



Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #5 – Brantford East

January 26, 2023

5:30 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
S. Lees, Watson & Associates
D. Atanas, Principal – Central Public School
Jennifer Brackenbury - Branlyn Community School
I. Segura-Romero, Principal – Echo Place School
C. Bannister, Principal - King George School
G. Ash, Principal - Major Ballachey Public School
D. McGaghan, Principal – Woodman-Cainsville School
J. Pathak, Planning Officer

Community:

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

Trustees:

J. Lomanto
C. A. Sloat
S. Gibson

Recorder

E. Roberts, Executive Assistant

A - 1 **Opening & Welcome**

Chair Superintendent White welcomed those present and introduced new members in attendance: Branlyn Community School, Principal, Jennifer Brackenbury; Jennifer Oliver and Jill Lomanto, Branlyn School Council Representatives; and, Sarah Lees, Watson and Associates.

Superintendent Wyszynski read the Land Acknowledgement.

Superintendent White provided an overview of the boundary review process for the new members in attendance. The purpose of this review is to advise and provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees for boundary changes in the Brantford East community to address over-capacity pressures and under-utilization within the involved schools. It was noted that a school closure cannot be considered during a boundary review process.

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the BRSAC Meeting #4, dated January 19, 2023 were accepted.

C - 1 **Business Arising From Minutes**

(a) Review and Selection of Viable Options

J. Ammendolia, Consultant with Watson and Associates explained the current accommodation situation and reviewed options developed and discussed at BRSAC Meetings 1-4. Both boundary changes and grade structure changes have been explored.



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It was noted that the Special Ad Hoc Committee recommends the schools in this review maintain the existing grade JK-8 configuration (for elementary school), and grade 9-12 configuration (for secondary schools). The Committee does not recommend any options considering a grade 7 to 12 senior elementary/secondary school.

A question was asked around when the proposed changes would take effect. Superintendent Wyszynski responded that following presentation at the Public Meeting on Jan. 31, 2023, the Board of Trustees will consider proposed recommendations from the Brantford East Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee, and a decision would be made for implementation in September 2023.

A question was asked about whether a new school could be considered to address the accommodation pressures. J. Ammendolia explained that capacity must be fully utilized at schools adjacent to those experiencing over-capacity prior to a business proposal being considered by the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a new school.

It was agreed that the boundary change options presented at this evening's meeting will be taken-forward for public input on January 31, 2023.

(b) Other considerations

No other considerations were raised

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Future Meetings

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – Public Meeting #2 at 5:30 pm

Monday, February 6, 2023 – Special Ad Hoc #6 at 5:30 pm