

## **Minutes**

Catholic Education Centre 322 Fairview Drive Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

# Board-wide Secondary Attendance Boundary Review Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 5:30 pm Microsoft Teams Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Assumption College School: Don Hamilton

Holy Trinity Catholic High School: Courtney Duckworth, Tamiah Johnston

St. John's College: Stacy McHugh
St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School: Not Applicable

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** 

Administration: John Della Fortuna, Michael Lawlor, Mike McDonald,

Rajini Nelson

Adam Brutto, Jack Ammendolia, Lori Skye-Laforme

Principals / Vice-Principals: Camila Baginski, Darren Duff, Humberto Cacilhas, Mary

Bradford, Mirona Dragicevic

Recording Secretary: Katherine Reddicliffe

#### 1. Land Acknowledgement

Superintendent Lawlor gave thanks and acknowledged the land that we are gathered on today.

# 2. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Lawlor opened the meeting with prayer.

#### 3. Presentation / Discussion

#### 3.1 Purpose of Committee Meeting #2

Mr. Jack Ammendolia explained that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to share information, data, and ideas on the possible attendance boundary options prior to it being available to the public consultation. Committee members will be given the opportunity to voice their questions, concerns and provide feedback.

# 3.2 Refresher

The area map presented focused on the school locations and the existing boundaries for each of the schools. Circles indicate the number of students in each of the areas. This will help as a main reference point. The table provided additionally highlighted the school's current enrolment numbers, portables, utilization and deficit space.

#### 3.3 Current Situation

Tables displaying the historical and projected enrolments/facility utilizations were presented. An additional table provided a comparison if students who are currently "out of boundary" were returned to their home boundary.

Future growth areas mapped out for upcoming developments impacting:

- St. John's College boundary
- Assumption College boundary

Extensive growth is expected to occur with larger subdivision developments highlight the effected areas.



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## 3.4 Existing Attendance Boundaries and Study Areas

Mr. Ammendolia provided the current framework of each of the boundaries, which feeder schools filter to the secondary school. Breakdown as follows:

#### **Assumption College School**

- Blessed Sacrament School
- Holy Cross School
- Madonna Della Libera CES
- Notre Dame CES
- Pope Francis CES
- St. Basil CES
- St. Gabriel CES
- St. Patrick's School
- St. Peter School
- St. Theresa School

# Holy Trinity Catholic High School

- Our Lady of Fatima School
- Sacred Heart School
- St. Cecilia's School
- St. Francis Cabrini School
- St. Joseph's School
- St. Mary's School
- St. Michael's School (Dunnville)
- St. Michael's School (Walsh)
- St. Stephen's School

# St. John's College

- Christ the King School
- Holy Family School
- Notre Dame School
- Our Lady of Providence CES
- Resurrection School
- Sacred Heart CES
- St. Leo School
- St. Patrick School
- St. Pius X CES

The Study Areas will assist the committee to further dive into the community boundaries and see what may play a major role in decisions. If there are any major factors that could impact decisions they should be brought up. These ground truths are what the consultants are requesting.

# 3.5 Preliminary Ideas for Consideration

Mr. Ammendolia explained that the ideas for consideration are done based on reviewed the mandate of the Committee, specifically: Mr. Ammendolia explained that the ideas for consideration were prepared by the consultants and will be tweaked based on the committee members and the public input.

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It is understood that students in rural areas are always going to require bus transportation. This is an area that can be explored as minor adjustments could be made in these situations that may not have a large impact on the masses. The committee members' input is crucial when these scenarios are investigated to advise consultants and Board staff of what is happening day to day.

#### Idea for Consideration 1a

This takes into consideration the growth expected in the Tutela Heights subdivision. St. John's College is going to be expected to absorb this growth. Assumption College School would be at over capacity. This may not solve all the utilization concerns but provide a better balance.

#### Idea for Consideration 1b

This takes an additional step from 1a. St. John's College would become more of a bussing school in this consideration. This school would still be accepting growth, but it's done in a reasonable way. As more feedback is provided from the committee, the more changes can occur to this consideration.

#### Idea for Consideration 2

This consideration comes from a completely different direction. From a consultant/transportation perspective and on paper this would be the ideal choice. The practicality of this may not be ideal for the people who live in this community. The feedback from the members and public would be required.

#### 3.6 Key Questions

Mr. Ammendolia presented some questions for the committee to think about over the upcoming weeks. Some of the questions will be in the committee survey being sent out in the upcoming days. All aspects of these questions should be thought of on how it would impact the different schools and students.

# 3.7 Next Steps and Questions

- Interactive map has been uploaded on the website, and families are encouraged to play around and see how the different considerations may impact their own communities.
- Develop and present alternative attendance boundary scenarios for discussion at the Committee Meeting #3
- Public Meeting to occur in the Winter.
- Prepare and present the final options to Trustees for approval in the Spring of 2026. The Trustees will make the final decision based on the information, scenarios, recommendations etc. provided to them by the committee.
- If Committee members have any questions, comments, concerns, feedback, etc., please forward an email message to <a href="mailto:boardwidesecondary@bhncdsb.ca">boardwidesecondary@bhncdsb.ca</a>
- All presentations, agendas, minutes, etc. will be posted on the Board's website at https://www1.bhncdsb.ca/board-wide-review/

#### 4. Future Meetings

- Monday, November 3, 2025 Virtual Committee Meeting
- Monday, January 12, 2026 Public Consultation

#### 5. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm