

**Boundary Review – Banbury Heights and Branlyn Community School, Brantford**

**Public Information Session – Virtual (MS Teams)**

**Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**Working Committee Members:**

Rafal Wyszynski – Superintendent of Business (Chair of Session)

Liana Thompson – Superintendent of Education

Carol Ann Sloat – Trustee

Peter Ashe – Principal, Banbury Heights

Joe Atanas – Principal, Branlyn Community School

Ashley Graham – Planning Officer

Rebecca Graham-Blevins – Parent, Banbury Heights

Superintendent Rafal Wyszynski commenced the public meeting at 7:05 pm. Trustee Carol Ann Sloat read the Land Acknowledgement statement. The Working Group members were introduced.

A brief presentation was shared with those in attendance, providing details regarding: the boundary review process; purpose of the boundary review; number of students within the amended catchment area; distance to schools; general information about schools; next steps; questions and discussion. The Boundary Review slide deck for Banbury Heights School and Branlyn Community School is available on the Grand Erie District School Board Website for reference.

The proposed boundary under review would redirect students at the southern edge of the catchment area for Banbury Heights to Branlyn Community School. The boundary adjustment would use the creek through Jaycee Park as the divide. This would balance the student enrolment and utilization between the two schools and potentially eliminate the need for the six-room Relocatable Classroom Module from Banbury Heights.

Ashley Graham, Planning Officer, offered information as to how to provide feedback to the Working Group. The Working Group will meet again February 23, 2022 to discuss feedback from the community. If the group believes there is enough information, a report will be prepared for the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, with final consideration at the March 28, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

Superintendent Wyszynski opened the floor to questions.

**Questions/Comments from the Community:**

**Will there be an opportunity to grandparent current students and siblings, allowing for them to remain at their current school?**

Yes, there are ways to grandparent to meet the requests of families.

**Have the Principals received any feedback from their communities in advance of the meeting this evening?**

The primary question from parents is regarding grandparenting existing students and siblings.