



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

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education

Date: April 27, 2020

Subject: Brooklin French Immersion Study

Origin: Susie Lee-Fernandes, Superintendent of Education
Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Facilities Services
Rosemary Leclair, Superintendent of Education
Lewis Morgulis, Manager of Planning, Admissions & Capital

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 April 27, 2020.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the postponement of the remaining committee and public meetings until the fall of 2020 to allow for face-to-face public consultation, pending the lifting of current restrictions on public gatherings.”

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board request a report recommending a preferred option for implementation from the Brooklin French Immersion Study Committee by the revised date of November 2020.”

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Re: Brooklin French Immersion Study Report

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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) Study in Brooklin to combine the St. Leo Catholic School and St. John Paul II Catholic School programs.

A previous update was provided to the Board of Trustees on April 15, 2020 that outlined the steps taken up until March 12, 2020. This report provides the Board of Trustees with an update and next steps given the current situation around COVID-19 and school closures.

This report specifically recommends that:

- The Board reschedule the three remaining committee meetings and the two remaining public meetings for the fall of 2020, pending the lifting of current restrictions on public gatherings
- Develop a recommended future location of the Brooklin FI program by an ammended date of November 2020.

Update

Since the start of the Brooklin FI Study, established on January 27, 2020, two committee meetings and one public meeting has been held. The Ministry of Education had ordered school closures effective March 14, 2020 due to the emergence of COVID-19 in Ontario. The original two week closure following the March Break has since been extended until May 3, 2020.

Next Steps

Upon the reopening of schools, the following meetings will be resecheduled for the fall of 2020 to continue the public consultation process.

Committee Meetings (original dates)

- March 12, 2020 – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Education Centre 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- April 2, 2020 – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Education Centre 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- April 16, 2020 – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Education Centre 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Public Meetings (original dates)

- April 2, 2020 – St. John Paul II Catholic School 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- April 28, 2020 – St. Bridget Catholic School 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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