



## **Ancaster Meadow Boundary Review Advisory Panel**

**Thursday, January 15, 2015**

**1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Ancaster Meadow Elementary School**

**93 Kitty Murray Lane, Ancaster, ON**

### **Minutes**

1. Welcome and Introductions- 1:33 pm start
2. Review of Agenda
  - 2.1 Additions/Deletions- Agenda approved. no additions
3. Review of Minutes-
  - December 3, 2014
  - January 7, 2015- bullet #5- and bullet #6 -amend and send out to the panel
4. Boundary Review Process
  - Recommendations from the advisory panel to the superintendent
  - Report will be created and include recommendations from the superintendent and accommodation and planning to the Standing Committee of Board
  - Board of Trustees debates and approves
5. Recommendations to the Superintendent
  - What do we look at?
    - Preferred option(s)Enrolment & facility utilization impacts
    - Transportation impacts
    - Implementation considerations including phasing in of a boundary change, timelines, temporary and permanent status of the boundary change
    - Hoping recommendations will go to Trustees next month

### Review of feedback printout:

- Some families took the survey home and did not know how to return it to us
- We can collect additional surveys. Post a message on the school website and have forms to Ancaster Meadow office- returned by Monday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>
  
- Adjusting the boundary to include homes in Dilorio Circle & Cloverleaf area would require the boundary run through a field
- Where do we adjust the boundary- it must be drawn somewhere
  
- OCC or grandfathering- Gr 7 or 8...Can we start consider Gr 6 as well
- When we allow OCC- it doesn't help with the enrolment
- In other areas in the city 7 & 8 grandfathered. Would need numbers- data
- Do parents want sibs at different schools grandfathering older students, or do they want the kids at one school- means moving both to Chedoke. Is that possible?
- What's the impact on each school?
- 25- families in the new boundary that will be in grade 7 or 8
- Paul estimate- 10 or fewer students
- Explore if they have the choice- Gr 7 and 8 can remain at Ancaster Meadow
- If possible, 7 & 8 students who live in Tiffany Hills area can remain
  
- Will Ancaster Meadow continue to be closed to new OOC? Probably
- Special circumstance only- would be considered
- Every time a one off situation comes up- we will have to know how many other applicants have the same criteria
- If you have a child presently in JK will younger siblings be accepted OOC? This is still being reviewed.
- Continue to look at JSK numbers for the 2015-16 year
- Caution- Enrolment is a pressing issue. Classrooms are required for in-catchment students
- OOC Students already here- stay here until the new school is built



- Before and after school care- it may or may not be Umbrella
  - Before and after school program- any why to speed up process?
  - Approach Sharon Stephanian's office – request a communication to explain how this process works.
  - Chedoke currently has afterschool care. At the moment, they need five additional students for before school care
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- Boundary- in 5 years if the area becomes overpopulated- would the boundary be revisited again?
  - Would require a boundary review
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- Is there a process for transitioning kids? Yes. Start a transition committee- both schools involved- series of meetings to consider options. Steering committee at Board- key departments are involved. Finances are set aside- for schools to hold "get to know you" type events
  - Would the students from Ancaster Meadow all be in the same class at Chedoke? We would ask Chedoke to allow 2 or 3 spaces in each class so they can have friends who will join them in the newly built school- as much as possible
  - When a new school opens, they receive significant funding for start-up supplies such as smart boards, laptops, etc.
  - School funding- this is prorated based on the number of students in each school
  - New school is wireless
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- Active Home and School at Ancaster Meadow- How will the current funds be divided? The funds belong to the H&S at Ancaster Meadow. It would be a nice gesture if some funds were shared- but not necessary.
  - Home & School- Contact your Provincial body for direction- both H&S groups work together
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- Do we need to prepare a contingency plan for late opening?
  - Facility Department feels confident we will be on time- a new build from design to build can be completed in 18 months
  - Drawings are almost completed- will be shared fairly soon- to get a general idea of what the school will look like
  - Once Boundary is finalized brand new- will immediately be directed to Chedoke



**Recommendations of the Panel:**

1. Proposed boundary will be the recommended boundary – no changes
2. Chedoke- is be recommended as the holding school

Adjournment- 3:05