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East Hamilton/Lower Stoney Creek FI Boundary Review

Advisory Panel Meeting
Thursday November 23, 2017

6:00 pm

Glen Brae Middle School
50 Secord Drive, Hamilton, Ontario

Attendance:

HWDSB Resource Staff – Jeff Gilles (JG), Sue Dunlop (SD), Paul Denomme (PD), Robert Fex (RF)

Trustees – Larry Patterson

Principals/Vice-Principals - Jennifer Robertson-Heath, Sandra Constable, Darrin Griffiths, Mark Tadeson, Erin Birch-Jones, Jennifer George

School Council Members/Parent Representatives – Sarah Coles, Melissa Crawford, Michelle Hamilton, Brigitte Berkenbosch, Jem Davis, Jem Moore, Sandra Lindsay, Jen Kirk

Public – nine members

Recording Secretary – Kristen Hebner

Welcome

Introduction of Planning staff, Superintendents, Trustees, BR Advisory Panel and thanks to team for support and dedication.

Meeting Goals

To review outcome of public consultation meeting and determine final recommendation to present to Trustees.

Recap of Boundary Review:

- Mandate
- Procedures
- Boundary Review Process
- Timelines
- Transparent process
 - All information will be available on [HWDSB website](#)
- Board Resolution

FI Guiding Principles

- Balanced enrolment in both FI and Regular Tract programs
- Reduction of portable classrooms

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- Preferred K-8 model for elementary – fewer transitions is the goal, but facilities prevent this model from being implemented in all schools

Review of LSC and East Hamilton Schools Available for New FI Program

Review of (Recommended) Options

- Question: Why did the staff recommended option change from Hillcrest to Parkdale since the first Advisory meeting?
 - Number of programs currently at Hillcrest
 - Natural transition from Parkdale to W.H. Ballard – all students move (not just FI)
 - No perfect option

Feedback from Public Consultation Meeting

- Review of participation at public consultation meeting – 58 attendees (signed)
- Raw feedback and option maps distributed to members in attendance
- Review of most common concerns:
 - 1) AM Cunningham Gr. 1-8 Single Track FI
 - 2) AM Cunningham Gr. 1-8 Dual Track FI
 - 3) Transition concerns
 - 4) Concern for WH Ballard as a site
 - 5) Siblings

A.M. Cunningham as a Dual Track Program Feasibility

- BF explains feasibility using the Option 1A boundary
- By 2020, school enrolment would increase to 150% utilization
 - Require 200+ extra pupil places
- Would require applying for capital
 - No guarantee of approval from Ministry
- One of the Guiding Principles that trustees will look at is balance between English and French. WH Ballard would not represent a sufficient balance between English and French programming.

Question: Do numbers reflect loss of students to new Bennetto FI program?

Answer: Yes.

Opportunity for members to discuss all options amongst themselves (10 minutes)

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Recommendations/Comments

BOUNDARY LINE:

- Centennial Pkwy: Panel member expressed that this option makes more sense
- Red Hill Pkwy: No comments

SCHOOL LOCATIONS:

- OPTION 1A: No comments
- OPTION 1B: No comments
- OPTION 2A: Only option that allows for FI 1-8 site, and would minimize transitions for families
- OPTION 2B: No comments
- OPTION 2C: No comments
- OTHER:
 - Alternative for new school on Glen site to be FI 1-8 dual tract and for AM Cunningham students to transition as usual
 - Provide another middle school option (i.e., Delta site) – consider other sites for more green space
 - Can grades 1-5 Glen Echo FI move to new Glen school?
 - Make AM Cunningham 1-8 FI school
 - AM Cunningham FI and English would feed to same school (i.e., all students would transition to WH Ballard)
 - Hillcrest dual tract Gr. 1-8 to minimize transitions
- Email all other options that come to mind to boundaryreviews@hwdsb.on.ca

Adjournment

Thanks to panel for support and participation.

- F&F meeting at beginning of December
- After F&F, report to Board on December 18th