



**SPECIAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
St. Anne Secondary School
1200 Oakwood Dr., SS #3, Belle River, ON**

REVISED

A G E N D A

1. Call To Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Recording of Attendance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
6. Communications:
Report: Director of Education's Supplemental Report on the Accommodation Review Study for the Tecumseh Area, including St. Gregory, St. Peter, and St. Pius X Catholic Elementary Schools (P. Picard) 1-3
7. Delegations:
Delegations Regarding the Director of Education's Supplemental Report on the Accommodation Review Study for the Tecumseh Area, including St. Gregory, St. Peter, and St. Pius X Catholic Elementary Schools
 - a. Parent, Danielle Chinnery from St. Gregory School to speak about possible sharing of staff and resources that may help reduce the Board shortfall funding reported in the Director's supplemental report.
 - b. Parent, Francine Herlehy from St. Gregory School and ARC member to address the Director's revised report recommending the consolidation of JK to 6 student to St. Pius and grades 7 and 8 students to St. Gregory.
 - c. Parent, Cynthia Villella from St. Gregory School does not support the Director's amended report.
 - d. Parent, Mike Rohrer from St. Gregory School to speak to community partnerships.
 - e. Parent, William Altenhof from St. Gregory School to speak about the financial and emotional burdens of the supplemental recommendation put forth by the Director.
 - f. Parent, Dr. Geoff Butler from St. Gregory School to speak about the effects of the supplemental option on large families.
 - g. Parent and Parent Council Member of St. Pius, Karen Tellard to speak about the before and after school effects of having a separate school for grade 7 and 8 students.

- h. Parent and Parent Council Member of St. Pius, Joelle Long to explain how separating the senior grades in a JK-8 school impacts the daily activities of the teachers and students, as well as the burden to the parent volunteer base.
 - i. Parent and Parent Council Member of St. Pius, Scott Briscoe to speak to the effects of a potential two year deferral and the effects on the grade 7 and 8 students.
 - j. Parent and Parent Council Member of St. Pius, Connie Kempe to address the grade 7 and 8 model and the effects on the family.
8. Future Board Meetings: *Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Windsor-Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor beginning at 7:00 pm.*
 - MONDAY, May 26, 2014 – Additional Board meeting at the Catholic Education Centre.
 - Tuesday, May 27, 2014 – ***Meeting will be held at Holy Names High School, 1400 Northwood St., Windsor at 7:00 pm.***
 - MONDAY, June 23, 2014

Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm (closed sessions).
9. Closing Prayer
10. Adjournment

Barbara Holland
Board Chairperson

Paul A. Picard
Director of Education



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BOARD REPORT

Public **In-Camera**
PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval
PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration
SUBMITTED BY: Paul A. Picard, Director of Education
SUBJECT: **Director of Education's Supplemental Report on the
Accommodation Review Study for the Tecumseh Area,
including St. Gregory, St. Peter, and St. Pius X Catholic
Elementary Schools**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive as information the Director's Supplemental Report on the accommodation review study for the Tecumseh Area, including St. Gregory, St. Peter, and St. Pius X Catholic Elementary Schools; and

That the Board receive public input concerning the Director's Supplemental Report.

SYNOPSIS:

The Director recommends to the Board that it receive further input from the school communities on the accommodation option for the Tecumseh area schools, including St. Gregory, St. Pius X and St. Peter, which was presented by the Director at the Special Public Meeting of April 16, 2014.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

On April 2, 2014, the Director of Education posted Board Administration's Recommendation Report pertaining to the accommodation review study of the Tecumseh area schools, which detailed the following recommendation:

That St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School be closed effective June, 2014, and the school community at St. Gregory be consolidated at St. Pius X Catholic Elementary School effective September, 2014, with students to be accommodated in the short term, through the use of portables; The Board apply to the Ministry of Education through the School Consolidation Capital (SCC) program, for capital for the construction of an addition to support the consolidation; and

That an Integration Committee, comprised of representatives from both the St. Gregory and St. Pius X communities, be established immediately to plan for and implement the integration of the two Catholic school communities; and

That St. Peter Catholic Elementary School remain open as a JK to 8 Catholic elementary school.

Upon release of the Director's Report, the school communities were provided with notice of a special public meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for April 16, 2014, conducted for the purpose of receiving community input on the Director's Report as well as the Report of the Accommodation Review Committee.

Subsequent to the release of his report and prior to the special public meeting on April 16, 2014, the Director continued to receive input from community stakeholders. After consideration and analysis of that feedback, the Director presented verbally at the April 16th meeting the following supplementary accommodation option for the Tecumseh area schools:

1. *Consolidation of all JK to 6 students from St. Pius and St. Gregory at the St. Pius site, effective September 2014 – No portables required.*
2. *Consolidation of all Grade 7 and 8 students from St. Pius and St. Gregory at the St. Gregory site for the period of 2014-2016 (June).*
3. *Acknowledgement from the Community and the Town that:*
 - a) *This does not reduce the overall Board excess student spaces;*
 - b) *There is an annual funding shortfall of approximately \$210,000;*
 - c) *A joint use agreement be confirmed, before May 27, 2014, on terms satisfactory to the Board, similar to that entered into by the Board and the Woodslee Community Association, which would include provision for an annual payment to the Board of \$105,000.*
4. *Subject to the provisions above, closure of St. Gregory be deferred to June 2016, with consideration in April 2016 for a further deferral of the closure based on enrolment numbers at St. Pius and St. Gregory at that time.*

In presenting his analysis of the supplemental recommendation, the Director noted that the "twinning" of St. Pius and St. Gregory, based on the above noted conceptual framework, would allow the Board to achieve significant staffing reductions. With those reductions, and with the proceeds of the joint use agreement somewhat offsetting the unfunded operating and renewal costs, the Director would be prepared to recommend an initial two year deferral of the St. Gregory closure to allow a period of time to determine whether growth in the area will be realized, and whether it will result in an increase in enrolment at St. Pius and St. Gregory.

As this supplemental recommendation was formulated from input received shortly before the special public meeting on April 16, the Director was unable to provide the community with a written supplementary recommendation in advance of the meeting. The Director therefore recommends that the Board allow further public consultation on this supplemental accommodation option prior to making its final decision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

As detailed within the Report.

TIMELINES:

Upon hearing from the community on his report and his supplemental recommendation report, the Director will submit a Follow-Up Report prior to the Public meeting on May 27, 2014, where the Board of Trustees will make its final decision on the accommodation study of the Tecumseh area schools.

APPENDICES:

All documents relevant to the ARC study can be found on the Board's public website at www.wecdsb.on.ca by clicking on "Accommodation Review Committees".

REPORT REVIEWED BY:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE SUPERINTENDENT:	Approval Date:	April 23, 2014
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:	Approval Date:	April 23, 2014