



**Minutes of the Ancaster Meadow Boundary Review
Advisory Panel Meeting # 1
Wednesday, December 03, 2014 - 12:00 p.m.
Ancaster Meadow Elementary School**

Advisory Panel in Attendance:

**Superintendent
Trustee
Ancaster Meadow**

**Sue Dunlop (Chair)
Alex Johnstone (Ward 12)
Principal – Paul Clemens
Vice-Principal – Kristi Keery-Bishop
School Council Co-Chairs- Jeannie Whitwell, Matt Williamson
Home & School Co-Chairs- Reasa Diab, Sandra Wohl
Robert Fex**

**Planning & Accommodation Staff
Regrets:**

Guests:

**Executive Superintendent- Pam Reinholdt
Principal Priscilla Mochrie**

Recorder:

Teresa Movre

1. Call to Order

- Sue Dunlop called the meeting to order- 12:05 p.m.
- Introductions made

2. Agenda

2.1 Additions/Deletions

- Agenda approved

3. Purpose of the Boundary Review

3.1 Boundary Review Policy

- Superintendent gave a brief description of the Policy and Directive
- Explained basic process

4. Presentation

- This is a draft presentation
- Consider additions needed for the public meeting
- Overview of boundaries and projected enrolment
- A lot of growth in this community- demonstrates the need for a new school
- Location of the new school- Raymond and Robertson
- These are proposed boundaries
- Both schools JK-8
- Both schools will feed into Ancaster High
- Are the boundaries suitable? Stonehenge Boundary- one side of the street will attend Ancaster Meadow school/opposite side will attend to the new school.
- Is a boundary change possible? What would it look like?

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5. Questions/Comments

Questions

1. *Looking at the projected enrolment is the new school big enough?*

- Accommodation and Planning has applied to add four rooms.
- Waiting to hear a response.
- No guarantee
- 4 additional rooms at a capacity of 23 each = an addition of 92 to the new school's capacity

2. *Is the new school site plan built to accommodate future portables if required?*

- Yes

3. *Will the new school site accommodate additional parking if portables are required?*

- My information is that the parking specifications identified in current architectural plans are above the required allotment by the City of Hamilton. The allotment would still meet requirements should 4 more classrooms be added to the scope of the project.

4. *What about the "Green Space"?*

- The rural part of the current AM boundary (South of Garner Road) falls within several regulatory 'restrictions' in terms of the land's ability to generate new residential development. A large portion of this area does fall within the Provincially defined Green Belt area. This area also falls outside of the formal urban boundary for the City of Hamilton. So from this perspective, any development proposed would require formal urban boundary expansion and approved provincially. Lastly, these lands also fall under the Airport Employment Growth District, which I understand to be a City lead project to expand Hamilton's employment opportunities – these lands are identified as industrial lands.
- Despite all the above current regulatory 'restrictions', HWDSB staff would be apprised of any possible land changes through circulations and other forms of publicized notification. We would, as is our practice now, take the necessary measures to analysis the impacts on accommodations and respond accordingly.

5. *Has parking at new school been addressed?*

- Superintendent has made a request for parking to be looked at.
- There will be more parking than required by Hamilton By-Laws.

6. *2015 Projections- How accurate are we?*

- Growth of the school. Ancaster Meadow grows by approximately 75-100 annually.
- These projections are a snap-shot in time- and also closely examined three-year averages

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7. Enrolment/New Building - How do we compare to other areas?

- Comparable to Binbrook

8. Out-of-Catchment Students

- Ancaster Meadow is currently closed to OOC. Students that are currently attending as OOC students are not asked to leave. If any student moves during the school year, they are permitted to remain at Ancaster Meadow until June but then must register at their home school. There are approximately thirty OOC students currently enrolled.

8.1 What if the OOC students are closer to the new school? Will they have to move?

- Grades 7/8 may be permitted to stay and graduate at Ancaster Meadow- transportation may be an option. Superintendent and Executive Superintendent will review on an individual basis.

9. Are there plans for students who may find it difficult changing schools?

- Transition meetings and activities will be planned

Comments

- Both schools JK-8
- Both schools will feed into Ancaster High
- Post proposed boundaries on the web-site
- As the new school was being built post photos on the school web page

6. Next Steps

6.1 Items to consider for public meeting

- Hard copy of meeting to go home
- Larger maps and aerial views if required
- Bold print for streets
- Numbers of students
- How were the boundary chosen?
- Color graph- to show projected enrolment
- Small working groups together
- Parking lot for questions

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.