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**Green Acres/Lake Avenue Boundary Review
Advisory Panel Meeting
November 30, 2017
6:00 pm**

**Green Acres Elementary School
45 Randall Avenue, Stoney Creek, Ontario**

Committee Members:

- Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Services
- Jeff Beattie, Vice Chairman, Ward 9 Trustee
- Bob Fex, HWDSB Senior Planner
- Kristen Hebner, HWDSB Planning Co-ordinator
- Tara Gasparik, Principal, Green Acres
- Sarah Goodman, Principal, Lake Avenue
- Beth Corrigan, Green Acres, School Council
- Erika Church, Green Acres, School Council
- Penny Sanderson, Lake Avenue, School Council
- Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant, Recording

Welcome & Introductions

J. Gillies welcomed and thanked all for attending the first Boundary Advisory Committee meeting. Round table introductions were made.

Boundary Review Advisory Panel

The mandate of the Boundary Review Advisory Panel is to suggest and advise the Superintendent of possible options for the boundary review after reviewing the guiding principles and receiving community input. As well, the Advisory Panel has local expertise to provide information.

The Advisory Panel Members include:

- Superintendent(s), Student Achievement
- Planning and Accommodation Staff
- Trustees from affected schools
- Principals from affected schools
- School Council Reps from affected schools
- Home and School Reps from affected schools

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Boundary Review Procedures

A Public Meeting will be held so that the community will be able to see the proposed boundary change and provide feedback / input into the recommendation.

The Superintendent, as well as the Planning and Accommodation Staff, will review both the community feedback and make a final recommendation to Trustees.

The Superintendent as well as Planning and Accommodation Staff will present their recommendation, through the Director of Education, as well as the results of community consultation to the Board for their approval.

Timelines

- June 6th, 2016: Initiation of Boundary Review
- November 30th, 2017: Boundary Review Advisory Panel Meeting #1
- December 14th, 2017: Community Consultation (Public Meeting)
- December 14th, 2017: Boundary Review Advisory Panel Meeting #2
- TBD: Report to Board

Accommodation Review Resolution

On June 6, 2016, Trustees approved the following for Lower Stoney Creek:

- Collegiate Avenue, Eastdale, Green Acres, Memorial SC, Mountain View and R. L. Hyslop will be closed.
- Pending funding from the Ministry, three new JK-8 elementary schools would be built on the sites of Collegiate, Eastdale and Memorial SC

On June 6, 2016, Trustees approved the following with respect to Lower Stoney Creek and East Hamilton:

- A boundary review be undertaken between Lake Avenue and Green Acres upon Ministry of Education approval of the accommodation review areas of East Hamilton and Lower Stoney Creek.

Ministry Funding was approved on October 28th, 2016 for the following:

- The building of a new JK-8 elementary school for 564 students on the existing Eastdale site.
- The building of a new JK-8 elementary school for 495 students on the existing Memorial SC site.
- The funding for an addition to Collegiate elementary school to accommodate 213 students.

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Boundaries

- Lake Avenue and Green Acres school boundaries are affected by the change
- Both schools affected by the accommodation and review are closed to OC as a result of the original pupil accommodation review
- The Riverside West area is being looked at for the boundary review

Overview, Suggestions and Comments

- Forty-eight students potentially moving from Green Acres
- This change would affect Green Acres with numbers going down; Lake Avenue would be affected with numbers going up
- Moving 48 students from Green Acres to Lake Avenue is potentially stressful for students
- Looking at implementation for 2018
- Could be a possibility for OC acceptance for those students to complete grade 8
 - each OC application would be considered on a case-to-case basis
- Boundary changes may also change the pathway for a student in secondary.
 - For example, an OP student would now be in Glendale's area, however, OP has the draw as the whole family had historically attended. Impacts kids socially, etc.
- Consideration does go into the grand-parenting option. There is some flexibility but cannot guarantee
- Lake Avenue goes to Glendale and Green Acres to OP. The change of border has the Glendale students going to OP, however, Glendale is open to OC
- Without a secondary school boundary change aligned with this plan, students will be affected.
 - Ideally want kids graduating from grade 8 going onto secondary school with peers.
- Special classes (24 kids total) at Green Acres are part of projected enrolments
- At some point or another everyone is moving from Green Acres and we are looking at options to present at the public meeting
- Suggestions gathered from all sources are for consideration only. Trustees make the final decision.

Next Steps

Public Meeting is to be held on Thursday, December 14th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the Advisory Panel to meet following the end of the public meeting.

- Change of meeting location to Lake Avenue (Library) as it is easier access for parents
- Syndervice, flyers (map of the area included in the flyer) and information on the school website will promote attendance
- Translation services will be made available at the public meeting.
- All info from the current slide deck presentation will be put on the HWDSB Boundary Review board website.