



Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #4 -Paris

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

5:30 pm

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Grand Erie Staff:

Chair, W. Baker, Superintendent of Education
R. Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business
J. Cottam, Principal St. George German Public School
R. Garnier, Principal North Ward Public School
L. Hearn, Principal Glen Morris Central Public School
K. Graham, Superintendent of Education
P. Kuckyt, Manager of Transportation Services
C. MacDonald, Principal Cobblestone Elementary School
L. Reuben, Principal Paris Central Public School
A. Schuyler, Principal Burford District Public School
J. Pathak, Planning Officer

Community:

J. Ammendolia, Watson and Associates
C. Balog, Paris High School Parent Council
S. Beatty, St. George German Public School Parent Council
M. Fairfax, Glen Morris Central Public School Parent Council
M. Francis Paris District High School Parent Council
B. Kenney, Paris Central School Parent Council
S. Nash, Cobblestone Public School Parent Council
M. Shewburg, Glen Morris Central Public School Parent Council
M. Starratt, Burford District Elementary School Parent Council
Y. Rutherford, North Ward Public School Parent Council
J. Valenti, Watson and Associates

Trustees:

R. Collver
T. Waldschmidt

Regrets:

N. Hecanuck, Planning Supervisor
L. Keefe, Paris Central School Parent Council
J. Merrick, Principal Paris District High School

Recorder:

W. Kipp, Executive Assistant

A - 1 Opening

(a) Welcome

Superintendent Wyszynski read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
Superintendent Wyszynski reviewed the Boundary Review Special AD Hoc Committee Terms of Reference.

(b) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

Boundary Review Special AD Hoc Additional meeting and Boundary Review Public #2 meeting minutes were approved.

B - 1 Information

J. Ammendolia, Watson and Associates supplied feedback and discussion regarding email, chat, and questions from the public meeting.



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C - 1 Statements

- It is important to use space at Glen Morris Central Public School (GLE) and St. George German School (SGG).
- L. Reuben, Principal Paris Central School (PCS) surveyed PCS French Immersion (FI) families to obtain an idea about FI families and how they feel about going to BUR FI. 81 families participated, 30 families have students in the FI program, 50 do not. The second question was how you would feel about FI students moving to BUR. 30 support the move, 18 opposed and 32 were unsure and did not know how they felt.
- All students do have pedestrian friendly crosswalks from area 6-2 other than students who would have to walk from Bobby West. Further review would be required but there are no reservations that Lions Park is a safe walking route for students to get to PCS.
- Walking from Church Street and Dundas Street West to PCS would be unsafe with significant roads that would have to be crossed.
- Once the boundary review comes into effect, unless board approved legacy is implemented, students who were bussed to their current school and due to the boundary changes moved to a new school, they become ineligible for transportation and will not be able to continue the bus unless through board approved exception or courtesy bussing which is not guaranteed each year.
- Out of Area students will be returned to their home schools with exceptions of programing.
- Burford District Elementary School (BUR) houses FI because requests were made by communities to have FI available in rural areas.
- Recommendation changes submitted by February 27th, can be implemented by September 2023. We can make a second set of recommendations, but those recommendations would not be implemented until September 2024.

D - 1 Next Steps

The committee will add the following to their report for recommendation to the Board of Trustees to ensure inclusion on the next capital submission:

1. An addition to Cobblestone Elementary School (COB)
2. Seek to build a new elementary school in the Paris area.

Decisions made by the committee:

- FI 6 to 8 at PCS move to BUR.
- Areas 11 and 12 attend GLE.
- The committee acknowledged that there is a significant concern with recommending an express bus from Paris to BUR. This would pose an equity issue, why supply an express bus only for FI students and where would the pickup and drop off spot be located to ensure equality for everyone.

Discussions and decisions:

- Discussion regarding 6, 7 and 8 FI students finish at PCS and all new registrants attend BUR.



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- Confirm which grades will be legaced into COB. It has been discussed to legacy the grade 7 and 8's. The number of grade 7 and 8's that will be required to be grandfathered in would be 4 grade 6's and two grade 7's.
- Decide if boundary changes will include areas 5, 8, 9, 10 and the golf course to attend NWS which can house seven portables or keep 5, 8, 9 and 10 at COB.
- Decide if area 6-1 will attend PCS.
- J. Ammendolia, Watson and Associates will bring detailed numbers and information for the committee to finalize decisions.
- An additional meeting is required to finalize the committee recommendations.

E - 1 **Next Meeting**
Monday, February 6, 2023