



# Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #3 - Waterford

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

5 pm

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## MINUTES

### Grand Erie Staff:

Chair, W. Baker, Superintendent of Education  
R. Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business  
N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor  
K. Graham, Superintendent of Education  
T. Rodrigues, Principal Boston Public School  
A. Cunningham, Principal Waterford Public School  
L. Butler, Principal Teeterville Public School  
I. Summers, Principal Delhi Public School  
C. McGrath, Vice-Principal Waterford Public School and Delhi Public School

### Community:

J. Della Fortuna, Principal Waterford District High School  
A. Schuyler, Principal Burford District Elementary School  
C. McCready, Waterford Public School Parent Council  
A. Dox, Boston Public School Parent Council  
L. Helder, Waterford District High School Parent Council  
C. Mallett, Waterford Public School Parent Council  
L. Rockefeller, Boston Public School Parent Council  
S. Crotta, Bloomsburg Public School Parent Council

### Trustees:

D. Werden

### Absent with Regrets:

S. Nicholson, Principal Bloomsburg Public School  
E. Dixon, Trustee

### Recorder:

W. Kipp, Executive Assistant

### A - 1 Opening

#### (a) Welcome

Superintendent Wyszynski read Land Acknowledgement

#### (b) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Meeting #2 minutes approved

### B - 1 Boundary Review Options

- Option #1 – Waterford Public School (WPS) Grade 8 students move to Waterford District High School (WDH)
- Option #2 – WPS Grades 7 and 8 students move to WDH
- Option #3 – WPS Grades 6, 7 and 8 move to WDH
- Option #4 – Grades 7 and 8 students from WPS, Bloomsburg Public School (BLO), Boston Public School (BOS), Delhi Public School (DPS) and Teeterville Public School (TEE) move to WDH
- Option #5 – Adjust the boundaries for WPS, BLO, BOS, DPS and TEE.
- Option #6 – Students living within the town of Waterford attend WPS; rural WPS students move to surrounding elementary schools
- Option #7 – Move the WPS kindergarten classes to WDH



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#### C - 1 Information

J. Della Fortuna, Principal Waterford District High School (WDH) shared pros and cons for the varying options that would affect the WDH.

Superintendent L. Thompson shared her outlook on what it was like working in a 7 – 12 school.

A. Cunningham, Principal WPS shared results from the survey of WPS parent community.

192 people responded to the survey regarding option #7, WPS Kindergarten children going to WDH.

- 73 people liked the idea
- 65 people did not like the idea
- 54 were undecided and felt they required more information around the logistics of this option.
- Superintendent Wyszynski noted that there was not categorization of which students these parents represented.

#### D - 1 Statements

- If Kindergarten was placed in high school, they would have two transitions vs Grade 6 – 8's who would have one transition.
- C.M likes the idea of using the high school
- C.M. would like children from Waterford kept in Waterford by using the high school.
- We could navigate to achieve enrollment of 385 students by moving grade 6, 7 and 8 students to the high school, adjust the boundaries to be a bit tighter for Waterford and build in a legacy provision so current students are not affected.
- Consider families or individual students for legacy accommodation.
- If 6, 7 and 8's move to high school would appear to be an option but we have the grade 6 consideration for the committee to look at.
- If we do not move grade 6's then we would have to look at adjusting the boundary areas of the 75 students, we mentioned without the legacy accommodations. Taking into consideration that some of those 75 would be 7 and 8's that would have moved to WDH.
- Waterford representatives are not supportive of grade 6's going into the high school.
- Kindergarten numbers will not meet the enrollment goal.
- From a capital perspective it is easier to convert the existing classrooms into grade 6-8 versus the infrastructure required for Kindergarten.

#### E - 1 Community Input Questions

**How many children from daycare at the high school go to WPS?  
Which options would move enough students?**

Target enrollment of 360 students at WPS the following options would work:

Option #3 and a few of the other options would achieve the goal but with additional adjustments.



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#### **Are we going to request an addition again?**

Based on the feedback from the Ministry with respect to capacity at local schools, we would likely have to ensure these are met before we put in another submission. Once those criteria have been reached and the Ministry is satisfied all of Grand Erie District School Board options have been exhausted then they will look at a business case for an addition or new school.

#### **Do we believe that the Waterford Community does not want their children to move to other schools?**

Yes, want to stay in their own community.

#### **Would Waterford families be okay if we were to shuffle the grades between schools every year based on the need?**

Our house runs on stability and consistency and there would be a lot of uncertainty in a world that they already don't have much control over.

Boston parent shared that they would not want their children to be shipped out to another community.

#### **How would sports work for Grade 6's if they go to the high school?**

Schools would have to work out the logistics and would be a complication.

Sports for grade 6's is manageable.

#### F - 1 **Next Steps**

Additional meeting to be scheduled to discuss the following options:

1. WPS Kindergarten moved to WDH with boundary changes.
2. WPS Grade 7 and 8 moved to WDH with boundary changes.
3. WPS Kindergarten and Grade 8 moved to WDH.

#### G - 1 **Next Meeting**

Thursday, November 17, 2022