



MISSISSAUGA BRAMPTON CENTRAL FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

St. Gertrude School transition meetings
 St. Valentine and St. Gregory – receiving schools
 Summary Notes
 Monday, March 6, 2017
 Held at St. Valentine, 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Opening Prayer	Prayer led by Superintendent Papaloni	
Welcome	Chairperson Lucy Papaloni called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.	
Open Comments Response of the Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed all attendee’s and committee members 	
Introduction of members	L. Papaloni introduced committee members and guests from Family Day and PLASP	
School Transition Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Papaloni read the purpose of the transition meeting as per PAR guidelines • For East Credit Transition Planning Committees Information please go to the Board website http://www.dpcdsb.org <i>On the Board website is ribbon of various colours with information On the far right hand side you will see the green button title East Credit Transition Planning Committees Please click to get into the site.</i> • School’s updated committee : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher reps updated the committee regarding the transition visits Gr. 1-5 to St. Gregory and St. Valentine ➤ On Monday, February 13th the students in grades 1-3 at St. Gertrude had an opportunity to have a morning visit to their new schools. The regular stream students visited St. Valentine and the French Immersion students visited St. Gregory. Prior to the visit the students were organized into 8 mixed groupings with students from the three grades and from the two schools. As this was the 100th day of school, 	

		<p>students participated in 4 activities that centered around the number '100'. Activities included a scavenger hunt to familiarize the students with their new environment; a STEM challenge which had the students building tall structures using cups; a PUZZLE piece activity which had each student decorate a large puzzle piece with their name and things they like. These pieces will be joined together and displayed in the new school to symbolize the two communities coming together. The final activity took place in the gym and centered around various physical exercises. The Youth Faith Ambassadors from each school were the student leaders and staff members from each school were present at each of the 4 stations to lead and monitor the students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This past week, on March 2nd the grades 4 and 5 students had an opportunity to visit their new schools. These students were also placed into mixed groupings and participated in 4 very similar activities. ➤ A transition visit for the grades 6 & 7 is planned for March 9th and the Kindergartens will visit on March 28th. Students that visited reported that they enjoyed themselves, they met new friends and that overall it was a very good experience. 	
	<p>Next Steps – Plan of Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additionally, in the coming weeks, administrative staff, SpecEd teachers, classroom teachers and SpecEd consultants from the 3 schools will be meeting to share information about our students with special needs. • Invitations will be sent to St. Gertrude community from both St. Valentine and St. Gregory for year-end open house/BBQ • St. Gertrude School Mass, Open House and BBQ June 22, 2017 @ 5:00 pm • St. Valentine School Open House and BBQ is on June 15, 2017 @ 5:30 pm –invitations will be sent to St. Gertrude community (English students) 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Gregory School year end Mass June 8, 2017 @ St. Joseph's Parish, and BBQ at June 14, 2017 and invitation will be sent to the St. Gertrude community (French students) 	
<p>Day Care Providers</p> <p>Questions from last meeting and responses</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Family Day:</u> St. Valentine care provider Family Day representatives stated parents should call as soon as possible to register Representatives informed parents that all students will be accommodated Family Day contact: 416-922-3424 Times: 7:30 am start time, 6:00 pm pick up • <u>PLASP:</u> St. Gertrude PLASP stated parents should register online or in person as soon as possible 15 students currently on waitlist PLASP contact: 905-890-1711 Please be specific about the stream of your children (English or French) PLASP will accommodate all parents that wish to register All students that are in French Immersion at St. Gertrude or in the St. Gregory boundary will be accommodated Processing of registrations will begin in the spring Times: 7:30 am start time, 6:00 pm pick up <p><u>Transportation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Safety Council determined crossing at Mavis and Bristol will not occur for students • Bussing will be provided for all students that have to cross at that intersection • Further assessment in September 2017 will occur however until then, Mavis Rd. & Lafayette/Preston Manner is acceptable and will be eligible for bussing • STOPR will not have finalized bussing information until in late April • Recommendations from Traffic Safety Council are posted on their website at: http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/trafficsafetycouncil • Bell times for both schools are not scheduled to change at this point St. Gregory School-9:00am-3:30pm St. Valentine School-8:30am-3:00pm • <u>French Immersion Grade 1 Random selection process update:</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Gertrude will send out information regarding PLASP and Family Day to the community • Concern was brought forward that the TSC will not get the true volume due to the fact that parents will not be allowing students to walk since they believe it to be unsafe to cross • Copy requested of the traffic safety report to be

		<p>46 accepted to St. Gregory School. 7 declined and the next 7 were offered a spot on the waitlist. Currently 12 students on the waitlist for Grade 1 Other parents requesting other FI sites are being accommodated at the school that the student wishes to attend. If assistance is required, they are able to call L. Papaloni at the CEC</p> <p><u>From Tom Howe:</u></p> <p>‘Cut off’ for bussing presumably means specific streets and addresses which are eligible for transportation. That information will not be finalized for a few weeks. When we have finalized the eligibility form the new St Valentine boundary, that information will be forwarded to both St Gertrude, St Gregory, and St Valentine and posted on the STOPR website.</p> <p>“How will we know what street we are supposed to cross?”: The pedestrian route measured for purposes of establishing eligibility utilizes the intersection of Lafayette/Preston Manor and Mavis Road as this is the intersection that Traffic Safety Council has assessed and deemed acceptable. However, neither the Board or STOPR are responsible for determining how children get to school, that responsibility resides exclusively with parents so we do not provide a recommended pedestrian route.</p> <p>A further site inspection prior to September would be redundant and provide the same result. The reason that the follow up site inspection is scheduled for September is to enable an assessment to be undertaken when students are actually crossing the intersection.</p> <p>STOPR staff does not see merit in site inspections at the noted locations:</p> <p>Lafayette has already had a site inspection at Mavis so unclear where the blind corner is.</p>	<p>posted on the board PAR website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on the street ‘cut off’ for bussing was requested. <i>“How will we know what street we are supposed to cross?”</i> • Recommendation was made by members of the committee to have the traffic safety council to reassess prior to September 2017 • Further assessment was requested by committee members for the following streets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lafayette is a blind corner and the concern -Avonwick and Father D’Sousa Drive -Mavis and Winteron
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	Closing Prayer	<p>Prayer led by Superintendent Papaloni</p> <p>Superintendent Papaloni thanked all committee members and community members for their participation.</p>	
		Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.	