

School Consolidation for Oakville Northeast Transition Committee Orientation Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2017

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School

Opening Prayer

Jesus, our Saviour and Friend,
You have shown us so much love.
You are gentle with us, you heal us, you died on the Cross for us.
Now you ask us, “Do you love me?”

As we come to know you better, and see all that you have done for us,
May our hearts be filled with love for you.
Make us eager to always do what you ask of us,
And to see your face and love you in everyone else we meet,
Especially those we may find it hard to love.

It is your love which turns our lives around.
By trying to love as you have loved us,
we become more and more like you.
Guide us always on our way,
Show us each day how to love you more.
Spirit of the living God, fill our hearts!

Amen.

Achieving Believing Belonging



Our Time Together

1. Introductions
2. Activity
3. Why Are We Here?
4. Transition Committee
 - Membership
 - Mandate
 - Topics to Cover
 - Sub-Committees
5. Activity: Establishing Our Norms
6. Communication with Your School Communities
7. Next Steps



Introductions

Activity



What are some of the things that worry you most about this school consolidation process?



Why Are We Here?

Why Are We Here Tonight?

October 2016 – January 2017

Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Process undertaken to address declining enrolment in Northeast Oakville.

March 7, 2017

Board of Trustees approved two accommodation plans. A preferred plan, required Ministry funding; and an alternate plan in the event Ministry denied funding approval.

September 8, 2017

Invitation to serve on Transition Committee.



Transition Committee

Membership on the Transition Committee



St. Michael

2 parents/guardians
1 CSC member
2 students
2 teachers
2 support staff
School Principal
Parish Priest/Rep



St. John

2 parents/guardians
1 CSC member
2 students
2 teachers
2 support staff
School Principal
Parish Priest/Rep



Our Lady of Peace

2 parents/guardians
1 CSC member
2 students
2 teachers
2 support staff
School Principal
Parish Priest/Rep



The Mandate of the Transition Committee

- 1** The School Consolidation Transition Committee acts as the **official conduit of information** shared **between the Board and the school communities** involved in a school consolidation or closure.
- 2** The School Consolidation Transition Committee shall **provide the local perspective of stakeholders** of the schools to be closed or consolidated.



Topics to Cover

- **Community building** activities
- **Strategies for student integration**
- **Home, school, parish** connections

**Every meeting
30 minutes**

- **School closing event(s)**

**Last 30 minutes
of every meeting**

- **School Generated Funds (SGF)**
- **School name** selection process
- **School uniform** process
- Other items identified by
Transition Committee

**One topic at every
meeting -
30 minutes**

Sub-Committees

1. Community building activities

- 1 parent
- 1 student
- 1 teaching staff member
- 1 support staff member

2. Strategies for student integration

- 1 parent
- 1 student
- 1 staff member (teacher or support staff)

3. Home, school, parish connections

- Principal
- Pastor or Parish Representative
- Council member
- 1 staff member (teacher or support staff)

Activity

Establishing Our Meeting Norms

INSTRUCTIONS: In your small groups, use the handout provided to discuss the norms (or ground rules) that will guide the Transition Committee meetings moving forward.



Write down your group's proposed norms.

Only one thought or suggestion per note!

When you are done, **place your post-it notes on the chart paper.**



Communication with your School Communities

Communication

Transition Committee - **conduit of information**

Proposed ways to communicate with your communities:

- Initial survey to gather community feedback?
- Regular updates – emails, website
- Future consultations?



Next Steps

Next Transition Committee Meeting



6:30 p.m.



Staying Connected

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Questions