



Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee - Waterford

Thursday, September 29, 2022

4:30 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

S. Nicholson, Principal - Bloomsburg Public School

C. McGrath, Vice-Principal - Waterford Public School and Delhi Public School

Community:

L. Cooper, Delhi Public School Parent Council

M. Lambert, Teeterville Public School Parent Council

E. Doxtater, Boston Public School Parent Council

L. Rockefeller, Boston Public School Parent Council

C. Locke, Waterford District High School Parent Council

C. McCready, Waterford Public School Parent Council

Trustees:

E. Dixon

S. Gibson

Absent with

D. Werden, Trustee

Regrets:

Recorder:

W. Kipp, Executive Assistant

A - 1 Opening

(a) Welcome

Superintendent Baker read Land Acknowledgement

B - 1 Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

Superintendent Wyszynski presented the Terms of Reference.

C - 1 Boundary Review

(a) Background

N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor, provided an overview of the purpose and timelines of this boundary review. It was noted that school closures cannot be considered under a boundary review.

(b) Current Situation/Enrollment Projections

N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor, provided an overview and identified the following:

- Waterford Public School (WPS) is operating at 141% capacity, with seven portables.
- Funding requests for a six-classroom addition onto WPS was submitted to the Ministry of Education in 2021-22 and 2022-23. Both funding requests were denied based on the fact Grand Erie District School Board has space at the nearby schools.
- Schools included in this review are Bloomsburg PS, Boston PS, Delhi PS, Teeterville PS, WPS and Waterford District High School (WDHS)



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(c) **Accommodation options**

N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor, presented some ideas on how to approach the accommodation review, but noted these are not final options and Grand Erie wants to work with the community for input and alternative options.

1. WDHS accommodate Junior and Intermediate grades.
2. Excess enrollment from WPS to be accommodated at Bloomsburg PS, Boston PS and Teeterville PS. Transportation will be required.

D - 1 **Round Table**

C. Locke, WDHS Parent Council, asked if a porta pack and community fundraising are options? Superintendent Wyszynski responded that, as part of one of our submissions, we indicated that the board would be willing to accept funding for a porta pack in lieu of an addition, but the Ministry denied a porta pack. Superintendent Wyszynski further noted boards have very little flexibility and must follow the Ministry capital priorities program when adding square footage to a building.

C. McCready, WPS Parent Council, asked would students be grandfathered into the decision? N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor, responded that it would be premature to answer this question and recommended this be added as a future agenda item to review and understand the scale of impact the board would like to have at WPS and current families.

E - 1 **Next Meeting**

Public Consultation still to be scheduled.

F - 1 **Adjournment**

5:35 pm