

School Consolidation for Oakville South Transition Committee Meeting #5

Monday, March 5, 2018

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. School Closing Events Sub-Committees – Update on Memorabilia
2. School Uniform
3. School Name Selection Process
4. School Generated Funds
5. Sub-Committees
 - Community Building Activities
 - Strategies for Student Integration
 - Home, School, Parish Connections
6. Next Steps



School Closing Events Sub-committees

School Closing Events – Update

Memorabilia	Closing Ceremony
Cornerstones	Mass
Trophies, banners, flags	Social
Mascots, crests, statues	Assembly
School stamp, seals	Time capsule?
Pictures of past staff	
Yearbooks, class pictures	
Antique furniture/equipment	

- Privacy and Records Management Manager will identify, photograph and catalogue artifacts and memorabilia.
- The catalogue will be reviewed by the school principals.
- A report will come back to the Transition Committee.

School Uniform

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Policy II-41 *School Uniform Dress Code/School Dress Code*

“Elementary schools involved in a school consolidation/closure where all, or some, of the schools have previously implemented a school uniform will be required to go through the following process during the transition year (year prior to consolidating):

- Community Information Meeting
- All families in the consolidated school will be asked to vote
- If uniform implemented, grandfathering of previous uniform pieces for up to three (3) years
- If uniform implemented, optional for Grade 8 students
- Logo/crest will be determined after the school name has been decided



* Members from each school council should oversee the process with the principal (s)

School Name Selection Update

School Name Selection Process

- School Name Selection Committee met twice in person.
- Request for initial feedback to gather potential school names sent out to community.
- The Committee reviewed the initial feedback gathered and created a shortlist of names:
 - Our Lady of Carmel
 - St. André Bessette
 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 - St. Nicholas
- Shortlist to be sent out for community vote on Tuesday, March 6th.



School Generated Funds

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- **SGF funds remaining 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

Sub-Committee Activity

- I. **Community building** activities
 - II. **Strategies for student integration**
 - III. **Home, school, parish** connections
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- In your sub-committees, identify next steps, actions, requirements for each event.
- Work with the school principal at the table to identify potential challenges in running any events.

Next Steps

Next Transition Committee Meeting



6:30 p.m.



Staying Connected

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