

Wednesday, January 29, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Westdale Secondary School

Attendance:

HWDSB Resource Staff: Susan Dunlop, Robert Fex

Trustees- Christine Bingham

Sherwood- Lisa Urban

Westdale- Joshua Connor, Emma Sharp

A.M. Cunningham- Jennifer George

Glen Brae- Brigitte Berkenbosch

Recording Secretary- Kathleen Hussey

Guest- Dian Alexandre (Sherwood VP)

Regrets: Kathy Archer, Michelle Visca, Carole Paikin-Miller, Maria Felix Miller, Beth Woof, Shelley Clemence, Sandra Constable

Start-Up Time: 6:04 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

- Review of slides 1-6
- Review of agenda
- Superintendent Dunlop welcomed everyone to the Secondary French Immersion Boundary Review
- Advisory Panel introduced and role of the Panel explained

Transition Advisory Committee Mandate and Process

- Review of slides 7-8
- Quick overview of mandate and anticipated timelines

Background

- Review of slides 9-13
- Map reviewed and specific wording for review identified
- Emphasis that the intent of review is simply to mirror the Elementary FI boundary

Q1 – Where will Glenbrae students be attending FI?

Response identified that Glenbrae FI will be relocating to W H Ballard or Eastdale.

HWDSB Transportation Policy and Procedure

- Review of slides 14-15
- Exceptions that can exist pertaining to rural areas and length of time on transport explained

Questions and Feedback

- Review of slide 16
- Four questions discussed with pros and implications identified

Pros

- Aligning with Elementary makes sense
- Minimal number of students impacted

Implications

- Potential that AM Cunningham student would not be with friends (noted in discussion that this could be addressed through the Transitions)
- Potential loss of 4 students if the students identified are in grade 8
- Potential impact on families whose students are currently OOC for FI
- Noted that the students currently attending Westdale for FI who are Out of Catchment and impacted by proposed realignment will now qualify for Transportation

Other Options

- None identified

Additional Questions

- None identified

Public Meeting

- Review of slides 17-18
- Public Meeting date and intent shared including proposed meeting outline

Q2 – Request made that the specific families who will be impacted by the proposed realignment receive direct contact regarding the Public Meeting.

Response identified that notification of Public Meeting will be placed on impacted school websites and effort would be made to communicate specifically to impacted families in addition to general notification

Future Meeting Dates

- Review of slide 19
- Public meeting to take place on February 6th, 2020- 6:00 p.m. at Westdale Secondary School
- Advisory Panel meeting to take place on February 6th, 2020- 7:00 p.m. Westdale Secondary School

Q3 – Can staff ensure that impacted Grade 8 student’s Option Sheets are submitted for the correct Secondary School?

Response identified that nothing official can be put in place until the proposed boundaries have been approved noting that Administration from Sherwood and Westdale will monitor this for impacted students.

- If you have any questions between meetings, reach out to our office at sjdunlop@hwdsb.on.ca, or 905 527 5092 ext. 2673

Adjournment- 6:40 p.m.