

MEETING NOTES

Oakville South Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Transition Committee Meeting

HELD

Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School - Library

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Staff

T. Pinelli Superintendent of Education, School Services, Holy Trinity Family of Schools
A. Swinden Administrator, Strategic Communications
N. Piva Administrative Assistant, School Services

School Representatives Present

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

M. Gesuale	Fr. L. Lenssen	Laura N.
P. Kent	Brandon. M.	E. Raso
G. Kupferschmidt (<i>alternate</i>)	D. Monter	V. Varano
C. Launder	J. Nadeau	

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

L. Bilaver	N. Czigli	R. Prevost
T. Cacciola	Tia M.	D. Spoleti
M. Churey	Jaidyn O.	

Regrets: M. Dimitropoulos; Fr. R. D'Sa, D. Da Silva; T. Overholt; T. Soares;

OPENING PRAYER

The meeting opened with a prayer led by T. Pinelli at 6:30 pm

SCHOOL CLOSING EVENTS

School closing events such as memorabilia and closing ceremonies were discussed. Our Privacy and Records Management manager will identify, photograph and catalogue artifacts and memorabilia. The catalogue will be reviewed by the school principals and a report will be presented to the Transition Committee.

UNIFORM

T. Pinelli reviewed Operating Policy II-41 School Uniform Dress Code/School Dress Code with the committee. Even though both schools are uniform schools, the new school community will undergo the uniform implementation process as per the policy. A parent information night will be set up after March break with T. Cacciola. Parents from both communities will be invited, and allowed the opportunity to vote on the uniform, with the exception of the Grade 8 students, as this will not apply to them. If it is decided to continue with a uniform, then students will have the option to be grandfathered for up to three years. After the school name is decided, then the logo/crest will be decided. Members from each school council should oversee the process with the principal(s).

SCHOOL NAME

The School Name Committee met on February 13, 2018. They, along with the community, put forth suggestions for a new school name. T. Pinelli discussed the results of the name collection survey. It was noted that the response was extremely low, only 14 parents submitted a suggestion, with a total number of 33 responses. Some suggestions were similar and unlike the Oakville Northeast community, this community is moving away from the current names. Some of the suggestions were names that we already have in the Board or that would be too difficult for students to pronounce. The name St. André Bessette was common in both the committee and community submissions. The committee decided on two female and two male saints: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; St. Kateri Tekakwitha; St. André Bessette; St. Nicolas. A survey will be going out tomorrow and it will stay open until after the March break to allow both communities an opportunity to vote on their preferred name. Once the survey is collated, the School Name Committee will have a teleconference to review the results and decide on the names to put forward to the Board for consideration.

We will provide information for to each Parish for use in their bulletin, announcements and/or website.

SCHOOL GENERATED FUNDS

The remaining funds at St. James and St. Joseph as of June 29, 2018 will be transferred to the Oakville South School Account.

Financial Services and school staff will work together on the transition of school generated funds and respective outstanding purchases at the end of the school year.

SUB-COMMITTEES

The committee broke out into their subcommittees to review activities and discuss the next steps and requirements for each event.

Community building activities:

- The June 7th BBQ was discussed and clarified that this day will be an integrated play day for all students at St. James. There will not be a BBQ.
- Further clarification is required in regards to the “Corner Stone”. Will statues be buried in the wall of the new school or will a plaque be placed on the wall? Once the memorabilia catalogue is created, the committee can revisit this and decide on the best approach.

Strategies for student integration:

- Classroom connections were discussed. Allow students to Face Time with one another.
- April 27th will be a joint PD, bringing all staff together.
- April 30th was the day scheduled to take down items. It was decided to wait to do so after Education Week, and closer to June.

Home, school, parish connections:

- A joint Confirmation retreat will take place at St. Dominic on April 24th.

Next Steps

- Uniform Information Night, date to be determined
- Next Meeting April 9, 2018 - 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Library
 - The date may be moved as we may not have all the information ready at that time.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.