

**Minutes of the East Hamilton Boundary Review Public Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Viscount Montgomery Elementary School**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Superintendents	Peter Joshua (Chair) Peter Sovran
A.M. Cunningham	Principal - Peter Maliphant School Council/Home & School - Nil
Memorial City	Principal - Chuck Buttle Vice-Principal - Dale Hill School Council/Home & School - Nil
Viscount Montgomery	Principal - Stephen Yull School Council/Home & School - Elaine Fleming
W.H. Ballard	Principal (A) - Audrey Hensen Vice-Principal (A) - Lindy Millen School Council/Home & School - Laurie Hazelton
Planning & Accommodation Staff	Ellen Warling
Recorder:	Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

1. Call to Order (Peter Joshua)

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with everyone welcomed and introduced.

2. Purpose of the Boundary Review Public Meeting

2.1 Boundary Review Policy (Peter Joshua)

- Brief overview given of the accommodation process and why a public meeting
- Intent of committee and public meeting is to receive input to develop a recommendation that will go to the Board of Trustees
- The meeting provides members and the public an opportunity to review information, share comments and prepare for the upcoming public meeting

3. Power-Point Presentation (Ellen Warling)

- Presentation included
 - Rationale for the proposed boundary changes
 - Current school boundaries
 - Enrolment projections
 - Feedback from the Boundary Review Advisory Panel
 - Explanation of the next steps
 - The full Power Point Presentation will be posted on the board website

4. Questions/Comment:

- Ellen Warling distributed a **Comment Sheet** inviting comments/questions to the following guiding questions:

1) What do you see as the benefits and/or challenges of assigning the areas identified to another school?

- Waste of time and school funds for a few students.
- Why is the meeting right before Christmas? No one has time for that.
- A. M. Cunningham feeds Memorial and kids in Cunningham affected by the boundary change would be split up from friends from JK. There is only a 15 kid difference from 2014 to 2015 which seems a waste to affect children already in the system.
- Challenges for English program at AMC; our English program is very small and this could be devastating to our English #'s.
- Population numbers look very good with these changes.
- Students' not crossing Kenilworth Avenue is a benefit. Traffic has had to be calmed to 40 mph.
- Decreasing the # of students changes the class sizes for the English already split classes.

2) In Addition to the information presented today, are there any other comments or concerns we should be away of?

- We would be the furthest away to Viscount – any transportation?
- Crossing guard at Cochrane?
- What happens to kids already enrolled in AMC and/or Memorial living in the boundary?
- Poor timing of the meeting – the week before Christmas?
- A M Cunningham English program is not causing the overcrowding, it is the French program.
- Need to look at FI program overcrowding.
- Good Job Everyone!
- I would refer to leave the status quo with AMC.
- Build up the kindergarten section to accommodate at AMC.

5. Next Meeting

- **Committee to meet January 8th , 4:00 p.m. Memorial School Library**

6. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.