



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education

Date: November 23, 2020

Subject: **Brooklin French Immersion Study November Update**

Origin: Gerard Winn, Superintendent of Education – Whitby Family of Schools
Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Facilities Services
Daniel Carlin, Manager of Planning, Admissions and Capitol

Recommendations

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the report entitled Brooklin French Immersion Study Update dated November 23, 2020.”

Rationale

Overview

On January 27, 2020 the Board of Trustees received the Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2020-2024 (LTAP) report and approved the guiding principles and actions to be undertaken. Within the LTAP report, staff was directed to undertake a French Immersion (FI) Consolidation study in Brooklin to combine the St. Leo CS and St. John Paul II CS programs.

This report provides the Board of Trustees with an update regarding the activities that have occurred since January 2020.

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Update

The Brooklin French Immersion Study Committee includes the following representatives:

Gerard Winn, Superintendent of Education – Whitby Family of Schools

Mariah O'Reilly, Superintendent of Education – Academic Services

Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Facilities Services

Ryan Putnam, Superintendent of Business

Daniel Carlin, Manager - Planning, Admissions and Capital

Jackie McVeigh, Senior Manager - Human Resource Services

Kelly Mechoulan, Chief Administrative Officer, Durham Student Transportation

David Malleau, Principal – St. Leo Catholic School

Stephanie Richard, Principal – St. John Paul II Catholic School

James Tremblay, Principal – St. Bridget Catholic School

Carol Caputo, Academic Services French Language Consultant

Jennifer Bastarache, Communications Officer

Amanda Roffey, Communications Officer

Luetasha Watkins, Operations Manager - Early Years and Childcare

Jody Dale, Assistant Planner

Lori Lane, Senior Administrative Assistant

Cindy Boyd, St. Leo Catholic School Council

Jane Lacey, St. Leo Catholic School - OECTA

Lee-Ann McAllister, St. John Paul II Catholic School - OECTA

Shelly Roach, St. John Paul II Catholic School - OECTA

Kim Boyer-Miller, St. John Paul II Catholic School – OECTA (FI)

Tim Brooks, St. John Paul II Catholic School - CUPE

Christina Melick, St. Bridget Catholic School Council

Linda McNeil, St. Bridget Catholic School - OECTA

Bethany Summers, St. Bridget Catholic School - CUPE

Melissa Cowen, OECTA Elementary President

Kelly Mulville, ETFO President

Rod King, CUPE President

Lynn Brennan, YMCA Representative

In accordance with the schedule, the committee met on the following dates:

- February 13, 2020 – at 650 Rossland Road from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- February 20, 2020 – at 652 Rossland Road from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- October 16, 2020 – Virtual – Microsoft Teams from 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- November 13, 2020 - Virtual – Microsoft Teams from 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

In order to accommodate staff who had to remain at their school, or who chose to call in, remote access to the meeting was provided through Microsoft Teams.

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One public meeting was held on February 20, 2020 at St. Leo Catholic School from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m., at which 45 people were in attendance.

The next public meeting was scheduled to be held at St. John Paul II Catholic School on April 2, 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19.

A virtual Microsoft Teams Live Event was held for the public to attend on Wednesday November 4, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. -9 p.m. The highest level of attendance during the meeting was 41 attendees. Advertising for the event was posted in the local paper, on the board's website, and through school messenger.

Communication

The Durham Catholic District School Board is committed to an open and transparent process that allows for public input through a variety of means. Following approval of the Board Report staff set up the following for communication to be received by the Committee:

- A dedicated web page containing all the information https://www.dcdsb.ca/en/our-board/Boundary-Reviews.aspx?_mid_=122365
- A phone line at 905-576-6150 ext. 42252
- Email address planning@dcdsb.ca

Next Steps

The last remaining public meeting date is scheduled for :

- November 25, 2020 – Teams Live Event from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Staff anticipate bringing a final report to the Board of Trustees on December 14, 2020 with a final recommendation from the Brooklin French Immersion Study in accordance with the mandate.

TB/GW/SG/DC:ll:tc