

Summit Park Boundary Review Advisory Panel Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Janet Lee Elementary School

M I N U T E S

Committee Members:

- Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Achievement
 - Jeff Beattie, Ward 9 Trustee
 - Alex Johnston, Vice-Chair of HWDSB, Wards 11 & 12 Trustee
 - Ian Hopkins, Planning and Accommodation
 - Julie Anderson, Janet Lee Principal
 - Brandon Berketa, Billy Green Principal
 - Doug Dunford, Tapleytown Principal
 - Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant
 - Trish Gibson, Billy Green
 - Sarah Langille, Billy Green
 - Jeff Gaudun, Janet Lee
 - Nicole Jones, Janet Lee
 - Cathy Abbott, Tapleytown
 - Diana Rodgers, Tapleytown
 - Susi Owen, Tapleytown
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Welcome

Jeff Gillies welcomed all and round table introductions were made. The mandate of the Advisory Panel was explained as the group to advise the Superintendent of Student Achievement of possible options after reviewing the guiding principles, receiving community input and providing local expertise.

For current meeting purposes, the new school will be referred to as Summit Park. There is a policy in place for the Naming of a New School which will happen at a later date.

Power Point Presentation

The Power Point Presentation from this meeting will be posted on the HWDSB website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-renewal/boundary-reviews/>

Power Point Includes:

- Agenda
- Mandate of the Advisory Panel
- Advisory Panel Members
- Boundary Review Procedures
- Boundary Review Timelines

- Board Resolution
- Rationale for Boundary Review
- Summit Park Timelines
- New Summit Park Site School Details
- Current Boundaries, Enrolments and Proposed New Boundary
- Area History
- Historic Enrolment
- Summit Park details for Zones 1, 2 and 3
- Current and Boundary Proposal Enrolment
- Proposed Boundary
- Transportation Information
- Next Steps

Timelines

- Tuesday, April 3rd Community (Public) Consultation Meeting at Billy Green School 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 12 Advisory Panel Follow-Up Meeting/Final Review at Tapleystown School at 6 p.m.
 - The public is welcome to observe any of the Advisory Panel Meeting
- Recommendation will be presented to Board on May 28th
- Plan is for construction to start in spring and, if no unexpected delays, school to open September 2019

Boundary Review

Boundary review is necessary to adjust the enrolment between Billy Green, Janet Lee, and Tapleystown Schools. From Power Point Map:

- Lavender Zone 1 is to attend Tapleystown School
- Salmon Zone 2 is to attend Janet Lee
- Green Zone 3 is to attend Billy Green
 - These students will continue to go to Billy Green but new families moving in will go to Tapleystown
 - New school will be built in a few years in Zone 3

Cannot take more than 50% enrolment from an existing school, therefore, some boundary lines may show as a bit erratic.

Predictions for future enrolment is done with current trends and development:

- Look at housing development throughout city
- Over a number of years we calculate 2.5 yield of students per house taking into account separate schools in the area
- Townhomes and condo developments are the biggest drive behind enrolment
- Also take into account many young couples will move into new development with the intention of starting families

Transportation

Most of the area to the new Summit Park School is within walking distance creating less reliance on school buses.

Questions/Comments

Billy Green continues to decrease despite builds in area

- Enrolment was predicted built on current trends and development
- Billy Green has 8 portables on site and there is no further place to put them

Zone 3 is hoping for the start of a new school build up and running within 5 years

- Need to apply to purchase the land with Ministry money
- This is a 6-month process for application

East side of Centennial Parkway is outside of the urban boundary, therefore no plans for building on the property unless the city changed its planning by-laws.

Because of the boundary through Summit Park we will look at out of catchments for those student in their final year to be able to graduate with their peers.

- If other families have compelling reason to remain at Janet Lee then will look at each case individually

Greatest concern is Zone 3 and the impact on Tapleystown.

- Advisory committee needs to work this through
- What adjustments can we make?
- Can we have a clear rationale for this?
- We can make suggestions and Ian takes it away to see how the numbers look

Boundary Change Ideas from Round Table Discussions:

Predicted for the year 2023 sees enrolment at Tapleystown extremely high. We need to look at this to ease the concern:

- How can we expand the boundary line for the new school to come out into Tapleystown area?
- Janet Lee is a challenge with the 50% rule of existing students
- Can the new Summit Park boundary to Trinity Church Road and take some of Billy Green students?

Scenario #1

Can we exceed the 50 percent existing students but can we take more students from another school to make up the students that were taking? This could balance enrolment.

- Will reach out to the ministry to see if this is a possibility
- Will bring answers to public meeting

Scenario #2

Status quo with the boundary lines except extend one line out as far as we can.

Scenario #3

Keeping in mind high 2023 projections, can we do a temporary holding idea where students can be held at another school site?

Numbers for Tapleystown are not viable for the year 2023. As we get closer to that time, we will look at numbers again to determine if adjustments need to be made.

- Once the "Nash School" new school comes one line, these numbers will change

There are no set timelines for a boundary to remain in effect.

- Suggestion is five years before looking at a boundary change but no policy on this
- Could be back for a boundary review if numbers in 2023 are as stated now

For improvements to current schools, the Facilities Department has benchmark strategies.

- Reliant on Ministry funding
- Department is systematically going through and working on a list of improvements
- Could be 5 or 6 years for some improvements to be made

We need to ensure a year for transition planning that is why the boundary review is now.

- Families need to know well in advance.

Will take scenarios away and come back to committee.

- As a committee if we do not find consensus we will reconvene and discuss results of public meeting
- If still no a consensus than we can have another public meeting.

Would like to see labels on the main streets that are shown on the various maps.

- Ian will add additional street names where possible

Next Steps

- Power Point and minutes will be posted on the website.
- Further questions can be sent to Tanya Shaver or there is an area to post questions on the Boundary Review Website.