

## MEETING MINUTES / ANNOUNCEMENT

Further to last year's Master Site planning sessions, Trafalgar Castle School held a special meeting on January 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed renovations to the Chapel. The meeting was advertised to all faculty, alumnae, current and former parents, and friends of the School by way of e-mail, mail, social media. (If you are not receiving School communications by way of your preferred method of communication please contact Sarah Harries-Taylor at harries-taylor.sarah@trafalgarcastle.ca.)

The meeting was attended by approximately **25** people including present and former faculty, alumnae, current parents, administration, and staff. Head of School Dr. Leanne Foster gave a presentation detailing the origins of the idea and need to renovate the Chapel. In short, Dr. Foster's presentation highlighted some of the changes the School has undergone in recent memory and reiterated the fact that the School needs to find a multipurpose space for large groups to meet in furtherance of its efforts to stay current and ahead of the needs and challenges that exist for a modern day all-girls' private school. Following the Master Site planning sessions and given the available alternatives (or lack thereof), and with the Chapel in need of renovation in any event, the decision to revitalize this underutilized space was an organic and natural one that offers the opportunity to merge tremendous Trafalgar tradition with future innovation and preparation for the next generation.

All individuals present at the meeting had the opportunity to ask questions and share their opinion on the proposed plans to renovate the Chapel and engaged in a thoughtful conversation spanning a few hours. The meeting offered an opportunity to not only discuss the more logistical aspects of the proposed renovation (e.g. technical components, budget, etc.) it also fostered a

meaningful discussion that highlighted the treasured values, qualities, and unique sisterhood that underlies the Chapel and the School experience and that are forever shared by the members of the Trafalgar Community, both new and old.

The School thanks all individuals who took the time to attend the meeting, as well as those who wrote to us and submitted responses and opinions in advance of the meeting. We are incredibly thankful for our thoughtfully engaged and passionate Trafalgar Community. In an effort to minimize future miscommunication and to ensure transparency as to the current status and next steps of the proposed renovation, please be advised that:

- i. Renderings of the proposed renovations have been created and cost estimates were completed, but no decision has been made at this point in time;
- ii. A meeting of the Parents' Guild took place on January 30, 2019 and the proposed renovations were discussed;
- iii. The School will be meeting with students after March Break to present the proposal and to review and discuss specific student needs;
- iv. The School will accept design/idea submissions from any interested party until April 1, 2019. They may be submitted Dr. Foster at [foster.leanne@trafalgarcastle.ca](mailto:foster.leanne@trafalgarcastle.ca) and,
- v. A final decision will be made by the School prior to the 2019-2020 academic year.

It is, and always was, the School's intention to proceed with the renovation to the Chapel in an open and transparent manner and with a view to preserving the values and unique qualities of the Chapel that are beloved and shared by the Trafalgar Community. We endeavour to maintain these values while we find a way to make space for change and the modern Trafalgar Girl.