



Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #3 – Brantford East

January 12, 2023

5:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Grand Erie Staff:

Chair, J. White, Superintendent of Education
R. Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business
L Munro, Superintendent of Program
J. Ammendolia, Watson & Associates
D. Atanas, Principal – Central Public School
I. Segura-Romero, Principal – Echo Place School
D. Johnson, Vice-Principal – Major Ballachey Public School
C. Bannister, Principal – King George School
D. McGaghan, Principal – Woodman-Cainsville School
J. Pathak, Planning Officer

Community:

P. MacDougall
S. Bradfield
A. Bogema
S. Radojcic

Trustees:

C. A. Sloat
S. Gibson

Absent with Regrets:

G. Ash, Principal - Major Ballachey Public School

Recorder

E. Roberts, Executive Assistant

A - 1 **Opening & Welcome**

Chair Superintendent White welcomed the group. Superintendent White stated the goal of this evening's meeting is to review the options presented for consideration at the last meeting and selection of viable options for presentation at the public meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023. Superintendent Wyszynski read the Land Acknowledgement.

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the BRSAC Meeting #2, dated December 15, 2022 were approved with the removal of the stated start times. Start times for future meetings was discussed. Future meetings will be scheduled to start at 5:30 pm to better support the availability of community members and staff.

C - 1 **Business Arising From Minutes**

- J. Ammendolia, Consultant with Watson & Associates, reviewed the options prepared and discussed at the December 15, 2022 meeting noting figures presented this evening have been updated and compiled using 2022-23 actual enrolment data. These figures show further overcapacity and under-utilization issues, some exceeding the projections for the 2022-23 school year, and beyond.

Inclusion of the GELA site on Rawdon Street in Brantford for consideration of as an option for accommodation of Grade 7 and 8 students was raised. R. Wyszynski advised that closing of the GELA site to secondary students would require a separate Accommodation Review process, therefore would not be an option for consideration in this review. It was noted that new development in the Arrowdale is undetermined and as such potential growth in the community cannot yet be analyzed.



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The four most potentially viable options were further reviewed. These options were selected based on their resulting impact in decreasing enrolment pressures at Woodman-Cainsville, aiding to equalize capacity at the remaining schools, and accommodation of future growth needs. Students who walk to school will not be affected by any of these proposed options.

Option 1: Excess Woodman-Cainsville enrolment accommodated at King George PS, and boundary change with surrounding schools.

Option 2: Intermediate grades from Woodman-Cainsville and Central accommodated at Pauline Johnson CVS.

Option 3: Intermediate grades from all schools accommodated at Pauline Johnson CVS.

Option 4: Intermediate grades from all schools accommodated at Pauline Johnson CVS and boundary changes.

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Boundary Review Option Exploration

- In response to questions, J. Ammendolia and J. White stated that families will want to give consideration/provide input with respect to whether creating a Grade 7 to 12 school model, and maintaining community connections (in relation to splitting area 17 along Pace Avenue) are significant determining factors in the selection of a preferred option.
- School yard capacity for accommodation of portables while allowing for pupil outdoor play areas was raised as an area also requiring consideration.

Creation of an option involving Branlyn Community School, for analysis and consideration, was requested.

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Future Meetings

Thursday, January 19, 2023 – Public #2 at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – Ad Hoc #4 at 5:30 p.m.