 23rd*</p> <p>John – The overall sentiment is that the school does not want to close. In the event that closure is inevitable they would like x-y-z. If that can be included the community is okay to proceed.</p> <p>Barbara – The goal is for any report to accurately reflect the sentiments of the committee and community</p>		
Question Sameia	<p>Is Board staff okay with bussing to St. Bede?</p> <p>Barbara – It's viable. It would be somewhat strange boundary but nothing crazy.</p>		
Question John	<p>Does the language of the report, the way it's written, affect the way the Board of Trustees vote on the item?</p> <p>Garry – It can. Depends on the options provided, deputations etc...</p>		
Question John	<p>Does putting an option "If we have to close," hurt the case for staying open?</p> <p>Kevin – To a point, but leaving it out also increases the risk of not getting what the community is looking for.</p>		

	Paula – Suggestion that you weight the committee recommendations on the report to heavily stress reasons not to close with a smaller portion dedicated to preferred options should closure be inevitable		
Question Kevin	<p>What would a public meeting look like?</p> <p>Barbara - Present original scenario. Then committee option. Answer questions about recommendation. * Staff would give overview. SGL would present for 20 minutes. Staff would then answer questions.*</p>		
Note Kevin	One final committee meeting following the Public meeting.		
Next Meeting Date	Public Meeting April 25 th *Since rescheduled to May 23rd * Committee meeting May 2nd		

MINUTES
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION PUBLIC MEETING
DATE: February 13, 2017
Sacred Heart
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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Opening Prayer	Kevin Malcolm		
Opening Remarks and the Process so Far	Kevin Malcolm Barbara: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief explanation of alternate options for closures. Closing St. Bede Closing Sacred Heart, 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capital solution required • Closing Lalemant and St. Bede. ○ Capital solution required 		
Question:	<p>How likely is the ministry to approve capital funding?</p> <p>Barbara – impossible to say for certain. Ministry would possibly look most favorably on an option that closes two schools as it sheds the most excess capacity</p> <p>Mario - Hard to say whether ministry would more favourably at closing two schools with capital addition or one school with no new capital needed</p>		
Question St Bede	<p>Could you change boundaries while closing Lalemant to increase enrollment at St. Bede?</p> <p>Barbara – Hard to change proposed boundary further given geographic challenges.</p>		
Question: Lalemant	<p>Is there a risk of needing to close St. Bede if enrollment doesn't pick up?</p> <p>Barbara- Always a chance. Under enrolled schools carry risk. Closing one doesn't guarantee you won't have to close another later.</p>		
Question: Garry	<p>Does closing schools mean that the facilities will be immediately sold?</p> <p>Mario - The look at what would happen to the facility is a process that only begins after the PAR is complete. Several years down the road to look at</p>		

	<p>community hub or other options. Even longer to look at disposal of the site.</p> <p>Mario– Need to be sensitive to the desire to maintain presence in as many communities as possible. Don't want to be too hasty in selling sites as they may be necessary down the road</p>		
Question Garry	<p>What option gives the best chance at a brand new school?</p> <p>Barbara: Likely the option that closes St. Bede and St Gabriel Lalemant. However, it is highly dependent on the condition and facilities at existing sites. Far too early to say whether a complete new build would be likely</p>		
Question Kevin Malcolm	<p>What happens if the committee can't recommend any school closures?</p> <p>Barbara – Report goes to Board which then looks at staff recommendation and committee input and makes a decision</p> <p>Mario - Board and Ministry desire and approved plans are to find efficiencies in the system. Areas across the city that can shed capacity. Ministry always looking for efficiencies before funding new facilities or repairs to existing facilities.</p>		
Question	<p>Why was Lalemant chosen over St. Bede?</p> <p>Barbara - Age of the school, smallest location, operating with the biggest operational deficit</p>		

Question Lalemant	<p>Does the Ministry determine which clusters to look at for consolidations?</p> <p>Barbara: The Ministry requires us to shed capacity system wide. Board through the LTAP looks at different clusters to see which would be most suitable</p>		
Questions Lalemant	<p>How many PARs have been done so far?</p> <p>Barbara – Three so far. Two new schools proposed. One consolidated into existing school.</p> <p>Mario – Important to tell the Province that communities are making big sacrifice and in return want reinvestment back into the community</p>		
Question Kevin Malcolm	<p>Is it realistic to expect a new building in any of these scenarios?</p> <p>Barbara - Would need a feasibility study to determine whether consolidation would require new addition, new building based on several factors including the quality of the facility and necessary repairs</p>		
Question Frassati	<p>How long does it take once Ministry approval for new construction take?</p> <p>Barbara – Anywhere from two to five years depending on intricacies of each site. Some much longer</p>		
Question Frassati	<p>What happens in the interim?</p>		

	Barbara - Still need to accommodate students. Possibly need for portables. Possibly relocating students to a different site.		
Note Kevin Malcolm	All four schools in the area are relatively new, or brand new in case of Frassati, and in good shape. Low FCI		
Question Lalemant	<p>What would capacity of a new build be?</p> <p>Barbara - 350 pupil places and the ability to fill it for 10 years is a minimum expectation for Ministry to approve funding.</p> <p>Kevin - Trend of declining enrollment in North Scarborough</p> <p>Mario - Need to be mindful of that and not put off tough decisions so that money remains available to reinvest in existing schools</p>		
Note: Lalemant	Closing the school would lead to loss of students for the Board		
Question Lalemant	<p>What is board offering parents of Lalemont should the school close</p> <p>Barbara – Programming options become easier to implement</p> <p>Kevin - Larger schools allow for more extra curriculars. More sports teams. Possibility of specialty programming</p>		
Question Lalemant	Has there been any changes to Board 1.5km bussing policy?		

	Barbara - Report can request bussing as condition for supporting closure. No guarantees of approval or how long it would last.		
Question: Kevin	<p>Do you think bussing would make it easier for Lalemant community to accept closure?</p> <p>Lalemant Community: It would definitely make it more palatable if necessary. Would make a difference in garnering community support.</p>		
Question Lalemant	<p>How much capacity needs to be shed system wide?</p> <p>Barbara – Approximately 10,000 places system wide</p>		
Note Garry	<p>Visa students provide long term option. Need to do the prep work now to attract more of them later.</p> <p>Barbara - Not necessarily a realistic option short term. Large challenge in finding accommodation for them</p>		
Question Lalemant	<p>Why can't you put all of the kids from Lalemant straight to St. Bede</p> <p>Barbara – Logistically it doesn't make sense. They'd have to be bussed past Sacred Heart</p>		
Question Kevin	<p>Are there any options the committee is unwilling to support?</p> <p>Consensus – Scenario 5 is untenable. Not willing to support closing two schools</p>		
Note Barbara	regional programming is generally kept within the region. Programming would move to Sacred Heart if Lalemant closed		

Question Kevin	<p>If bussing was offered would Lalemant parents move to Sacred heart. Vice Vera would you move if it wasn't would you make the move.</p> <p>Consensus - Bussing would make the move. No bussing inside the 1.5 km less likely to make the move</p>		
Question Kevin	<p>Has bussing been approved as part of a PAR?</p> <p>Barbara – Yes</p>		
Note John	<p>If bussing was approved Board would retain almost all of students</p>		
Question Garry	<p>How many portables would be necessary at Sacred Heart to accommodate Lalemant students</p> <p>Barbara - Likely 1 or 2 until boundary adjustments gradually balance enrollment with St. Bede</p>		
Note Mario	<p>Staff would have difficulty supporting status quo. Would need to be a feasible option to fill excess capacity</p>		
Items for Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs/savings including bussing and savings with closure of remaining scenarios • Options to be considered at next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Status Quo, ○ Options for closing each of the other three schools. • Costs for bussing going forward • Board Transportation Safety Policy • Nielson Traffic Volume numbers 		

Next Meeting Date	Thursday March 23rd at 7 p.m.		
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APPENDIX 'C'

MINUTES
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION PUBLIC MEETING
DATE: January 30, 2017
Sacred Heart
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
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Opening Prayer and	Chris Nazar – Principal Sacred Heart		
Opening Remarks and the Process so Far	Kevin Malcom Trustee Garry Tanuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple PARs underway across TCDSB and other Boards across the Province 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim report goes to Board following public meetings • Opportunity for delegations • Final report goes to Board of Trustees for vote • Committee feedback will be included in report 		
Question St. Gabriel Lalemant	<p>Why St. Gabriel identified for closer over other schools given its higher utilization percentage?</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment, condition of facility and size of facility. 219 max capacity • Porta pack has facility condition issues. One room currently closed • Other buildings in area that are larger and in good condition 		
Concern: St. Gabriel Lalemant	<p>Parents will not move with the school if its consolidated. Tom Longboat is an obvious destination. Have heard from multiple community members.</p>		
Question: Trustee Tanuan	<p>At January 26 Board meeting Initial PAR reviews were presented to Board. All three had community support. New facilities in two locations. How are staff reports affected by community input and desires?</p> <p>Mario Silva:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have many different challenges including suggested school sizes. • Ministry funding for new facilities tied to staff right sizing schools in many cases 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to balance system wide concerns with local community concerns • Staff recommendations must be honest and unbiased. Have to propose what they feel are best recommendations even if they may be unpalatable locally. • Board of Trustees make final decision to reconcile differences between staff and community recommendations if there is disagreement when the report reaches the Board 		
Note: Trustee Tanuan	One recommendation of a current PAR is to go forward with consolidation conditional on funding for a new facility.		
Question: St. Gabriel Lalemant	<p>Can the committee ask that current recommendation be removed?</p> <p>Kevin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now that the process is started a report must go to Board eventually • Staff position will be included • The ARC recommendations, lack of recommendations, or recommendation to stay status quo will be included in these reports 		
Question: St. Gabriel Lalemant	<p>Why are other under enrolled schools not being considered for consolidation. St. Bartholomew or St Mathias for example?</p> <p>Barbara:</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some schools that could be considered in the future • St. Bartholomew is in a unique situation where it is the only Catholic school in the area • St. Mathias is part of a 2 stage consolidation. Currently slated to accept Holy Redeemer students with further consolidation planned pending a new facility 		
Question:	<p>Can Sacred Heart take all of St. Gabriel Lalemant's students?</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initially there may be a need portable(s), but after boundary realignment populations would equalize over time 		
Question: Sacred Heart	<p>Was this PAR under consideration when decision to build Frassati made</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was built with funding intended to address high growth in the local area. • Funding secured in 2008 several years before this PAR was considered. 		
Question: Kevin Malcolm	<p>What might the bussing situation look like under the staff proposal?</p> <p>Kevin Hodgkinson answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board policy that students outside a 1.5 km radius are eligible for bussing 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety policy looks at traffic volume to determine if students may need to be bussed across a road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently Nielson does not meet the mark but staff are awaiting updated data from City of Toronto • Committee may make recommendations to suggest extra transportation • Currently 60 students at St. Gabe would be eligible for transportation to sacred heart under existing policy • Other SARCS have requested transportation • \$50k cost per bus route. 		
Question: St. Bede	<p>Why are these types of decisions, Ministry and Board, based on money more than on social or other aspects?</p> <p>Mario Silva:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry is expanding their understanding of how consolidations and similar actions are affecting communities including the intangibles of day care or walking to school vs transport. • Staff can only use the metrics they can prove and the data they can rely on which currently are based on enrollment • Direction has been given by the Ministry to find efficiencies based on these types of data 		
Question:	<p>Why was a new building not recommended here but in other places?</p> <p>Barbara:</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently two large existing buildings with space in them. • Both buildings are in relatively good shape 		
Question: St. Gabriel Lalemant	<p>Why does St. Gabriel Lalemant's good FCI, 19%, not count for more?</p> <p>Mario Silva:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff can't make a business case primarily based on the small facility size • Cost to add addition to Lalemont and close different school is much greater • Ministry requires that empty space at existing schools be used as a condition of approving new funding 		
Question; St. Gabriel Lalemant	<p>How was this cluster determined?</p> <p>Barbara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff identify a low enrollment or low capacity school then work outwards 		
Question: Kevin Malcolm	<p>What are realistic options for the committee to consider?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation with committee recommendations • Status quo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Riskier approach. Could be all or nothing • Consolidating multiple (3) schools into expanded or new facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ministry funding never guaranteed • Consideration of closing different schools or different boundary adjustments 		

Information Requested for Next Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros – Cons. Weighted grades. • Could permit or other revenue make the school self-sustaining and eliminate the need for top up funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the board wide top-up funding requirement vs GSN surplus in higher enrollment schools? • Possibility of increased enrollment with visa students • Cost difference between operating large vs small schools • Different boundary options • Information on St. Columba • Binders for next meeting • Can the carbon footprint be considered? 		
Next Meeting Date	<p>Monday, February 13, 2017 at St. Bede</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking available next door should by-election crowd parking lot 		

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PUPIL ACCOMMODATION PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: October 12, 2016
St. Gabriel Lalemant - Gym
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
<p><u>In attendance:</u> Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education Paola Botticella, Officer, Field Superintendent for Area 7 & 8 Schools Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8 Colin Johnston, Officer, Trustee Services Kevin Hodgkinson, Manager, Transportation Marilyn Rodrigues-Wright, Senior Manager, Child Care</p> <p>Mario Silva, Comptroller, Planning Morris Iafrate, Sr. Coordinator, Renewal Barb Leporati, Supervisor, Planning</p> <p>John Gioia, Principal St. Gabriel Lalemant Chris Nazar, Principal Sacred Heart Paola Cherrier, Principal Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Anne Marie Muir, Principal St. Bede</p> <p><u>PARC Committee Members:</u> St. Gabriele Lalemant: Megan Howell, Tessa Williams & Samia Hussain Sacred Heart: Manuella Esprit-Foster & Evette Hunte Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: Claudia Dioleta, Gillian Khan & Fr. Mark Kolowski St. Bede: Laurel Gilbert & Lulu Paras –Fox</p>			
Opening Prayer	Ms. Mauceri, Teacher from St. Gabriel Lalemant School		

Introductions	Kevin Malcolm Trustee Garry Tanuan		
Pupil Accommodation Review	PowerPoint Presentation – Mario Silva		
<u>Mr. Cho MPP Questions/Statements</u>	<p>Was enough research done to consider the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single parents who live in the community and who walk to another school • Special needs students • Potential student loss • Parents could lose their jobs • Transportation considerations • Delay closure after provincial elections • Will fight to keep the school open <p>Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase before, after school & daycare • Student enrollment due to Immigration • ESL programs • Job sharing programs • Not to closing the school <p>Kevin Hodgkinson spoke to transportation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ special needs students & busing ➤ busing is provided to students that live 1.5 k from the school ➤ safety criteria will also considered for busing <p><i>Recommendation for transportation may be included in the report.</i></p> <p><u>Garry Tanuan</u>: <i>Transportation is a privilege not a right</i></p>		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency of message. Presentation indicates 2017 and 2018 was discussed at the September 20th committee as the target date for consolidation. Which one is it? • Families will transfer to the TDSB if busing is not provided 		

	<p><u>M. Silva:</u> September 2018</p> <p>Challenges are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ministry envelope / funding ➤ Small schools drains system ➤ one school is recommended to close instead of two <p><u>K. Malcolm:</u> all programs will be reviewed</p>		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents concerned with children who live less than 1.5K from school • Neilson intersection is dangerous, especially in the winter • Concerned with the original 2017 date • Money should not be the only reason why we are considering closing the school • Why were small schools built in the first place? ➤ <i>Recommendation for transportation may be included in the report</i> ➤ <i>The current top-up funding will no longer be provided starting 2018</i> 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming 150th anniversary of Canada • Why were schools built to accommodate less than 400 students being that 400 pupil schools are now ideal • 15 years ago the formula used for school funding was based on square footage • Children are paying the price for the proposed consolidation • Most children will register at the TDSB <p><u>M. Silva:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>We are given a financial envelope which we must work with</i> ➤ <i>No new growth/development in this area</i> ➤ <i>K-8 model requires a certain number of students</i> ➤ <i>Our deficit is less than the TDSB and we are</i> 		

	<p><i>recovering well</i></p> <p><u>K. Malcolm:</u></p> <p><i>Other schools boards such as Peel and York Catholic School Boards are also going through this same process – provincial model</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Delegations can be arranged, to be heard, at the monthly board meetings</i> 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letter sent to parents was difficult to understand. Simplified letter is required • Most parents did not realize the school may close • Did the board consider the repercussions when building Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati? • St. Bede's enrolment is struggling as well and what does this mean for St. Bede's future? • Class sizes <p><u>M. Silva:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Many factors are considered: programs, sites & facilities. There was no TCDSB presence in the area where BPGF was built</i> ➤ <i>Top up funds will help with the transition</i> ➤ <i>Consult with the Superintendent to determine what can be done to increase enrollment</i> ➤ <i>SGL is the smallest facility</i> ➤ <i>Higher overhead costs operating small schools</i> ➤ <i>St. Bede & Sacred Heart have space to accommodate new students</i> ➤ <i>St. Gabriel Lalemant is the smallest building of the cluster of schools</i> <p><u>K. Malcolm:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Class sizes are determined by the Collective Agreement</i> 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child care is a much needed service at Sacred Heart along with subsidy 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently many students are being looked after by home care providers in the community • Can we guarantee that a Before and After school program is available at Sacred Heart? <p><u>Marilyn Rodrigues-Wright:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>The current Child Care at SGL may be recommended to move to Sacred Heart as part of the final report</i> ➤ <i>With the estimated enrolment there could be a possible full toddler room in addition to the before & after school program</i> ➤ <i>Will work closely with the city regarding subsidy</i> <p><u>K. Malcolm:</u> <i>we may add Child Care to the final recommendation</i></p>		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did the board invest in Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati before deciding to close St. Gabriel Lalemant • 300 unit building in the immediate area of SGL • Large Philippine community in the area as well and who are Catholic <p><u>M. Silva</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>North Scarborough was not being serviced</i> ➤ <i>We work with trends to determine growth</i> 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati • Board doesn't plan properly • Letter issued to the community is difficult to understand • EQAO scores at SGL are high • Currently SGL uses two class rooms for childcare will SH have enough rooms to accommodate the program? • In larger schools the gym is constantly busy 		

	<p>and students don't have enough time to use the facilities. In addition there is more competition for student when trying out for sports teams in larger schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGL is an efficient school in a challenging community • Due to homebased daycare currently servicing SGL, busing will be needed to transport students to Sacred Heart 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the timelines for the child care to be ready at Sacred Heart? <p><u>Marilyn Rodrigues-Wright</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>If funding is made available from the Ministry of Education to build a child care centre at Sacred Heart for children under the age of 4...a retrofit of existing classroom space may take about 1 year to complete. A new addition will take more than a year.</i> ➤ <i>Generally, the timespan to license a new child care program is 4 – 6 months once a third party agency has been confirmed as the operator. This process could begin prior to construction completion.</i> ➤ <i>Before and After School Programs run in shared spaces therefore these programs are easy to accommodate if there is sufficient interest in order to open a program.</i> • Would it be feasible for outside agencies to rent space at SGL? <p><u>M. Silva:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Costs are expensive</i> ➤ <i>Not practical</i> ➤ <i>Some agencies don't pay</i> <p>SGL Parent: At the committee meeting in September John Gioia was going to approach the current day care</p>		

	<p>provider and set up a table at curriculum night to engage interest for a Before & After School program.</p> <p><i>John Gioia: 13 families have expressed interest to date</i></p> <p>Parent statement about how St. Gabriel Lalemant has made a difference in her children's lives and they strongly oppose the recommendation to close St. Gabriel Lalemant.</p> <p>How will teachers handle the anxiety that children may experience about the move?</p> <p><i>K. Malcolm:</i> <i>Provided example of last year's school closure in Area 5 and the board has experts that are available to assist</i></p>		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	Parent recommended to close St. Bede as another option		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<p>Special needs parent made a statement about how successful and happy her child has been since attending St. Gabriel Lalemant after moving 6 schools. She would like the school to remain open.</p> <p><i>Trustee Tanuan – nothing is set in stone. Trustees will vote and 7 votes are required to pass the recommendation</i></p>		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<p>Parent lives 950 meters away from the school and is very concerned about busing. The bridge and major intersection are very dangerous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Trustee Tanuan - Safety factor will be considered and Transportation will be recommended in the report</i> ➤ <i>We do not want to lose students to the TDSB</i> 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents may decide to register at the TDSB and this will affect the enrollment projection anticipated at the other schools 		

	<p>(Sacred Heart & St. Bede</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent recommended to close St. Gabriel Lalemant in 10 – 12 years to ensure current enrolled students graduate from St. Gabriel Lalemant 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can Sacred Heart accommodate all the St. Gabriel Lalemant students? <p><i>M. Silva: Capacity should be available and we may recommend expansion if necessary.</i></p> <p>Where will the teachers & the principal be transferred too?</p> <p><i>K. Malcolm: HR has a process – No guarantee that teachers will be transferred to Sacred Heart. They will however be transferred to another school. No one will lose their job</i></p>		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	Mother of six children spoke to the convenience of the school location		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	<p>Important issues to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School and students are doing well ➤ Established Catholic community 		
<u>Parent Questions/Statements</u>	Secondary feeder school is Blessed Mother Teresa – will this affect their enrolment?		
<u>Closing remarks:</u>	Trustee Tanuan & K. Malcolm Thanked everyone for coming		
Adjournment: 9:35 p.m.			
			<i>Next Public Meeting scheduled for January 2017</i>

MINUTES
PUPIL ACCOMMODATION MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE: September 20, 2016
St. Gabriel Lalemant
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION	NOTES	FOLLOW UP REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY OF
<p><u>In attendance: St. Gabriel Lalemant</u> Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Education Paola Botticella, Officer, Field Superintendent for Area 7 & 8 Schools Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8 Colin Johnston, Officer, Trustee Services John Volek, TCDSB, Sr. Coordinator, Planning Jessica Peake, TCDSB, Sr. Manager, Planning Milka Zlomislic, TCDSB, Manager of Renewal, Capital Development Kevin Hodgkinson, Transportation</p> <p>John Gioia, Principal St. Gabriel Lalemant Chris Nazar, Principal Sacred Heart Paola Cherrier, Principal Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Anne Marie Muir, Principal St. Bede</p> <p><u>PARC Members:</u> St. Gabriele Lalemant: Megan Howell, Tessa Williams & Samia Hussain Sacred Heart: Manuella Esprit-Foster & Evette Hunte Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: Claudia Dioleta, Gillian Khan & Fr. Mark Kolowski St. Bede: Laurel Gilbert & Lulu Paras –Fox</p>			
Opening Prayer	Fr. Mark Kolowski		

<p>Presentation – Pupil Accommodation Review Policy– John Volek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undersubscribed schools, our board is in a deficit and ministry grants have changed • Student population changing • Goal is to balance enrolment and right –sizing schools • 2018 the top-up funding will be eliminated • Proposed plan is to bring all SGL students to Sacred Heart. Once boundary changes are implemented new students will be admitted to the appropriate school • Eventually the boundary change will balance enrolment at Sacred Heart & St. Bede • No or little growth anticipated in this area of Scarborough • Process should not take more than 6 months • 2018 is the proposed closure of St. Gabriel Lalemant if that is the decision of the Board of Trustees • Minimum of 2 public meetings with a minimum of 30 days in-between • The board of Trustees will ultimately make the decision to the proposed closing of St. Gabriel Lalemant • Delegations may be presented after the report is submitted to the board <p>Kevin Malcolm: <u>Benefits of a larger school:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust CSAC • Better programming opportunities • Before & afterschool programs possibilities • Full teams (i.e. Track, basketball etc.) • Adequate staffing <p>Planning team will provide a 15 year blue print to the next meeting.</p>		<p><i>J. Volek</i></p>
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<p><u>Notification Letter</u></p>	<p>Letter provided by the board is difficult to understand for parents & community. English is not their first spoken language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of a simplified letter requested <p>Kevin also suggested to be included in the October school newsletter notice of public meetings</p>		<p><i>K. Malcolm & Principal(s)</i></p>
<p><u>SGL Parent suggestions and questions:</u></p>	<p>How can they get Catholic students back from public board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create before & afterschool program: (neighboring TDSB has before & after school program that attracts Catholic families) • Subsidy is required from City <p>Kevin advised that #'s are generally need to support a before & after school program. Currently regular child care is offered at SGL. John Gioia was advised that 10 – 15 students are needed to support a before & after school program with the same provider.</p> <p>29th of September set up a booth to gauge interest for a before and after school program (they require a min of 10-15 children).</p> <p>Before & after school program to be recommended for Sacred Heart.</p> <p>Parent requested if SGL could offer French Immersion to increase enrolment.</p> <p>Kevin advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French teachers sometimes difficult to find • It hasn't been proven that it would increase enrolment • Not every child is suited for the French Immersion program • Challenges with scheduling 		<p><i>John Gioia to provide numbers at Public Meeting</i></p>

	<p>Garry Tanuan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing is cut in stone and 7 Trustee votes are required to pass a decision • Will take information from these meetings to the Board • Unfortunately the number of small schools exceeds large ones 		
<u>Parent questions and concerns:</u>	<p>Will bussing be provided to student being re-directed to Sacred Heart? Currently most students live less than 1.5K from Sacred Heart and may not be eligible for busing.</p> <p>Busing is an issue and will come up at the Public Meeting</p> <p>Parents concerned that the SGL students will register at the public school, once the schools closes, as it is closer</p> <p>In addition there is a bridge that causes a hazard for parents and it is dangerous to walk kids to SH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to look into hazard criteria/information. • with regards to offering busing to those who live less than 1.5 k from the school. Could be added as a recommendation to final report. <p>Father wanted to know the number of public schools in the area:</p>		<p><i>Transportation</i></p> <p><i>Volek to provide map of TDSB schools in the area</i></p>
	Consider changing the December 20 th meeting Public Meeting.		<i>Board</i>
<u>Kevin Hodgkinson - Transportation</u>	<p>Catholic Board criteria - 1.5K for busing</p> <p>Public Board is as follows:</p> <p>JK-5: 1.6K</p> <p>6-8: 3.2 K</p>		

	9-12: 4.6K (high school)		
<u>Parent questions and concerns:</u>	<p>Meeting format for October 12th Public Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer & Introductions • Review policy • Recommendations of initial report • Questions & Answer period <p>Parent thinks the October 12th Public meeting does not give them time to prepare the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Volek suggests that they meet amongst as much as possible among themselves in order to better prepare themselves 		
	Email Jessica Peake if parents have any questions regarding data Jessica.peake@tcdsb.org		
	SGL Parents are planning to meet with their local police department and with their parent council at the schools		<i>If required Kevin can be present at the parent council meeting</i>
<u>Property Value:</u>	<p>SGL parents would like to know the value of the property. They feel that the property will be sold to developers and condos will be built.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Volek advised that there is an extensive process and schools are not sold to the public • They are reused, may be offered to French Catholic, TDSB or after hours program before it would be even considered selling the property <p>SGL parents are interested in speaking to the contact person at our board that deals with real-estate to determine the value of the property/land.</p>		<i>J. Volek to provide contact person in Real-estate Department</i>
<u>Parent questions & concerns:</u>	How does this effect St. Bede & Sacred Heart in terms of enrolment:		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All SGL students would be transferred to SH and any siblings who do not yet attend elementary school are also eligible to register at Sacred Heart. • Any new admissions would be determined by the new boundary criteria and overtime enrollment would balance. • Portables would be added to SH if required • Blessed Pier Giorgio's Boundaries would not be effected and no change to their enrolment will occur 		<i>Volek to provide Diagram at Public Meeting</i>
	Trustee Tanuan: Our goal is not to lose children and the Board of Trustee as a whole will vote on this recommendation		
Adjournment: 9:05 pm.			
			<i>Next Meeting: Public Meeting Scheduled for October 12th @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel Lalemant in the Gym</i>