

# Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

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## Pupil Accommodation Review Working Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

# Review of ARC requests

- **At the last working meeting, the ARC received feedback on the various scenarios that the ARC committee requested the Board to analyze.**
- **This evening the plan is to recap on what we have discussed and heard so far to help formulate how we plan to move forward for the Public Meeting on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Excellent feedback has been received to date and Administration is taking everything into consideration**

# What have we heard so far?

- **Option 2 of the Initial Staff Report appears to be the ARC committee's preference at this time, with some adjustments possible:**  
**“New JK-6 school to replace Sacred Heart and the existing St. Joseph CSS becomes a 7-12 facility”**
- **WHY?**
  - The main reason is that the existing St. Joseph CSS has large shops and an auditorium that would be difficult to replace in a new build based on ministry benchmark funding

## **Option 2 from the Initial Staff Report: “New JK-6 school to replace Sacred Heart and the existing St. Joseph CSS becomes a 7-12 school” (as per Initial Staff Report)**

- 1) Consolidate/Close Immaculate Conception and redirect enrolment to Bishop Macdonell and St. Peter;**
- 2) Consolidate/Close St. Columban’s and Sacred Heart and build a new JK-6 facility on the Sacred Heart site or an alternative nearby site;**
- 3) Bishop Macdonell becomes a JK-6 dual track facility, with grade 7 & 8 redirected to the existing St. Joseph CSS that is converted to a grade 7 – 12 facility;**
- 4) The existing St. Joseph CSS becomes a 7-12 facility taking in grade 7 & 8 enrolment from Sacred Heart, St. Anne, St. Columban’s and Bishop Macdonell;**
- 5) Convert St. Anne to a JK-6 facility with grade 7 & 8 redirected to the existing St. Joseph CSS;**
- 6) Status quo for St. Matthew CSS.**

# What have we heard about Rec #1?

## 1) Consolidate/Close Immaculate Conception and redirect enrolment to Bishop Macdonell and St. Peter

- The ARC received feedback on the following add'l scenarios:
- Ensure that all of the proposed new Bishop/Immaculate boundary directed to St. Joseph for grade 7/8 and grade 9
  - This has some merit and would involve some relatively minor changes to the current secondary school boundaries (some grandfathering may need to be considered due to uniforms, etc)
  - Possible for consideration
- Direct all of Immaculate students to St. Peter rather than splitting them between Bishop Macdonell and St. Peter
  - St. Peter is not large enough to accommodate all the students from Immaculate (115 pupil places short)
  - This would leave Bishop significantly underutilized (150-195 surplus pupil places)
  - Not a viable option and a Business Case would not likely be supported

# What have we heard about Rec #1?

## 1) Consolidate/Close Immaculate Conception and redirect enrolment to Bishop Macdonell and St. Peter

- **The ARC received feedback on the following scenarios:**
- Close St. Peter and direct enrolment to Immaculate rather than closing Immaculate
  - Immaculate is not large enough to accommodate all the students from St. Peter (approx. 50 pupil places short)
  - Immaculate is approx. 10 years older than St. Peter and has more renewal needs (approx. 0.5M more)
  - Immaculate site is land locked and already has parking issues that would be worsened with increased enrolment
  - St. Peter has more green space (approx. 40,000 sq. ft.)
  - St. Peter has undergone significant renovations in 2014
  - This would leave Bishop significantly underutilized (150-195 surplus pupil places)
  - Not a viable option and a Business Case would not likely be supported

# What have we heard about Rec #2?

## 2) Consolidate/Close St. Columban's and Sacred Heart and build a new JK-6 facility on the Sacred Heart site or an alternative nearby site;

- **The ARC received feedback on the following scenario:**
- Change the boundary for St. Anne north of the Highway 401 to be included with the new consolidated Sacred Heart/St.Columban's boundary
- The proposed new Sacred Heart/St. Columban's enrolment would increase by approx. 70 and St. Anne's would decrease by approx. 70
- St. Anne is currently over capacity and this could alleviate some pressure on availability of gym space, etc
- Possible for consideration
- Change the recommended boundaries between the proposed new Sacred Heart and Bishop Macdonell (east/west boundary)
- Using 9<sup>th</sup> Street as the cutoff – Bishop would require additional space and the new proposed JK-6 school would likely be too small to secure funding
- Using 7<sup>th</sup> Street as the cutoff – Better than 9<sup>th</sup> Street option however, enrolment at the new proposed JK-6 school would still likely be too small to secure funding and a larger number of students are affected
- Not viable options

# What have we heard about Rec #2?

## 2) Consolidate/Close St. Columban's and Sacred Heart and build a new JK-6 facility on the Sacred Heart site or an alternative nearby site;

- **The ARC has also provided the following additional feedback:**
- Preference would likely be given to building the new consolidated JK-6 school for Sacred Heart/St. Columban's on an alternate nearby site as the existing Sacred Heart site has some limitations (approx. 3.2 acres)
- Questions were raised by the ARC Committee about the possibility of General Vanier as an alternate location
- Administration is open to the above two possibilities



# What have we heard about Rec #3?

**3) Bishop Macdonell becomes a JK-6 dual track facility, with grade 7 & 8 redirected to the existing St. Joseph CSS that is converted to a grade 7 – 12 facility;**

- **The ARC has provided the following feedback:**
- **Ensure that the current special education programs offered at Bishop continue to exist, either at Bishop or at the 7-12 facility**
- **Administration would ensure that these special education programs continue**

# What have we heard about Rec #4?

4) The existing St. Joseph CSS becomes a 7-12 facility taking in grade 7 & 8 enrolment from Sacred Heart, St. Anne, St. Columban's and Bishop Macdonell;

- **The ARC has provided the following feedback:**
- Questions were raised about the possibility of accessing space at General Vanier to accommodate the grade 7 & 8's as an alternative to building an addition to the existing St. Joseph CSS
- St. Joseph CSS is currently the only secondary school in the board not offering the 7 – 12 model
- Administration is open to the idea of General Vanier, however an addition to St. Joseph CSS would also work

# What have we heard about Rec #5?

## 5) Convert St. Anne to a JK-6 facility with grade 7 & 8 redirected to the existing St. Joseph CSS;

- **The ARC has provided the following feedback:**
- St. Anne is currently over its permanent capacity and experiences some difficulty in scheduling for gym access, etc due to the high enrolment
- Possibility of changing the current boundary north of Highway 401 to be included in the new consolidated Sacred Heart/St. Columban's boundary to help alleviate scheduling issues, etc
- Possible for consideration

# What have we heard about Rec #6?

## 6) Status quo for St. Matthew CSS.

- **The ARC has provided the following feedback:**
- A lot of discussion has taken place regarding St. Matthew and the possibility of expanding to include a 7 & 8 program
- The existing St. Matthew CSS is small and there is no room to add grade 7 & 8
- There are no gym facilities for students
- ARC is interested in finding an alternate location for St. Matthew so the program can be expanded to include grade 7 & 8
- ARC feels that this would minimize issues with students transitioning to St. Joseph CSS for grade 7 & 8 and then having to transition again to St. Matthew for grade 9
- Administration is currently exploring options and has not ruled out the possibility of moving St. Matthew CSS
- Immaculate and St. Columban's buildings have too much capacity

# Next Steps

- **ARC Committee to draft some high level ARC recommendations based on the feedback received to date for the February 15, 2017 Public Meeting**

# Next Steps

- **Public Meeting #2 – February 15, 2017 - Same format as Public Meeting #1**
- **All Departments of the board to be available to answer questions in a “Parking Lot” fashion**
- **Plan is to provide information on the feedback received so far and gather any additional comments**
- **Share the draft of the ARC’s proposed recommendations for the next Staff Report that will go to the Board of Trustees March 7, 2017**
- **Public Delegations – April 4, 2017**
- **Final Staff Report – to board May 2, 2017**
- **Business Case submission to Ministry – July 2017**