

# Bellmoore & New School on Summit Park Site Temporary Accommodation Strategy Public Meeting Tuesday January 22 2019 6:00 pm

### Bellmoore Elementary School 35 Pumpkin Pass, Binbrook, ON

**Attendance:** Associate Director of Learning Services Peter Sovran, Superintendent Paul Denomme, Superintendent Jeff Gillies, Ellen Warling, Manager-Planning and Accommodation, Ian Hopkins Planner- Planning and Accommodation, Kevin Heer, Principal at Bellmoore, Michael Azzopardi, Vice Principal at Bellmoore

HWDSB Resource Staff – Mark Taylor Communications, Board Facilitators
Trustees – Board Chair Alex Johnstone Wards 11&12
Public – approximately 75 attendees based on Sign In sheets
Executive Assistant Recording – Kathleen Hussey

Welcoming remarks and Introductions were followed by a presentation by Superintendent Denomme which outlined the purpose of the Boundary Review Policy as it applies to the Temporary Accommodation Strategy, the Mandate, Guiding Principles and Role of the Advisory Panel, and timelines associated with the Temporary Accommodation Review. The presentation identified information regarding both Bellmoore and the New School on the Summit Park Site as well as current projections for both schools covering 2019 to 2023. Options for addressing the Temporary Accommodation needs through grades, capping and organizational change were presented.

Upon completion of the presentation the public were invited to attend at 4 stations set up in the school, 3 in the gymnasium, 1 in the library, where Facilitators were available to assist them with the process of sharing their voice through the use of Post-it notes and/or an Accommodation Feedback Form. At the end of the meeting the Post-it notes and completed Forms were collected. Emails were also received by Superintendent Denomme's Office and Superintendent Gillies Office from members of the school communities who were unable to attend the Public Meeting.

A total of 28 Feedback Forms, 224 Post-it notes and 30 emails were received between Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> post meeting and Tuesday January 29th. The feedback received is reflected below.



The following represent the Options presented and include the comments made on the Post-it notes. (Note that #s reflect # Assigned for January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting)

## Option #3: Capping JK, JK Sibling Rule at Bellmoore and No New SK-8 Students Enrol at Bellmoore:

87 Post-it Notes posted

- -How do you prepare new JK students for their first school experience based on the lottery and not knowing where they'll be going
- -Our youngest students on buses the longest
- -I don't like the fact that my child would have a 30 minute or more bus ride in the winter
- -Don't agree with this option students are too young to be bussed off to Summit Park
- -Separates new Binbrook families
- -Talk about dividing a community. Your neighbors kids can go to Bellmoore but your child didn't win the" lottery"
- -This does not seem fair to families that have lived in Binbrook for a long time who have their first born attending JK in 2019
- -Have there been recent examples of "capping" in other school zones? What was the outcome and student/ family feedback?
- -What is the definition of a "new student"?
- -Pushing through permits etc. to have an addition for 2020 would allow the accommodation to only be for one year
- -We are asking this number to be <u>fluid</u> dependent on Bellmoore's enrollment. Balance Summit Park and Bellmore
- -Why 100? Should be evaluated every year
- -This "solution" will have to be looked at and dealt with year after year! It's an ongoing battle
- -Reassess the 100 cap each year. Numbers will need to be adjusted when the new school is built
- -Make number of JK students fluid based on need for school. Can have set criteria for enrollment
- -Keeping JK enrolment fluid year to year is the best way to address accommodations needs on a flexible basis evening out the need for portables at both schools
- -I have been a bulldog for nine years! I wanna graduate as one too. That's why I think this is a good option! Thank you!
- -This option is the only viable option
- -This keeps families together-Bellmore kids together- New families to Summit Park
- -Looking at numbers capping JK enrolment to kids with siblings already at Bellmoore seems like the only good option
- -I am a grade 7 student and I think this is the best option I don't wanna be split up from my



younger friends. My bus is already really late so what's gonna happen? We don't have enough buses for the grade 7s and 8s to be moved. Who's going to watch the kindergartens?

- -Great option! Keeps students where they are and allows new students to start at the new school
- -Capping JK enrollment with siblings grandfathered in is the <u>only</u> option that actually eases accommodation pressure at Bellmoore. Increasing JK numbers on a yearly basis will even out the population at both schools
- -Capping new registrations keeps families together
- -For years there were signs posted in this community you may not go to the community school so newcomers now should also not have that expectation
- -It's really the only viable option to not divide this community and cause negative impacts i.e. finances childcare social relationships
- -Reduces child care. All kids are on the same bus
- -Best option! Keep families together
- -Best option is to cap kindergarten and phase in grade change- with JK siblings allowed -having grade 7 and 8 here for before and after care providers
- -Kids are much happier that the family stays together
- -There have been signs posted for over 5 years stating that new families to the community may not be able to attend the local school! Keep the current Bellmoore students together and don't marginalize the kids that were already moved in the past
- -Grade 7 and 8 have enough anxiety leave them at Bellmoore Capping seems like the best idea
- -When we first moved to Bellmore almost 12 years ago we were told about not getting into Bellmore and we easily excepted that we were new. Now we are not and want to have a Grade 8 student graduate in Bellmoore
- -What about your signs that have been posted for over five years stating this?
- -Grade 7/8 \*Have Anxiety\* better to keep it the way it is in the same school
- -My girls started at Mount Albion before coming to Bellmore worked Okay
- -Been done before and worked great!
- -We need to keep the kids that have lived here their entire lives GRADUATING at THEIR school! All new residents need to attend the new school!
- -Cap for kindergarten works. My daughter moved from 7 to 78 split. Has anxiety and attendance issues already. Being moved to another school for Gr 8 year will not help. Also watches younger sister. childcare not financially available
- -Grade 7/8 stay with siblings
- -The same group of students currently in 7/8 we're bussed to Mount Albion in JK SK we were aware of that when we moved in and was no issue
- -Only option that makes sense!
- -Best and the only fair option for current Bellmoore students. This should have been implemented years ago!



- -Signs have been posted in Binbrook for years warning that new enrollments may not necessarily attend Bellmoore. So it only makes sense!
- -Will there be options to have older siblings attend Summit Park as well e.g. Grade 1's
- -Best for keeping the family together
- -The only option that actually reduces overcrowding
- -Why would you keep 7s and 8s with the goal of keeping families together and then even entertain the option of having a general lottery without siblings having first dibs? Siblings need to stay together!
- -Seems like the best option as it keeps families together, allows kids to finish grade 8 in the school that they started. This option is also consistent with the HWDSB signs placed at proposed development sites indicating that new families moving in may not be accommodated at Bellmoore
- -Allows kids to maintain after school Jobs
- -No change in childcare needs. Older siblings able to provide care
- -Can we extend the sibling preference to MJ students who live in the community and were former Bellmore students?
- -Capping keeps siblings together and does not make <u>any</u> student have to change a school that they already attend
- -This option allows all of the current Bellmore students and their preschool aged children to REMAIN at school
- -New families that are moving to Binbrook have already been informed this might happen it won't be a shock
- -Support cap but including new JK's with older siblings in school already
- -Capping is the best option. This allows for minimal disruption to existing students
- -New families will go to Summit -friends will be made and stay together- families know from day one- new students won't have the mental stress- keeps Bellmore students and families together JK SK of current students included
- -Only Option Bellmoore student stay at Bellmoore! No disruption to friendships made over the years. Reduce emotional mental stress and depression
- -Grandfather existing siblings to be included!
- -This option has to include JK siblings being enrolled
- -Has to include JK siblings to be enrolled for sure
- -Seems to be the best option but allowing more than 100 cap each year. Revisit allowance of JKs each year to keep Bellmoore and Summit balanced
- -Has anyone thought of the student mental status? Keep families and friends together!
- -This option makes the most sense to me. It keeps families together
- -Want my family to be kept at the same school!
- -Capping new students and JK students will not be splitting up families. This is done in surrounding areas. We need grade 7 and 8 students to stay at Bellmore to care for younger



#### siblings.

- -Capping enrollment has worked before. Mount Albion holding school for the new Bellmoore
- -Enrollment should be capped for JKs entering for those with siblings already at Bellmoore but this should include those entering SK as well for parents who chose to not do JK
- -I agree with it doesn't disrupt the current student community
- -Even though the portable count will eventually be high at Summit Park all options create High portable counts at Summit Park and eventually when a new school is built in Binbrook that portable count will decrease
- -This option keeps our families together!!
- -Perfect! Doesn't break amazing friendships that have been built and keeps families together
- -I think as a Bellmoore student it is a good idea so students who are already at Bellmoore can continue to stay at Bellmoore
- -Best option to optimize busing. Shorter bus times and fewer kids to go over
- -DO THE RIGHT THING! Keep our students at their Home School
- -I believe that all existing students should stay at Bellmoore. Our kids feel that they are being removed, but allowing new kids in
- -I think it is a good option because the grade 7 and 8's don't have to move schools. Also the great 8 students can graduate at Bellmoore
- -Families with children at MJ should be included as "siblings" so that families don't have to drop off so far away. If the purpose is to make things easy on individual family you should keep whole family as close together geographically as possible
- -Pros for capping kids who are already in the area stay together- kids moving into the area will go to Summit and also have friends in the Neighborhood and different friends at their school-families that have kids already at the school are kept together you can't have families split up-kids who started out at Bellmoore stay here as relationships are already established &kids coming into the neighborhood will go to Summit and won't know any different and will make new friends there as they are new to Binbrook
- -Capping shows the best reduction in enrollment
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- -I think this is a good idea because everyone gets to stay at Bellmoore
- -Capping- keeping existing students in Bellmoore is the <u>only right</u> decision. New students won't know or experience a sense of loss. Boundaries rip apart community
- -Cap Option is most preferred as it does not displace or split up any current population of Bellmoore. The lotto is a small price to pay for the balance this can generate between Bellmoore and Summit Park. It doesn't displace or split up homes or the community.



## Option #4: Bellmoore Kindergarten Students Attend New School on the Summit Park Site 27 Post-it Notes submitted

- -This is not a good plan
- -You can't have greater than 50% of the school population in JK/SK
- -That poor bus driver!
- -JK&SK kids can't even get on and off a bus as they are physically too small to go up/down the stairs
- -Mental health of 3 and 4-year-olds- they are scared to come to school for JK... They cry at drop-off, who consoles those crying kids on a bus?
- -Not a viable option at this stage
- -This separate families!???!
- -Who supervises all of the 3 and 4-year-olds on the bus?
- -Not an option. Bussing??? Too young
- -With the shortage of bus drivers already this would be near impossible to get a driver for all these 3 to 5-year-olds
- -Doesn't solve the crowding issue. What happens in 2023 when SP is at capacity?
- -Does not solve overcrowding
- -Kindergarten to move CON younger kids on the bus too long -already have kindergarten classes set up at Bellmoore- not enough before and after care spots at Summit Park
- -Overcrowding of Kinders wouldn't provide proper facilities for that many
- -400 kindergarten kids at Summit Park?!?! CRAZY
- -separates families
- -Where will the extra buses come from to transport kids?
- -RIDICULOUS
- -How will busing work for families that live at the far boundaries of the school zone and would have students at both Bellmoore and Summit Park?
- -if JK&SK are moved I would like my Grade 1 to be at Summit as well. Is this an option?
- -Can I move my Grade 1 & 2 Students as well?
- -Signs have existed for years saying no new enrollment, stick to the plan
- -Having grade 7, 8 stay is what should happen. New kids are not members of the community so they won't experience a sense of loss
- -Will SP even be ready in September 2019? I think not! No one will answer What then??
- -What if Summit Park does not open on time?
- -Where do 7/8s go if new school is not ready?
- -Will Summit Park even be ready in September? I think not. What then? No one will answer this!
- -JK-SK move to SP. Not a reasonable or ?? (writing not legible)



## Option #5: Bellmoore Grade 7 and 8 Students Attend New School on the Summit Park Site 66 Post-it Notes Submitted

- -What if your grandfather younger siblings to Summit to keep families together?
- -Have you looked at the number of 7/8s at Summit Park?
- -Allows 7/8s to meet others who will be at Saltfleet
- -Agreed! (per above statement)
- -Acceptable if moving all grade 7&8s maintain friendships meet students going to same high school. Must consider bus and bell times so older siblings are home at the same time as younger
- -Makes sense to have older students on the bus rather than 3/4-year-olds
- -Agreed! (per above statement)
- -Grade 7&8 are older and can adapt to change better than JK and SK. They will be going to a different school for high school anyhow! I want my JK in Grade 1 at the same school
- -Agreed! (per above statement)
- -Keeps" big kid" problems away from little kids
- -Open to grade 7&8 move but my concerns are; bussing and arriving on time (already a problem in Binbrook) moving all the student babysitters to another school!
- -What happens to the 7/8 teachers?
- -Leaders in school leaders i.e. lunch monitors bus monitors
- -Loss of childcare and separation of siblings
- -They are the community babysitters
- -Separating families ⊗
- -Losing our older sibling support for a special-needs younger son. This is also causing anxiety in the older sibling
- -300+ 7/8s???
- -There will be too many 7s & 8s at the new Summit Park School!
- -Let the current 6s and 7s he graduates of Bellmoore
- -Staffing to manage all of the inappropriate behaviour of all those 7s & 8s
- -Increased number of conflict with such a high number of 7s & 8s
- -Bussing- how can you possibly bus all these children when you are in a driver crisis?!
- -Our grade 6 (next year grade 7) wants to graduate a Bulldog and do her part in student council in a school she's attended since kindergarten
- -MENTAL HEALTH and WELL-BEING of the student?? You are creating an unwanted feeling
- -These children have ALREADY been bussed/transitioned once
- -"Bottom Heavy" school No seniors?
- -Numbers still over 1000 in 2023 NOT acceptable \*
- -Your projections are still over 1000 kids!!



- -In 3 to 4 years we are back up to the same amount and still at 19 portables
- -THIS IS DEPLORABLE
- -what does bus busing look like? Transportation delays with younger kids at the school?
- -Bussing? How many new bus routes
- -TOP HEAVY 7/8 school at Summit Park is less than ideal for learning environment
- -Busses!! There are NONE!
- -Research shows moving kids in this age group affects academic performance
- -Moving the 7&8s are the same kids who are the same kids who were displaced to Mount Albion
- -First cohort of Mt Albion move... Move again HUGE TRANSITION
- -What are mental health implications of moving grade 7/8?
- -Most at risk population
- -Child has attended Bellmoore since JK and now has to grow graduate grade 8 at a new school... Not fair!
- -Now the child in grade 8 can walk home after say a volleyball game or practice at Bellmoore... And parents don't need to pick up. They can't do that from the new school
- -Some grade 7 and 8s do babysitting jobs after school. They may walk young kids home for a job. That will not be possible if they have to go to the new school
- -Separating families older child goes to Summit Park younger stays behind
- -Loss of child care older sibling will not be available to watch siblings
- -Loss of childcare
- -Splits families
- -Lack of school leaders and intermediate students at Bellmoore
- -Evidence shows transitioning students at this age impacts academic scores long-term \* this is evidence-based!!!
- -M concern of having 369 grade 7&8 creates another set of issues
- -Con: splitting up families -older siblings won't be there to care for younger siblings. This will cause families attic expenses in daycare -this will affect so many students and families
- -Large ratio of 7/8 compared to other age groups, not always the best idea with impressionable age group
- -Separates families
- -Not fair to move them now just as they settle into their school. They are off to high school
- -Moving students at most vulnerable age- lose childcare- lots of transitions for students
- -Too many intermediate students at Summit Park
- -Current grade 7/8 we're already bussed to Mount Albion in JK/SK. We knew this when we moved here, our kids waited for Bellmoore
- -A lot of family disruption losing older siblings- we need our older siblings\*
- -This is where the 7/8 are supposed to feel comfortable and come out of their shell. Moving them will create anxiety



- -Most have already been through a boundary review and this is the second or third school
- -Grade 7 &8 Con- will lose grade 7 & 8s as daycare providers
- -This will just move our overpopulation to create overpopulation problems at Summit Park
- -Whose responsible if 7& 8 bus is delayed 6-year-olds being dropped off to no one? Legal issues!!!
- -Keep Bellmoore to provide a better school environment for students
- -Doesn't solve long-term enrolment issues
- -Grade 7 & 8s have the least capacity of handling emotional upheaval
- -Doesn't solve the crowding issue. What happens in 2023 when SP is at capacity
- -7 and 8 move to SP not fair to current community. Tears families apart
- -Yes keep existing students part of the community. New kids won't feel a sense of loss we experienced this and understood.

## Option#6: North & East Portion of Bellmoore Catchment and New Development attend New School on the Summit Park Site

18 Post-it Notes Submitted

- -Keeps most of establish Binbrook village at Bellmoore. Whole family is moved (which is a plus) Neighbors and friends will be at same school
- -cuts out some of the houses that were first established in Binbrook and families that been there the longest
- -Breaking up friends
- -Totally agree (re above statement)
- -Not fair to current students
- -North and East Portion You will be moving kids that will have <u>not</u> one friend moving with them
- -North and East Portion -You are moving families that have been with Bellmoore since JK at the old location For example on Guyatt Road there are only 4 kids attending Bellmore that live between Fletcher and 56. 1 kid will be in grade 8,1 kid grade 7,1 kid grade 6, All from the beginning. The other family has attended Bellmore for many generations
- -Absolutely Unacceptable destroys friendships made over years- depression emotional mental stress buses?
- -Enrolment still not down by 2023 still over 1000
- -Selective Group of kids in each group being asked to leave? Equitable?
- -North & East- Why can't the boundary include Guyatt Rd between Fletcher & 56. There are only 4 kids there.
- -Look at growth on Pumpkin Pass for boundary change. Walking Distance Only?
- -What message are we sending? Is it ok to push out 1 or 2 students from each grade?
- -Can we look at how we compare to St. Matthews boundaries? Guyatt Road



- -Families stay together!
- -Doesn't reduce enrolment long-term
- -Separates friends and when the new school is built they'll have to go through another boundary review
- -Yes, Yes, Yes! This! Boundary review is the <u>only</u> fair, clear cut option. It does not need to be revisited each year.

## Option #7: Rural Portion of Bellmoore Catchment and West Portion of New Development Attend New School on the Summit Park Site

16 Post-it Notes Submitted

- -Absolutely unacceptable! Destroys friendships are built over years –mental/emotional stress and depression
- -Totally agree (re above statement)
- -Projected enrolment by 2023 is still not down Unacceptable over 1000
- -Your projections are still over 1000 kids!
- -Too far to drive for rural
- -Breaking up friends NO
- -Boundary should be within walking distance of school
- -Too long bus ride
- -Too much busing for rural kids Divides Rural and "New Binbrook" families
- -Living on the boundary it is a very far and long bus ride for my kids
- -#1 West Portion my child is currently bussed and they are already having a shortage of drivers This option would require a higher amounts of drivers #2 would they be able to maintain the correct amount of bus drivers to make this option feasible
- -Not fair to current students
- -Boundaries should be within walking distance of school
- -Too long of a commute/bus ride for our students
- -Doesn't reduce enrolment long term
- -Too far for rural students to travel

## Option #8: South West & North Portion of Bellmoore Catchment and Fletcher Road New Development Attend New School on the Summit Park Site

20 Post-it Notes Submitted

- -Cutting off Bradley Avenue when you can see the school is crazy!!
- -Boundary changes now. Boundary changes again in 4-7 years when you school opens. Not the best option for temporary accommodation



- -I live on Powell Drive and with the change I'm caught up in it. I'm in grade 7 I was in a normal grade 7 class but then I was moved into a grade 7/8. My only friend in my class might be separated by me! She lives on Magnificent Street.
- -South West and North Portion Change of Border Option cutting along Bradley Avenue does not take into account first builds of community we are on Powell 1st Build went up to Cleghorn
- -Boundary review is the only fair black-and-white clear-cut cry once solution!
- -SW & North boundary provides a good option
- -Even if SP is finished "enough" what does that look like for the students??
- -Why are we doing what's easier for Trustees and not what is best for kids?
- -Like using boundaries but could be modified a bit
- -Doesn't reduce enrolment long-term
- -Saying it will be open in September. Really? Is that realistic?
- -Absolutely unacceptable! Destroys friendships built over years emotional stress bus time how long on bus, not on time as it is
- -Best Option
- -Summerlea has some of the most affordable homes that have been around for 10+ years Moving families with lowest income to new school doesn't create equity
- -Will SP even be open in 2019 September? I think not! So what is option then? Have asked several times and staff keep
- -Breaking up friendships and community NO
- -Not fair to current students
- -NO! Plz it will move one of my best friends! NOT FAIR
- -Boundary reviews are the fairest option for all families involved
- -Boundary change does not separate divide families and is a clean-cut solution

## Option #9: East of Highway 56 Attend New School on the Summit Park Site 10 Post-it Notes Submitted

- -Boundary reviews are fairest option. Change happens once.
- -Not fair to current students!
- -Doesn't reduce enrolment long-term
- -Extremely long bus rides to Summit Park
- -Some kids will be travelling way too far
- -Too much busing for South and East rural
- -Much too long of a commute/bus ride for students
- -Breaking up friendships & community NO
- -Absolutely Unacceptable! Destroys friendships built over years- emotional/mental distress buses
- -Boundary should be within walking distance of school



#### **Feedback Forms**

28 Forms were submitted. Themes were noted in a review of the Forms.

- Capping (Option 3)
  - Only capping appears to reduce enrolment below 1000
  - Siblings to be able to attend under capping model (mentioned 5 times)
  - MJ siblings also to be considered in capping (mentioned 2 times)
  - Capping option to be fluid and allow for annual review to ensure a balance between both schools (mentioned 3 times)
  - Cap number of students in other grades
  - o Review annually to balancing portable usage
  - Good option that brings numbers down gradually and gives families choices not forced
  - Wondering why capping number is 100 (mentioned 2 times)
  - o 125 suggested as JK Cap
  - Capping best alternative
  - Random Selection already exists in HWDSB
- Grade Organization Change (Options 4 & 5)
  - Siblings to move with 7/8s (mentioned 3 times)
  - Moving 7 and 8s impacting child care for families
  - Can siblings also attend Summit Park if student reassigned (OOC for Siblings)
     (mentioned 2 times)
  - o Concern with 400 JK SK at one school
  - Concerns with challenges that exist with "top Heavy" school with Grade 7 and 8
  - Concern with splitting families
- Boundary (Options 6 to 9)
  - o First Builds over newer builds to be considered in boundary considerations
  - Concern with separating friends ( mentioned 3 times)
  - Focus on walking distance to the school
  - o South West and North option only one that reduces numbers below 1000
  - Strong belief boundary cannot work
  - Strong belief that Boundary Review only option (mentioned 2 times)
  - Request that Boundary changes , if occur, commence in Sept 2019 with all students grandfathered at current school
  - o Concerns for children at farthest locations within Boundary ( South West and North)
- Michaele Jean
  - Relocate the French Program to another school



- Use for all JK SK classes
- Use for all 7/8s

#### Enrolment Concerns

- Obtain verification of addresses from all Bellmoore households (mentioned 2 times)
- Definition of a "New Student" (mentioned 2 times)
- Concerns for 2023 when both schools over capacity and no new school
- Modification if inbound students annually to evenly split portable usage
- o Awareness of new families to community that Bellmoore may not be their school
- o Treat New School at Summit Park as a Catchment School going forward
- o Priority is to reduce the portables at Bellmoore
- o Splitting amongst neighbors already exists with MJ and Catholic Schools

#### Supports

- Mental health strategies for supporting impacted students
- o Concern that presentation did not highlight issues for 7 and 8 move as it did for JK

#### Bussing

- o Bell times if 7/8 have to move
- Ongoing bussing concerns (mentioned 2 times)
- All options require adequate timely bussing
- o Fix current bussing problem before adding to it
- o Time on bus for students at furthest boundary ( South West and North)

#### **Emails**

30 Emails were received. Themes noted.

#### • Capping (Option 3)

- Siblings of current Bellmoore students should be grandfathered in if capping JK( mentioned 6 times)
- In favour of keeping Grade 7 and 8 students at Bellmoore and Capping enrolment to siblings only of current students (mentioned 2 times)
- Concerned that capping could mean a new student to the school who lives very close cannot attend
- Leave registration open to all in catchment
- Support capping as it permits current students to remain( mentioned 2 times)
- Capping must be reviewed every year to ensure the two schools remain balanced
- Capping is the only option provided that does not see enrolment and portable numbers remain high
- Feel that families who have lived in the Bellmoore catchment community for years and have JK starting are being treated unfairly if JK moved



- Potential for lottery means that daycare already established and intentionally arranged for proximity will be negatively impacted
- o Capping means families stay together
- Capping allows for Bellmoore to remain a K-8 school
- Question why capping was not put in place years ago as it was posted as a
- o possibility in the community and would have alleviated the scenario we are in now
- o capping JK is a good decision
- capping allows older students to provide daycare for younger
- o potential lottery divides communities
- Capping will create a multitude of long term issues
- Capping is the only option
- Grade Organization Change (Options 4&5)
  - Relocation of 7&8 ensures all children in Binbrook stay together from K-8 regardless of location
  - o Pro 7 and 8 students move as already prepping for a move to High School
  - Grade 7 and 8 students old enough to wait at bus stops unsupervised (mentioned 2 times)
  - 3 and 4 year olds cannot wait for bussing alone
  - Concern with young children unsupervised on bus
  - Email indicated in favour of keeping Grade 7 and 8 at Bellmoore and capping enrolment to siblings only of current students (mentioned 2 times)
  - Some 7 and 8 students have voiced excitement at going to a new school
  - Movement of Grades 7 and 8 is the only way to ensure students enjoy a K-8 experience together regardless of location
  - o Pro 7 and 8 move as reasonable to lower population and alleviate stress on the school
  - o Concern that transition to JK difficult to start with and then being put on a bus
  - Pro 7 and 8 move indicating they will be able to maintain their relationships and more resilient given age to change and potential longer travel to school
  - Do not move Kindergarten
  - Concern that push to keep 7 and 8 at Bellmoore is not about the well being of all students but about siblings providing after care support for younger children
  - Negative impact on teachers if Grade 7 and 8 move
  - Concern that moving 7 and 8 will mean an inability to participate in afterschool activities with no alternative way home
  - Moving the Grade 7 and 8 students will negatively impact the ability of older siblings to help their families with daycare of younger siblings
  - o Would prefer moving the 7 and 8 students vs drawing boundaries through Binbrook
  - K-6 at Bellmoore a good option
  - Moving Grades 7 and 8 to Summit park site the best idea
  - Feel that families who have lived in the Bellmoore catchment community for years and have JK starting are being treated unfairly if JK moved



- If JKs moved means that daycare already established and intentionally arranged for proximity will be negatively impacted
- Move of JK and bussing will mean parent must be available to be at bus stops at beginning and end of the day therefore impacting employment
- Families that intentionally bought homes close to the school are being impacted if JK and SK moved
- o If JK SK moved to Summit Park site options for after school care will be very limited
- Move of grades 7 and 8 will be a good transition in prepping for high school
- Moving 7 and 8 students ensures they all stay together
- Change Bellmoore to K-6 school
- 7 and 8 students already did their time at another school in their early years not fair to impact them again
- A strong school community exists for the students that have spent years being involved, moving the Grade 7 and 8 unfair
- Older grades moving is the least uprooting suggestion
- Moving Grades 7 and 8 is fine as they move with friends and are not alienated or singled out

#### Boundary (Options 6-9)

- Support of a complete rural boundary change
- o Do not agree with boundary changes as they will separate friends
- Movement due to boundary changes means students separated from known teachers
- Believe Boundary change that sees rural portion of Bellmoore and west portion of new development attend new school at Summit Park Site is a good decision
- The option which sees the Boundary divided at Highway 56 separates friends and impacts children with anxiety
- All boundary suggestions seem reasonable
- Believe Boundary changes will keep families and neighbors together by implementing either the Northeast portion of Bellmoore Catchment or Rural Portion of Bellmoore and West portion of new development to the new school at Summit Park
- Best Boundary option is to have the Rural Portion of Bellmoore Catchment attend the new school
- Support the boundary change that identifies the Rural North of Binbrook, closer to Stoney Creek, attending new school.
- Sifting boundaries is unfair

#### Representation

- o Feel uncomfortable attending meeting to voice opinion as opinion "unpopular"
- Feel that the smaller groups at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting did not provide a place for people to voice unpopular decisions
- People with opinion that sees 7 and 8 student movement concerned with backlash and pressure



- Afraid to attend meeting if views not aligned with grade 7 and 8 families
- Find Bellmoore Representatives and Grade 7 and 8 supporters combative and divisive
- Belief that elected Bellmoore Representatives are not presenting the voice of the entire Bellmoore Community
- Concern that voice of JK families who are just starting their school years in Sept 2019 have been kept in the dark with no voice
- Concern that Elected Representatives for Bellmoore were elected by School Council and not the majority of parents at Bellmoore
- Concern that Bellmoore Representatives have their own agenda

#### Bussing

- o 3 and 4 year olds cannot wait for bussing alone (mentioned 2 times)
- Concern that 3 and 4 year olds not supervised on the bus (mentioned 2 times)
- Safety a concern with youngest being bussed
- Terrifying to think the Board is considering sending youngest and most vulnerable out on busses
- Bus times for rural students concerning with boundary changes

#### Supports

- Concern regarding availability of before and afterschool care for JK SK at Summit Park location
- Concerns around availability of supports from HWDSB for Transitioning Students as
   Provincial Government potentially makes cuts to professional support services

#### Options

- Movement of 7 and 8 students only option that does not divide the community
- With the exception of the Grade 7 and 8 move, every other option involves much younger students having to leave Binbrook for schooling
- Feels argument that Grade 7 and 8 students were already displaced previously to Mount Albion should not be a consideration as that was a scenario families were aware of when they chose to move to Binbrook.
- o Remove FI from Binbrook and utilize space at Michaelle Jean
- Any change should impact new families not existing Bellmoore families
- Very concerned that this process has not allowed the opportunity for the voice of new JK families to be heard. There was no communication to the families in the Boundary that this review was occurring
- Noted that split neighborhoods already exist with some students attending FI, Catholic and Private as well as HWDB students
- o Utilize Michaelle Jean for JK and SK
- o Enough students reside in the Summit Park area without having to bus other students in
- o Parking and traffic issues need to be addressed in the Summit Park need to be dealt with
- Summit Park location should encourage students to walk



- o Safety of adding traffic to Summit Park area is a concern
- None of the options are ideal
- Keep students within walking distance of Bellmoore at Bellmoore thereby not increasing congestion
- No option will appease everyone
- o All new enrollments go to the new school
- Students that have learning disabilities should be permitted to remain at their school as they already have a comfortable environment established with their learning program set up.

#### **Next Steps**

Tuesday January 29, 2019 - Advisory Panel Follow-up Meeting Revised due to snow day Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Advisory Panel Follow-Up Meeting