

The East Hamilton/Lower Stoney Creek Boundary Review

Transition Meeting #1

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Collegiate Elementary School

Present:

Chair: Paul Denomme, Superintendent of Equity and Student Achievement, Family of Schools 1,
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Ellen Warling- Manager, Planning, Accommodation and Rentals,
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Sherry Roswell- General Manager, Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services

Lisa Kiriakopoulos- Manager, Early Years, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Collegiate Elementary School: Principal: Lisa Barzetti, teachers: Carole Knezevic and Heather Archibald

Collegiate Transition Committee: Kenny Cheng and two students

Eastdale Elementary School- Principal: Stephen Yull, Vice-Principal: Karen Gervais, teacher: Jennifer Ellis

Eastdale Transition Committee: Natasha Bijelic, Rashida Nabout and two students

Regrets:

Trustee: Todd White

Collegiate Transition Committee: Kelsey Clohecy

Meeting Start Time: 6:05 PM

Land Acknowledgement- Paul Denomme

Superintendent Denomme began the presentation by outlining the agenda for this meeting which included:

- Welcome and introductions for both schools and staff
- Purpose of the Transition Committee
- Review of the approved boundary
- Introductions to Collegiate Elementary School and Eastdale
- Review of the Drop-In Meeting held on March 5, 2025
- Transition planning
- Next steps

The purpose of the Transition Committee is to represent the community, provide input, advice, and recommendations. Please note that the final decisions are made by the Principal and Superintendent.

Ellen Warling, the manager of Planning, Accommodation and Rentals gave an overview and the specifics about the Board Approved Motion that took place on [February 10, 2025](#), including:

- Collegiate walking distance.
- The existing grade 5, 6 and 7 English students attending Eastdale and the option for the siblings to attend either school however these students will be treated as out-of-catchment students.
- All existing out-of- catchment students attending Collegiate may continue to do so as all the siblings of those students.
- Student transportation will be provided in accordance with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's Transportation Policy no. 3.10.
- Siblings in grade JK-4 who remain at Eastdale may qualify for courtesy transportation under the HWDSB's transportation policy no. 3.10.

Sherry Roswell, the General Manager, Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services, reviewed:

- Working with the City regarding the crossing guards on highway 8 for safety.
- Courtesy bussing if a student is not eligible for bussing, the process takes place in the fall.

Lisa Kiriakopoulos, the Manager, Early Years, provided information about the Before and After School Care:

- Currently, Collegiate on the wait list.
- The Before and After- School Affordability Plan, a rate of \$15/day to families for school age children.
- Conducting a survey what are the needs for September.

Introduction to Collegiate Elementary School

The principal, staff and students provided an overview of the Collegiate school included:

- The school logo, Collegiate Grizzlies
- School size/classrooms
- Student Success Supports
- Office Staff
- Bell times
- Communication practices
- School Improvement Plan, positive focus on culture and well-being

- Nutrition program
- Clubs and opportunities for students
- School event/activities: PJ and pizza days, Chill week, 100 Barzettis, Collegiate spirit days, Dungeons and Dragons, Halloween dance etc.
- Sport teams: Soccer, Volleyball, Swim, Cross Country
- May 13, 2025, Kindergarten orientation day

Introduction to Eastdale Elementary School

The principal, staff and students provided an overview of the Eastdale school included:

- The school logo, Eastdale Phoenix
- School size/classrooms
- Student Success Supports
- Office Staff
- Bell times
- Positive Space, the school motto: “Be respectful and be kind”
- Communication practices
- Clubs and opportunities for students: track and field, swimming, etc.
- School event/activities: pizza and popcorn days, PJ days, Dungeons and Dragons, Friday dance etc.

Some of the Transition Planning for Collegiate and Eastdale points:

1. Meet students from the new school
2. Eastdale students want to know who is going to Collegiate school
3. Opportunities to meet new students.
4. Share leadership opportunities to ensure both schools are represented
5. Question box for students
6. Spirit Wear a t-shirt
7. Open House
8. Caring Adults
9. Provide families with a school tour, site tour/visit and information
10. Karaoke club
11. Collegiate students to help make the transition
12. Have the students come to Collegiate before September
13. Communication with families
14. Have a day where staff and students engage in activities together
15. Engage the staff in the leadership opportunities that we are currently doing, and bring ideas from Eastdale in

Next Steps:

Taking all the information and feedback in and start planning. Based on the outcome it will be determined if we need another transition meeting as now the Transition Meeting on April 29, 2025, is canceled.

Participants were thanked for attending.

Meeting End Time: 7:30 pm.