

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
Greening Committee Meeting
March 2, 2011, 7pm**

Minutes

Attending: Tara O'Hagan, Nadia Vattovaz, Mary Smeaton, Ellen Lowden, Denise Santini, Paz Galarce, David Stevenson, Lisa Schrenk-Forestell, Veronica Bric

Absent: Irene Cook, Marylou Bozin

D. Santini presented the existing site plan. D. Santini explained the site plan was of her own making after she and E. Lowden walked the site. The site plan E. Lowden had only included the front steps and the other plan available was too old to be useful. The TCDSB will not pay to complete a more recent and accurate plan.

The Committee discussed the next steps in the project as follows:

1. Engage the children of the school as well as the parents and teachers.
 - a. Ideas on how to solicit feedback included but were not limited to: word bubbles, polling in the school yard during lunch/recess, teacher questionnaire, 5-minute JK/SK teacher session with kids, parent feedback via survey through the class parent reps.
 - b. T. O'Hagan agreed to champion this aspect of the project with several members of the group volunteering to either work the school yard polling, create a large version of site plan to allow students to pick favourite/least favourite spots, etc.
 - c. K. Quinn's perspective on current/possible uses of the space would be obtained.
2. Create a conceptual plan
 - a. D. Santini agreed to take on the conceptual drawing. After compilation of the polling results in 1. above, the group will hold an ideas/goals/objective session upon which she could base the design.
 - b. Karen from Evergreen would also be invited to the session to help develop the plan.
3. Prepare funding documents
 - a. There are several funding options with various deadlines of which a key date is June 3, 2011 for which the group felt important to meet.
 - b. N. Vattovaz and L. Forestell agreed to review the various funding options and bring back to group options/timelines.

In order to meet the funding application deadline requirements, the group agreed to the following milestones:

March 21 st to 25 th	-	Children/Community polling
March 28 th (week of)	-	Compilation of polling results
April 6 th	-	Brainstorming/Ideas/Concept session

- April 20th - Review of design
- May 28 - Complete funding applications

T. O'Hagan, on behalf of I. Cook, brought to the table a motion for approximately \$500 for the purchase of a replacement tree in the Butterfly Garden and for bulbs and/or boxwoods for the front steps area of the school. There was discussion among the group and it was determined that more information was required, specifically, what is the impact of these plantings to the school's achievement of gold status and the timelines. D. Stevenson would find the answers and bring them back to the group.

here being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.