

School Consolidation for Oakville South Transition Committee Meeting #2

Monday, December 4, 2017

St. Thomas Aquinas 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. Our Last Meeting - Review
2. Review Survey Feedback
3. Sub-Committees
 - Community building** activities
 - Strategies for student integration**
 - Home, school, parish** connections
5. Sub-Committees Report Back
6. Next Steps



Review

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.



Transition Committee: Terms of Reference

1. Membership
2. Mandate
3. Roles and Responsibilities
4. Meetings & Timelines



Section 3.4.2 - Staff will provide to the Transition Committee:

- Information around **timelines**
- Information on **portable classroom needs** (if required)
- Information on proposed **class compositions**
- Information on **school transportation needs** and **bell times**
- Information about **Board-allocated school budget**
- Information on **moving logistics** to ultimate school



Review Survey Feedback

Overall Survey Results

A total of 105 responses received



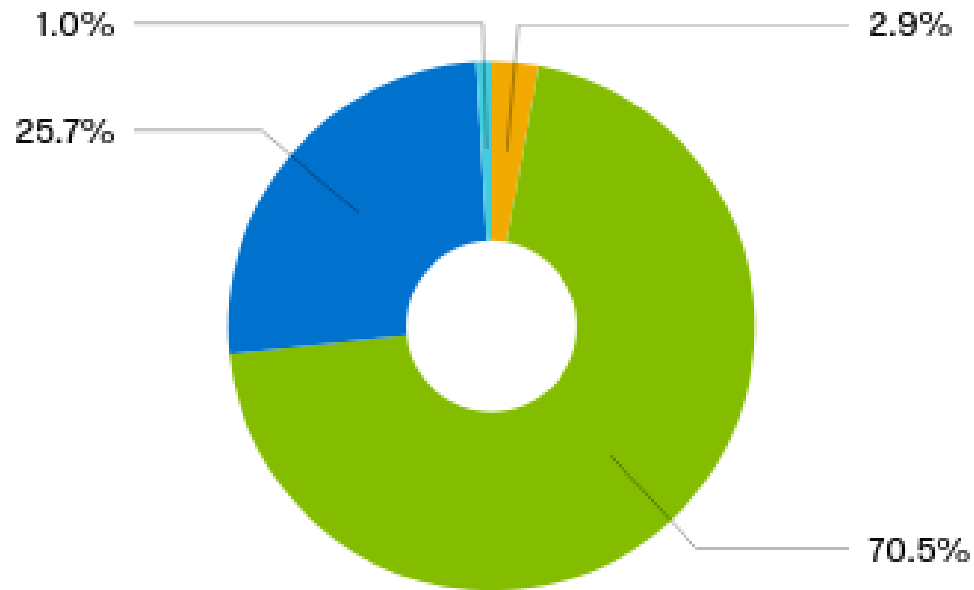
**30 responses
(29%)**

St. James

**75 responses
(71%)**

St. Joseph

Overall Survey Results



Student Parent Staff member Pastor or Parish Member Other (please specify)

Overall Survey Results

Top 3 Themes – GREATEST worries

1. School staffing (consistency, principal)
2. Class sizes in a bigger school
3. Physical space



Review Your School's Feedback

30 minutes



- ❑ In your school groups, **review the survey data** for your school community.

- ❑ Discuss the following:
 1. What are some of the **themes that stand out?**
 2. Looking at the most frequent worries/concerns cited:
 - **Discuss how each concern might be addressed**
 - would they fall under the work of one of the sub-committees?
 - if not, how might they be addressed?

Sub-Committees

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30 minutes

- I. **Community building** activities
 - II. **Strategies for student integration**
 - III. **Home, school, parish** connections
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- Share concerns received from each school community (survey)
- Are there any common themes/concerns?
- Brainstorm ideas to address all of the concerns
- Pick someone to report back to the large committee

Report Back to Large Committee

Next Steps

Future Meetings

January 15th

- School name selection process
- School uniform

February 5th

- Accommodation Plan 2018-2019: how will we combine St. Joseph and St. James students at St. James site (physical space)

March 5th

- School Generated Funds (SGF)



Next Transition Committee Meeting



6:30 p.m.



Staying Connected

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Questions