

Q1. Can the boundaries be changed? (Bell-Stone/Bellmoore)

A boundary change between Bell-Stone and Bellmoore cannot occur during this process. A boundary review would have to be completed which would include the Bellmoore stakeholders who need to be part of the process.

Q2. Can the urban boundaries be changed?

The urban boundary can be changed by the city. The city can expand the boundaries to accommodate growth in certain areas.

“The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) requires the provision of sufficient land for industrial, commercial, residential, recreation, open space and institutional uses to promote employment opportunities, and for an appropriate range and mix of housing to accommodate growth projected for up to 20 years. With respect to housing specifically, a 10 year supply of land designated and available for new residential development and intensification must be maintained at all times. However, the PPS also calls for the protection of prime agricultural areas”

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Q3. Will Mount Hope need portables in the future?

It is possible that Mount Hope would need portables in the future. There is potential for unforeseen accommodation needs which are dealt with temporarily with portables then if needed a permanent solution. The permanent solution can be boundary reviews, school additions or in some cases new schools.

Q4. What about new development. Is there a possibility of more?

The urban boundary runs around the Mount Hope neighbourhood via Upper James, went on White Church Road then north on Highway 6 and runs north along the airport property. No residential development is permitted to occur outside of this boundary. The map the committee members received in working group meeting 2 describes the development occurring and planned in Mount Hope. The map also shows a depiction of the urban boundary. See link:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementaryarc/files/2013/08/West-Glanbrook-Development-Map.pdf>

Q5. In ten years, if enrolment is up and the building is old, what will happen then?

Accommodation issues are evaluated every year at each school and the correct solution is determined by the HWDSB.

Q6. Are there currently enough rooms at Mount Hope to accommodate everyone?

Yes there are currently 13 classrooms and 2 FDK rooms. If the schools combined it is projected that there would be the need for all 15 rooms. In addition to the 15 used classrooms there is still a library and music room.

Q7. Will staffing increase?

With the increase in the number classes in the building the number of teachers would increase.

Q8. Will class sizes increase?

The Education Act has standards of classroom size and we will maintain the standards that are expected.

FDK – 30

1-3 – 23

4-8 – 25+

Q9. Will Mount Hope be outfitted with air conditioning?

This can be included in the recommendation to the Board of Trustees

Q10. Will Mount Hope be made accessible?

All the schools in the province of Ontario will have to be made accessible by 2025. HWDSB is continually working to make all our facilities accessible to all people.

Q11. What high school will we feed to? Can it be changed?

Mount Hope current associated secondary school is Ancaster High. Ancaster High will continue to be the associated secondary school. A boundary change of this nature is a separate process and would include the parents, staff and students from Ancaster High, Bell-Stone, Mount Hope and the potential new associated secondary school.

Q12. Will the board consider a K-12?

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's current standard for new elementary schools is the K-8 model. The Mount Hope and Bell-Stone area does not have enough students to support the programming needs of secondary students.

Q13. Will there be consideration for extra support for students with special needs?

The Board endeavours to meet the needs of all special education students in the most enabling environment, in accordance with parental preference. The special learning needs of students, wherever possible, can and should be addressed within the home school. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board provides a continuum of special education supports and services for exceptional learners which includes this regular class placement and support, as well as special class placement and support.

Q14. How will the other building/land be used in the future?

As of right now Bell-Stone is not closed or been approved for closure so potential uses of the school are not discussed. To sell any closed school HWDSB must follow its own property disposition protocol along with The Education Act's Ontario Regulation 444/98: Disposition of Surplus Property.

Q15. Is an increased (and repaired) tarmac possible?

This can be included in your final recommendation to the Trustees.

Q16. If an FDK classroom is needed, where will it go and will it have washrooms?

FDK classrooms are built to a standard and would all new FDK additions include a bathroom.

Q17. Is there legislation for number of students vs. number of washrooms?

Yes there is a building code which indicates the washroom numbers in elementary and secondary schools. The number of water closets required for elementary and secondary schools shall be at least one fixture for each 30 males and one fixture for each 26 females.

Staff: 1 per every 12 staff members.

Q18. Will the building be ready in time (September 2014)?

Building an FDK room addition along with other renovations, the building would not be complete by Sept 2014.