



*"The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures and enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witness of Christ."*

**MINUTES**  
**ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING**  
**December 17, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Minutes of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School Community Consultation Meeting of December 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

The following staff members were in attendance:

- Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education;
- Yolanda Baldasaro, Family of Schools Superintendent of Education;
- Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services;
- Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services;
- Kim Kuchar, Principal of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School;
- Mary Gallardi, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary.

Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner & Director, Watson & Associates

There were nine members of the public in attendance. Four of those in attendance have children enrolled in St. Elizabeth Catholic School, and Dino Sicoli, Trustee.

**A. WELCOME**

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

**B. OPENING PRAYER**

Principal Kuchar opened with a prayer.

**C. PURPOSE**

Superintendent Farrell welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and advised that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to provide information and receive feedback on the consultant's report from the joint-use seed funding. The feedback from the community will be provided to the Board of Trustees with respect to entering into a proposed joint-use school in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara.

Superintendent Farrell reviewed the agenda and advised that there would be an opportunity for everyone present to provide input.

**D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Superintendent Farrell and Kathy Levinski provided background information presenting slides 1

through 17 of the slide deck. Superintendent Farrell advised the slide presentation would be posted on the Board website on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (*Appendix A*)

#### **E. WATSON & ASSOCIATES PRESENTATION**

Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner & Director, Education, Watson & Associates presented slides 18 through 28 of the slide deck.

#### **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:**

*There have been a lot of cutbacks for education lately, any possibility that there would be funds to build a joint school?*

Mr. Ammendolia - As of right now, joint-use schooling funds are being accepted. The new government has not approved any capital projects and are basically reviewing what the past government has done.

*The public school board had a meeting like this earlier. Did you find out what happened?*

Mr. Ammendolia - They went through a pupil accommodation review process which recommended they consider a joint-use school with Niagara Catholic. Their report was submitted to their Trustees.

*I think it would benefit us to do this. When does the final decision get made? When is funding good until? Who says yes or no?*

Superintendent Farrell – The Niagara Catholic decision will be made by our Trustees. We will take all the information we receive tonight and share it with them. As far as deadline, there has not been a firm deadline established for the funding. Staff will make their recommendation to pursue or not pursue and that recommendation can be accepted or rejected or amended by the Trustees.

*One of the letters sent home said the school would be ready to go by 2021. I thought it specifically said that the new school would be ready.*

Kathy Levinski - District School Board of Niagara's Final Staff Report included 2021 as the date to have school ready for.

*Do the other two schools agree that this is a good area to build the school?*

Jack Ammendolia – I don't work for the District School Board of Niagara. I know that they had their accommodation review and decided to pursue this joint-use school. I don't know if they got into this as the best area or anything.

Kathy Levinski – In their report to Trustees, the District School Board mentioned that the Township thought that the hamlet of Wainfleet would be the best location. But there has been no decision.

*In process of schools, if they decide to go forward with this, do the schools boards get together and try to come up with a plan, do we have input or are we just informed when the plan comes together, like after all the decisions are made?*

Superintendent Farrell – There certainly will be consultation once our Trustees make a decision. We will let the community know of this decision. Pursuit of this project would be conditional upon Ministry of Education funding. We would have to prepare a business case for the funds and the Ministry will need to approve it. Following that we would want to get input from the community as far as location, type of facility, size and scope of it.

*So the next step is to present to Board of Trustees for a vote, but we don't know what day that is going to happen? There is no projected date for that meeting, like we just don't know, like is this going to be at a January Board Meeting, or February or?*

Superintendent Farrell - We will let the community know when a decision will be made. We will prepare a report for our Senior Team in early January. Our intention is to bring a report to the Committee of the Whole meeting in January with feedback from tonight's meeting. Following that we will let the community know when we will be going forward with the Report to the Board.

*At the last meeting held here, the majority of the crowd was in favour of location being here at St. Elizabeth. Have staff looked into that to see if a school of 500 could be accommodated here on this site?*

Superintendent Farrell – The property is 8 acres and could accommodate a school of approximately 500.

Scott Whitwell – I would say 5 acres is often the size that the Ministry consider for a new school, depending on enrolment. I think it is fair to say there have not been any concrete discussions as to where the site would be. I know that Kathy had mentioned that the DSBN report mentioned that the hamlet of Wainfleet would be a good place for it but that was just a comment. To answer your question there has not been any decision. I'm sure DSBN would want to weigh in from their own perspective. We thought it was premature to discuss that until we found out about the viability of this. If the Board decides to pursue this, the location would be something that would be determined very early on.

Superintendent Farrell – It did come through loud and clear though at our last meeting as shown on the slides that we put up earlier that the location be here, near the Church. Proximity to the Church was important and people at that meeting wanted the location to be very close to the Church.

*It would be something if we said yes, go for it and they built it five miles down the road. Then this group would be not for it at all, I can guarantee you that. It makes sense to have it here. Not only do you have an 8 acre site, you have soccer field, baseball field, arena, library and so on. Was there any feedback from other two schools as to where their choice of school would be? They heard that we were open to have the school site here. We know that they can build the new school behind here while school is still in session then tear down this building and make it all parking lot.*

Superintendent Farrell – The DSBN has done a number of Pupil Accommodation Reviews. For a Pupil Accommodation Review you have to prepare a Final Staff Report and the community is invited to provide input, through a formal delegation to the Board so that Trustees can hear directly from the public. For the Winger/Brown Pupil Accommodation Review there were no delegations to the Board, unlike other ARCs.

*There is no safety issue for students at this location as they don't have to cross road to go to library and arena, or be bussed, those are all important considerations.*

Jack Ammendolia – Yes, those are all important considerations.

*You mentioned earlier that in addressing enrolment pressures at other sites the Board has moved French Immersion to other schools to boost enrolment to capacity. Where is the French Immersion site in the Lakeshore Family of Schools?*

Superintendent Baldasaro - There isn't a site within the Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools. From a legacy perspective when French Immersion was introduced into the Board there wasn't a lot of interest or demand in the area. Students from this area apply as out of bounds and go to Holy Name Catholic and soon it will be Alexander Kuska. There is an online application process. These students are out of bounds and the parents are responsible to get them to and from school.

*So that was roughly 5 years ago it began, when French Immersion came in?*

Superintendent Baldasaro – The first wave was in 2013.

*Has it been revisited since then for the Lakeshore Family of Schools?*

Superintendent Baldasaro - No it has not been revisited.

*Will it ever be revisited?*

Superintendent Baldasaro – I'm not sure. It is something we can look at. We have a new Board for 2018-2022, so I think that those are things that we will need to think about.

*Would that be a potential Plan B if this joint school doesn't get approved? What will happen to St. Elizabeth? Are we going to end up moving the boundaries a little bit because we have children all the way up almost in Winger closer to Haldimand? Will they now be going to Holy Name because there is not much enrolment there because you just moved the French Immersion over, you know, like what is the Plan B if the joint school doesn't happen?*

Superintendent Farrell –We indicated we would consider partnerships for St. Elizabeth. Our attempt to engage the community and have partnerships did not materialize as we had hoped. The opportunity came to consider a joint-use school and we are pursuing that. Our Trustees will be interested in the support of the community for this. If accepted by our Trustees then we move forward and prepare a business case with the District School Board of Niagara and await the Ministry's response.

There were a number of options that were brought up at our last meeting. Someone suggested bulldozing half the school so that it fits the number of students. As Mr. Amendolia mentioned, you have one school that is 16 kilometers away and one that is 13 kilometers away, both those schools are at capacity. It's a little tough to do an Attendance Area Review and to take students from a full school and move them here causing that school to be under utilized. The location of St. Elizabeth poses a unique problem but we are just taking it one step at a time and not get too far ahead of ourselves.

*It just seems we are relying so much on the joint-use but if it falls through what happens? It is making us uneasy and teachers are worried if they have a job. You can see by the outcome tonight parents feel you*

*have already made the decision and not really knowing what Plan B is and that there really is no Plan A. It's just really all talk at this point. Kids are asking questions. Teachers and parents asking questions. Everyone has questions and no one has answers.*

Jack Ammendolia – Another way to think of this is that Plan A was trying to seek partnerships and that didn't work. Plan B is this next opportunity to pursue. I think it is premature at this point to say what is Plan C and Plan D. I think Plan C and Plan D are back to the drawing board. Let's deal with this opportunity and see what happens here. If it doesn't happen then we evaluate the situation rather than say that if Plan A doesn't work then go to Plan B then on to Plan C. Quite frankly, based on some of the things we talked about I'm not sure if there is a viable Plan C right now. So what I would say to the community is, if you are in favour of this, then let's focus on this right now.

*Part of the frustration from the community is the length of time this is taken, had a meeting where we are in favour of a joint-use school and are now hearing through other parents that the public board has already gone through all their processes and have already gone to their board and we still don't know when it will even be presented to our board. So it seems like a very long waiting game.*

Jack Ammendolia – Niagara Catholic had to wait for the DSBN to go through a Pupil Accommodation Review. It was premature for Niagara Catholic to go too far down the road until DSBN had finished their process because if the DSBN would have said no, we are not going there, then Niagara Catholic would have wasted a lot of time and money. I get your frustration being a parent as well, but I would just say that there is a lot going on from a board staff perspective. Things do take time. You do want to make sure that if it does come to fruition that it is done properly.

*There is parent concern and we recognize that there is a lot of work involved, but in that time, we have a school that we are passionate about. Our numbers are quite small and the insecurity during that time has caused some to leave and others to seriously consider it, so that becomes a huge issue for us.*

Superintendent Farrell – Just back to the timeline, the District School Board Trustees did not receive their Pupil Accommodation Review until November 27<sup>th</sup>. We had our letter out for this meeting the day after, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We might seem like we are moving as fast as an elephant but we are working as quickly as we can.

## **F. FACILITATED SESSION FOR FEEDBACK**

Superintendent Farrell facilitated the session for feedback. The following questions were posed:

### **What do you like about this recommendation? (The joint-use school being a viable option)**

*This is a good location for the joint-use school because of the size of the property and everything that is around us.*

*Catholic presence stays in Wainfleet, we don't have to go to another community.*

*Children living in Wainfleet can go to school in their own community, so not just the Catholic school children but all others.*

*By amalgamating 3 schools it financially is a plus for bussing, staffing, hydro, utilities.*

*Strengthens as a whole the community of Wainfleet because all the Wainfleet kids would be at the same school. They all know each other anyways through sports and activities, shared bussing, they play hockey, baseball, soccer together. Whether it is Catholic or Public they are all there.*

*This is what Wainfleet is like being a small community. Everybody knows everybody.*

### **What do you dislike about the recommendation?**

*The uncertainty of how this all comes together or comes to fruition.*

*More of a concern than a dislike. When we did Loretto we knew the money was going to be there. Is the money going to be pulled out by next year? Who knows. But usually when the government announces something like this the writing is on the wall for them to cause they have three aging facilities, between 60-70 years old. It only makes sense to build a 500 brick pupil school and make that a going concern, because you really would then only need what one and a half caretakers, a couple cleaners, instead of three caretakers, six cleaners. It makes sense for them to do it. Even the school board can't control it but the Government can, and usually when it gets this far the money usually flows through, but it's just a matter of trying to get the community behind it. Once the community is behind it I can't see it stopping. That's a concern, it's not a dislike.*

*Another concern is the lack of other options.*

*You can't control population, there are only so many kids in Wainfleet.*

*If we don't do a joint school would we be able to do French Immersion? I think we would get some Catholic kids back. We definitely lose kids in the Lakeshore area to the public board because DSBN offers French Immersion in this area and we do not.*

Superintendent Farrell – French Immersion poses a number of challenges, not only locally but throughout the Province. There is difficulty getting qualified French teachers. You essentially end up with different boundaries within the Board. You have a French Immersion boundary map and you have an English boundary map. They each need to provide a healthy sustainable student population so the class sizes are healthy for both.

*The greatest concern is what the province will do financially. Will they support this?*

*So if it takes until 2021 for a new school to be built, what is going to happen at St. Elizabeth in the next two school years? At the beginning of this school year, we lost a teacher and it was tri-grades. What is going to happen for the next two school years in the meantime until that new school gets built? That is a huge concern. We lost 3 families because of that this year and what happens next year? Are we even going to have a presence by the time the new school is built? It is really concerning.*

*The report itself talked about populations but it didn't factor in that we lost families when there were issues like the work to rule. We lost families again when we had triple grades proposed. There weren't specific numbers related to that. It wasn't just population growth in Wainfleet. There were other factors that negatively impacted the population at the school. The report didn't deal with some of the stressors that caused the school to lose students. The kids are out there if you look at the population of the other two schools Wainfleet has. We have kids that are travelling to Christian Schools outside of the Wainfleet limits to private schools.*

*We lost families to the triple grade even though it was reversed three weeks into the school year. Next year if we are going to go back to the triple grades due to our numbers again, are we going to lose another three*

*families? And then is the Board going to reverse that decision? Parents need to be informed that the Board has their hiring process until October 1<sup>st</sup> and they can do all their switches and hiring until then, is that not the rule of thumb you guys have? Like you do a lot of your hiring for permanent positions and stuff in the month of September.*

Superintendent Farrell – Student population enrolment can shift. We staff based on enrolment numbers we have in April/May and we assign staff based on that. Sometimes when you actually get into the school year sometimes there is a shift of population and staff needs to be reallocated.

*That is understandable. Parents should have been told about that when there was a suggestion that there would be tri-grades, like if our enrolment goes up by this much it could potentially go back. You know we were told that the potential was there but we weren't told that all your hiring was done so it was pretty much a signed, sealed and delivered message that you were going to have tri-grade rather than go back to the regular split classes. So I think just moving forward it would help if we were informed on the whole process.*

Superintendent Farrell – All this will be shared with the Trustees.

Superintendent Farrell – Everyone will be given 10 dots and come up to the boards and put dots on the points you feel are most important. You can put all 10 dots on one point or you can spread them out and this will be a clear sign to the Trustees of what you feel are most important issues or concerns. (*Appendix B*)

#### **G. QUESTIONS**

No questions.

If there is anything else you think of after you leave here, there is an area on the website where you can send in feedback, or you can call the Board and ask for Kathy Levinski, ext. 273.

#### **H. FURTHER ACTION**

Report to the Committee of the Whole – January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Communication of decision to community and next steps.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Thank you for attending this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

# Proposed Joint-Use School - Wainfleet

## Community Consultation

December 17, 2018



# Agenda

- A. WELCOME – Yolanda Baldasaro**
- B. OPENING PRAYER – Kim Kuchar**
- C. PURPOSE**

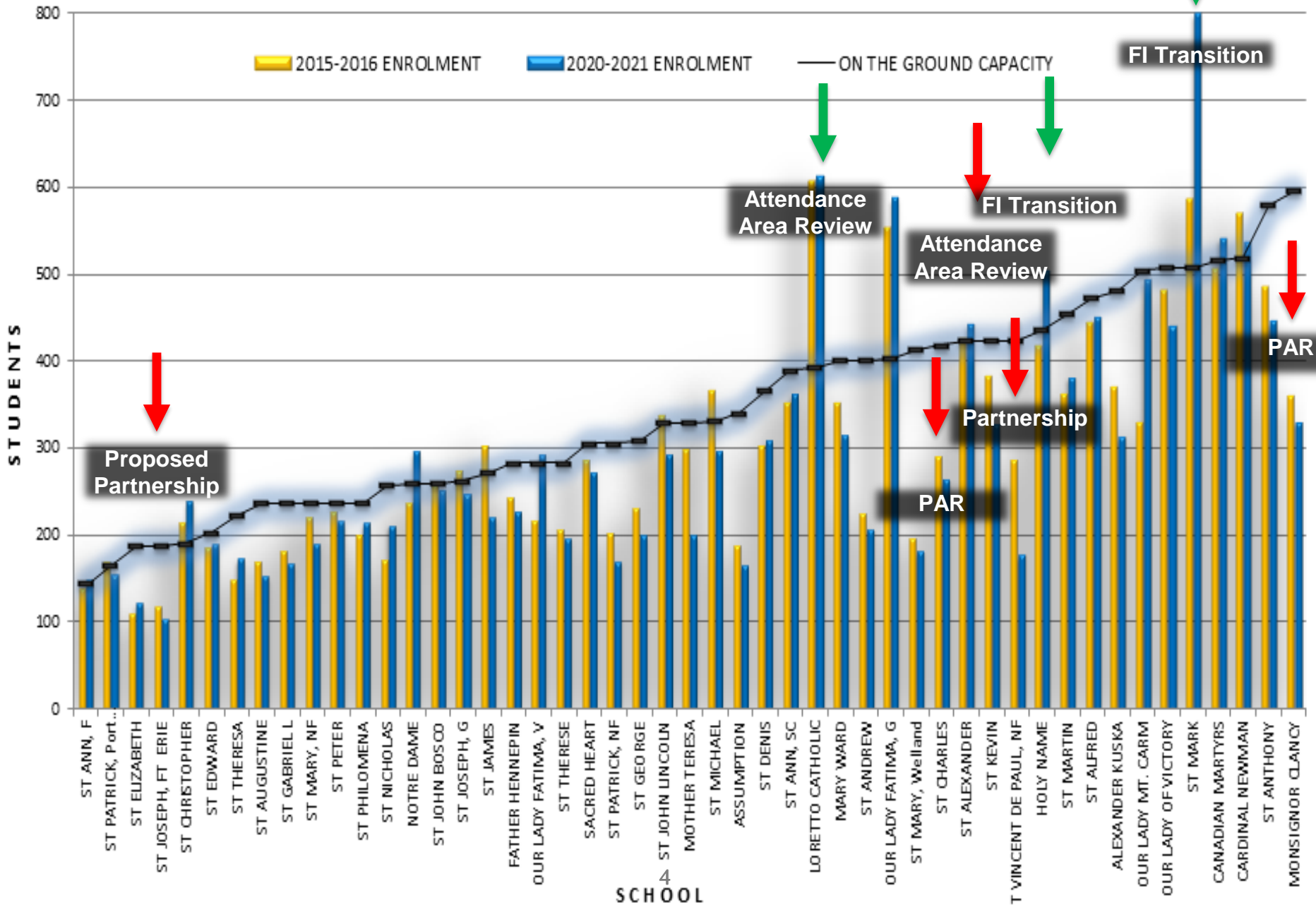
*Community feedback on Watson & Associates Report*

- D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**
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- G. QUESTIONS**
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  - A. Report to Board of Trustees – January 15, 2019*
  - B. Communication of decision to community and next steps*
- I. ADJOURNMENT**

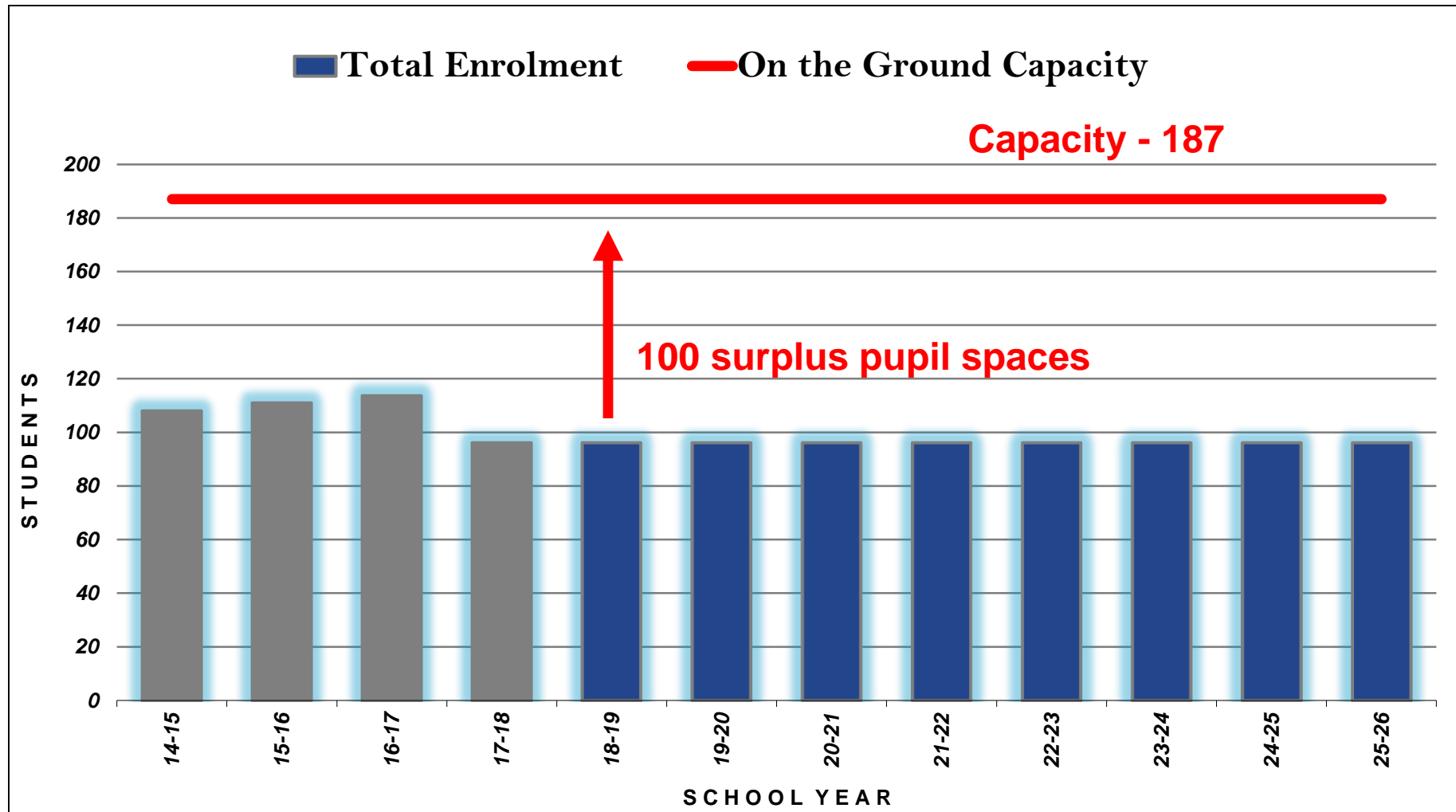
# Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021

- Long Term Accommodation Plan was approved at Board Meeting – April 26, 2016
- Recommendations for Schools/Areas were considered:
  - No Action
  - Community Partnership
  - Attendance Area Review
  - Pupil Accommodation Review
  - Application for Capital Funding

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT VS. CAPACITY



# St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School



# Short Term Recommendations 2016-2018

## St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary

The Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools is experiencing underutilization at its two smallest associate schools, St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary Schools. Dealing with these schools pose pressures due to their location. In the short term, partnerships may address underutilization.

If partnerships do not address the underutilization, it may be necessary to pursue Pupil Accommodation Review.

# Community Planning & Partnerships

- Three Community Planning and Partnerships Meetings have been held:
  - November 30, 2016
  - December 13, 2017
  - December 6, 2018
- Niagara Catholic has been actively looking for partnerships for St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School to better utilize the school.
- District School Board of Niagara proposed joint-use school partnership in November 2017

# Potential Partnership

- November 29, 2017 – Letter from DSBN requesting consideration of joint-use elementary school partnership in Wainfleet
- December 16, 2017 -- Board motion to engage in initial staff level discussions; notify St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School community; provide update through staff report
- December 20, 2017 – Letter to St. Elizabeth families for information
- February 1, 2018 – Letter to St. Elizabeth families regarding public meeting

# Potential Partnership

- February 15, 2018 – Community consultation meeting for input
- February 27, 2018 – Initial Staff Report to Board, motion to apply for joint-use seed funding, further develop project, report back to Board for further approvals as required
- March 21, 2018 – Staff Meeting for input
- April 24, 2018 – Ministry of Education approval for Joint-Use Seed Funding to investigate proposal
- June, 2018 – Consultant engaged for Initial Report



# Potential Partnership

- June 28, 2018 – Letter to St. Elizabeth families to provide update regarding consultant
- September 28, 2018 – Update in St. Elizabeth newsletter
- November 13, 2018– Consultant and Staff Report to Board, motion to receive Report for information
- November 28, 2018 – Letter to St. Elizabeth families regarding community feedback on consultant report
- November 27, 2018 – DSBN approved Joint Use School pending Niagara Catholic Trustee and Ministry of Education approval

## Community Input

- The following input was received from the community on February 15, 2018 during the facilitated session
- Input was presented to the Board on February 27, 2018 in a staff report

# Community Input

① What are the advantages of the proposed joint-use school?

- NEAR CHURCH, ARENA, SPORTS FACILITY  
LIBRARY, TOWN HALL IF USE ST.  
ELIZABETH'S SITE (8 ACRES)
- MAY ATTRACT MORE STUDENTS ~~LIBRARY~~
- NEW FACILITY FULLY FUNDED
- MAY ATTRACT MORE RESIDENTS
- HIGHER UTILIZATION / LOWER OPERATING  
COSTS / MORE EFFICIENT USE OF SPACE / MONEY
- LARGER LIBRARY / NEW FURNACE
- MORE GYM EQUIPMENT / SCHOOL EQUIPMENT
- BETTER USE OF TAX DOLLARS
- BETTER BUS FLOW
- TIGHTER COMMUNITY
- BETTER FUNDING
- NEW FACILITY
- GREATER CHANCE OF SURVIVAL (CATHOLIC SCHOOL)  
IN WAINFLEET



# Community Input

② What are the disadvantages of the proposed joint-use school?

- loss of integrity of Catholic Education
- God as the core of their Education
- dilution of our children's spirituality
- possible distance between School and the church.
- loss of Catholic identity
- overall absolute cost of dealing with the deficiency or cost of building a new School.
- taxes will increase
- bullying of our kids by public school kids who lack strength of faith.
- too easy for parents to decide to slide children from Catholic to Public side of school
- long term impact is the eventual disappearance of the Catholic system!
- individuality is being removed
- the change in the geographical location, church, library, arena, soccer field heritage village.

# Community Input

③ What factors should the Board consider in pursuing a joint-use school?

is location near public facility  
ie arena, soccer field, baseball  
field, library and our church

need to maintain Catholic  
identity

- location close to Church so  
celebrations & Mass can  
be in the Church

- potential shift of students  
to Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk-CDSB

- student voice



# Community Input

- ④ What other alternatives could the Board consider for St. Elizabeth Catholic to deal with excess pupil space?
- try to recruit students from the other 2 schools (especially the Catholics in the district school board currently) to ↑ our enrollment, thus cost / student.
  - ↓ size of our existing school
  - erect a wall part way down the non-gym hallway + rent out space to prospective businesses c their own entrance

# Community Input

- adult education in spare rooms (evening classes)
- we be the school that houses shop, home economics, etc since we have the spare rooms but for other schools to come utilize
- use them for the chess tournaments, extra curriculars
- evangelize, community partnerships

# Community Input

- ? elections poll station
- gym rentals
- students from BHAVENSB coming
- transition between the communities



# Watson & Associates Report

Jack Ammendolia, Director,  
Watson & Associates



## Township of Wainfleet: Viability Of A Shared Elementary School

Niagara Catholic District School Board

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December 17, 2018

# Background



**MOE  
Encouraging  
Shared School  
Initiatives**

**Board Asked  
To Consider  
Shared School  
With DSBN**

**Boards  
Were  
Granted  
MOE Seed  
Money To  
Study**

**NCDSB Has  
Two Existing  
Shared School  
Partnerships**

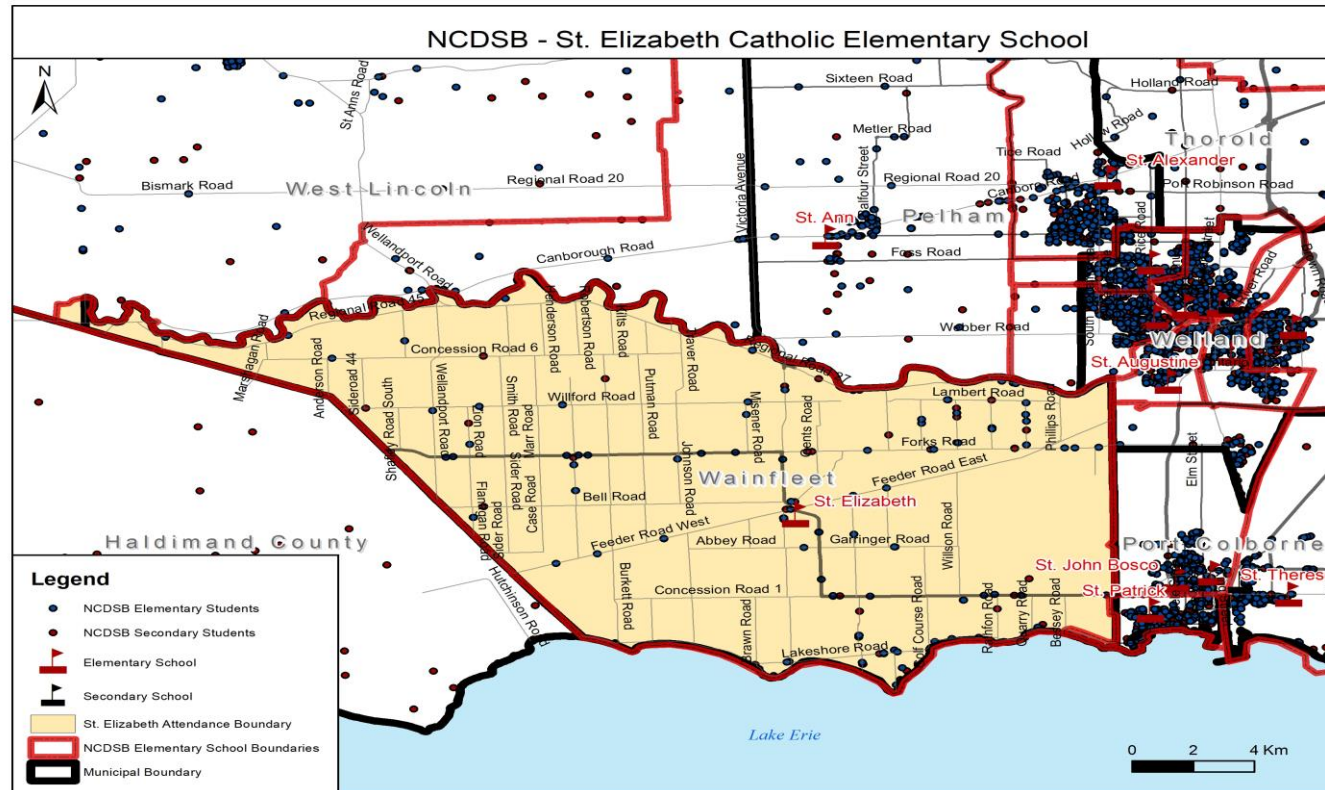
## Consultant Area Of Focus



1. Need
2. Demographics/Enrolment Projections
3. Accommodation Viability
4. Capital Funding Viability



# St. Elizabeth Boundary and Students





## Demographics: Study Area

Wainfleet Population Data	2001 Census	2006 Census	2011 Census	2016 Census	01-06	06-11	11-16
					% Change	% Change	% Change
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>6,310</b>	<b>6,390</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Pre-School Population (0-3)	270	225	230	255	-16.7%	2.2%	10.9%
Elementary School Population (4-13)	910	825	675	665	-9.3%	-18.2%	-1.5%
Secondary School Population (14-18)	490	525	470	415	7.1%	-10.5%	-11.7%
Population Over 18 Years of Age	4,590	5,010	4,935	5,055	9.2%	-1.5%	2.4%

Dwelling Unit Data	2006 Census	2011 Census	2016 Census	2006-2011		2011-2016	
				Change	%	Change	%
Total Occupied Dwellings	<b>2,390</b>	<b>2,337</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Total Population/Dwelling	2.76	2.70	2.65	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
Elementary Pop./Dwelling	0.35	0.29	0.28	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>-16.3%</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
Secondary Pop./Dwelling	0.22	0.20	0.17	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-8.4%</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>



## St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School: Historical Enrolment

<b>GRADES (Headcount)</b>	<b>Historical 2001/2002</b>	<b>Historical 2006/2007</b>	<b>Historical 2011/2012</b>	<b>Historical 2016/2017</b>
<b>JK</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SK</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Enrolment</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Grade Structure Ratio</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>1.37</b>

<b>01-06</b>	<b>06-11</b>	<b>11-16</b>
<b>% Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>200.0%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>-50.0%</b>
<b>-34.9%</b>	<b>-35.7%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>
<b>12.9%</b>	<b>-42.9%</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>
<b>24.0%</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>
<b>-6.4%</b>	<b>-63.6%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>-30.4%</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>
<b>74.1%</b>	<b>-57.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>-18.6%</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>
<b>36.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>
<b>54.5%</b>	<b>-21.6%</b>	<b>-60.0%</b>
<b>11.7%</b>	<b>-24.2%</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>
<b>16.9%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>-18.3%</b>

# Projected Enrolment & Utilization



School Name	On-The-Ground Capacity		Projected			
		2017/ 2018	2022/ 2023	2027/ 2028	2032/ 2033	
St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School	187	97	99	114	126	
<b>Total Surplus/Deficit Space</b>		<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>61</b>	
<b>Total Utilization Rate</b>		<b>52%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>67%</b>	



# Preliminary Observations



- While there is future residential development growth projected in Wainfleet, the Township is still rural in nature and will not likely see the magnitude of development present in other parts of the Region.
- The next closest Niagara Catholic District School Board elementary school (St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School) is approximately 13KM from St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School and St. Ann Catholic Elementary School is approximately 16KM away. As such, any boundary adjustments or consolidation of the facility would result in long and sometimes prohibitive travelling/bussing distances for students.
- Partnership opportunities have been explored but have been limited to date.
- The small size of the school and projected enrolment would result in limited, if any, future capital funding opportunities on a stand-alone basis (ie. replacement school or right-sized school).
- The existing St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School is currently located on a large site practically in the middle of the Township of Wainfleet, making it very central in relation to existing elementary students and other Township facilities or services.

## Preliminary Observations (Con't)



- St. Elizabeth has over 1M in projected school renewal needs - ~\$10,350/student.
- Operating costs per student at the school are almost double the Board average.
- The DSBN's two elementary schools in Wainfleet have a combined enrolment of approximately 375 compared with a combined capacity of almost 500 (~75% utilization).
- It is reasonable to assume, based on projected enrolments and area growth forecasts, that long-term elementary enrolments for both school boards at all 3 Wainfleet schools will average approximately 480 to 520 students over the next 10 years.
- Considering the aforementioned issues and observations, a shared use elementary school is a viable option to consider and likely one of the only options that would result in a new elementary school for both the Board and the community. It is also important to note that other accommodation options may require pupil accommodation reviews and/or re-allocation of enrolment.

## Next Steps



- Board decision on pursuing the study of a joint-use elementary facility in the Township of Wainfleet to replace the existing St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School.
- If the Niagara Catholic District School Board decides to pursue a joint-use elementary facility, notify the DSBN of said decision and complete a business case for Ministry of Education approval.

QUESTIONS?

## Facilitated Session for Input

1. Be respectful
2. Listen attentively to others
3. Participate to the fullest of your ability
4. Goal is not to agree, but to provide and prioritize input

## Facilitated Session for Input

1. Comments/input will be recorded by staff and discussed for clarification.
2. Everyone is provided with the same number of “dots”.
3. Everyone will have opportunity to place dot(s) on the comments that are of priority to them.
4. You can place as many dots on each comment as you wish – total number of dots will indicate importance of the input/comment.

*After hearing the Report from the Watson & Associates Consultant, what stood out for you?*

- 1. What do you like about the recommendation in the report?**
- 2. What do you dislike about the recommendation in the report?**


# Opportunities for Additional Feedback

Feedback Form has been posted on Board website at [niagara.catholic.ca](http://niagara.catholic.ca) under:

- Accommodation Planning,  
St. Elizabeth Consultation


Contact Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services at 905-735-0240, ext. 273



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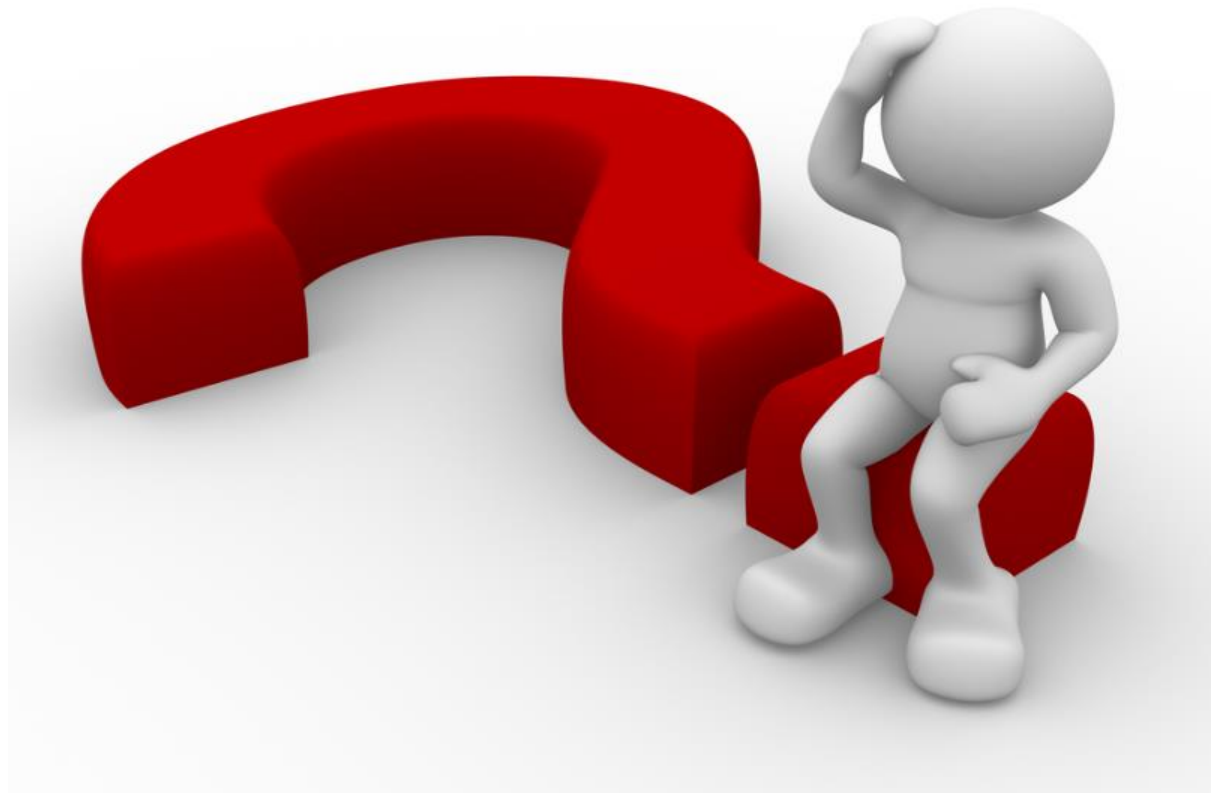
# Further Action

Input from community to be provided at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday January 15, 2019.

Decision by Trustees on proposed joint-use school .

Community will be informed of Trustee decision and next steps.

# Questions



# WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT RECOMMENDATION?

1. St Elizabeth is a good location
2. Catholic presence stays in Wainfleet - don't have to go to another community
3. Children in Wainfleet can go to school in their community (all children)
4. Financial benefits
  - bussing, staffing, hydro utilities, caretaking
5. Strengthens community as a whole
  - all kids stay together - they know each other outside school
  - hockey, soccer
  - know each other
  - everybody knows everybody



## WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE ABOUT RECOMMENDATION?

1. Uncertainty about how it would  
come together  
- concern
2. Lack of other options ●●●  
●●● ie French Immersion
3. Concerned about financial direction ●●●●  
of Province ●●
- 4. What happens at St. Elizabeth  
●●● while the process is worked out? ●●
5. Report did not address outside ●  
●● influences such as work to rule,  
● triple grades (lost families)