



## **Blessed Sacrament Catholic School**

October 13, 2011

Dear Blessed Sacrament School Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff:

We have received air quality test results shared in the accompanying letter dated October 13 (The Board's Occupational Health and Safety Department). The only area requiring mould abatement - storage room 105A - has taken place. The storage room remains closed until the Board receives a final report indicating that the work has been completed.

Our first working committee agreed upon the following:

- Delay the construction until July 2012;
- Move Grade 5/6 English, currently in the gymnasium, to room 109;
- Move Grade 7 French, currently in the library, to the staff room in the mornings with an afternoon rotation in the music room (room 110).
- Move Grade 5 French, currently in the gym, to the music room (room 110) in the mornings with an afternoon rotation in the staff room.

The Health and Safety department determined that we could not use the current staff room as a class since it does not have windows for natural ventilation, or a mechanical ventilation system. Installing a mechanical ventilation system in the staff room is not an option.

As a result, our first working committee plan was left without a third classroom. Consideration for a portable as the third classroom was deemed too expensive, and seeking leased space for a third class has been unsuccessful.

Therefore, the school board has offered to have a small renovation performed by our facilities department to create a third classroom in the lower floor. Permits are not necessary for work performed by our facilities department so the work can begin shortly after receipt of the final report indicating mould abatement work in storage room 105A has been completed.

The small renovation would expand room 102, as originally planned in the renovation, and provide a third classroom space with pupil capacity for the grade 7 class (presently in the library). The demolition preparation would take place outside school hours (possibly on a weekend) using Type 3 asbestos abatement provisions. This type of work provision provides the highest level of health safety assurance to our school community.

The renovation would take place both during and after school hours. Noisier, more disruptive work would take place outside of school hours. The renovation completion would be four to seven weeks dependent upon the work schedule, with more work conducted outside of school hours extending the renovation time frame closer to the seven week period.

We will conduct a working committee meeting on **Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library**. The working committee will be comprised of **all Class Parents** (using the Class Parent list prepared by Lynn Palazzo and shared in the upcoming October 14 CSAC update), CSAC Executive, board staff, facilities staff, and school staff.

The working committee will consider the following three options:

- 1) Delay all construction until July 2012.
  - Move the Grade 5/6 English class to room 109, and the Grade 5 French class to room 110 as soon as possible.
  - The Grade 7 French class remains in the library for the school year.
- 2) Start the renovation of room 102 as soon as possible.
  - Move the Grade 5/6 English class to room 109, and the Grade 5 French class to room 110 as soon as possible. Grade 5/6 and Grade 5 would be in the lower floor classes during the renovation.
  - The Grade 7 French class remains in the library until the renovation to room 102 is complete.
- 3) Start the renovation of room 102 as soon as possible.
  - Move the Grade 5/6 English, Grade 5 French, and Grade 7 French classes to the lower floor when the renovation to room 102 is complete.

Parents are invited to share their thoughts with their respective **Class Parent** for representation at the working committee meeting.

I look forward to meeting with the working committee on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 to determine our course of action.

Sincerely,

Vern Sweeney  
Principal

cc: Maria Rizzo, Catholic School Trustee  
Lori DiMarco, Superintendent of Education