



City of Brantford (Elementary) Attendance Boundary Review
Monday, June 23, 2025 - 5:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christ the King School:	Kelly Lane
Holy Cross School:	Ashley Martins, Sarah Lebel
Madonna Della Libera CES:	Allison Johnson
Notre Dame School:	Christine Storoschuk, Nicole Callander
Our Lady of Providence CES:	Ann Marie Lewis, Rodney Lewis
Resurrection School:	Laura Dickson
St. Basil CES:	Keila White,
St. Gabriel CES:	Amanda Gowan, Hillary Miles
St. Leo School:	Andrea Pineau, Jennifer Brickman
St. Patrick School:	Tara Mansfield
St. Peter School:	Kristine Allan, Shannon Celi
St. Pius X CES:	Holly Colaiacova, Jason Moos, Karen Moos
St. Theresa School:	N/A

RESOURCE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Administration:	John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Rajini Nelson, Jack Ammendolia
Principals / Vice-Principals:	Camiel Sinnesael, Chris Assettino, Danielle Becks, Giovanna Oviedo, Heidi Pasztor, Helene McConnell, Jennifer Davidson, Kerri Chartrand, Lucas Boluk, Marcia DeDominicis, Miriam Petrella, Peter Marchand, Shannon Mason, Shelley Callender, Victoria DeLauw
Recording Secretary:	Katherine Reddicliffe

- 1. Land Acknowledgement**
Superintendent Greco gave thanks and acknowledged the land that we are gathered on today.
- 2. Opening Prayer**
Principal Sinnesael opened the meeting with prayer.
- 3. Committee Members**
Superintendent Nelson asked committee members to introduce themselves and their role on the committee. In the upcoming months we will co-learn and collaborate as we initiate the process for the new school.
- 4. Presentation**
 - 4.1 Committee Mandate**
The purpose of the committee is to work collaboratively: consultants, board staff and committee members. Once the options are created/presented, then the feedback of the committee members will be vital, as they bring forth the ground truths/realities to the group. The committee's responsibility is to act as a conduit. It is our hope that parents will approach the Parent Reps/Principals through school yard conversations with feedback and then they intern can bring it forth to the rest of the committee. The committee then determines one or more options to present at the public consultation.



4.2 Attendance Boundary Process

Mr. Ammendolia reviewed the framework of the Attendance Boundary Review (ABR) specifically:

- The roles of each of the participants through the process.
- The order in which things occur in the 10-month duration.

4.3 Drivers of Attendance Boundary Reviews

Mr. Ammendolia noted that boundary reviews are conducted to create a balance because of one or more of the following:

- Student enrolment.
- New school facilities.
- Program changes.

4.4 Why a Review?

Mr. Ammendolia highlighted that the high utilization in Brant, SW Brantford and Brantford need to be addressed. The Board has been granted funding for two new elementary schools to be built. Collectively reviewed, this can balance out the existing utilization concerns.

4.5 Intended Outcomes and Key Considerations

Mr. Ammendolia noted that some of the possible outcomes and key considerations may work on paper, but there will be many factors that need to be reviewed as well. Some of these items include transportation, walking distance to school, property size, portables, washrooms, and parking spots. These additional items will provide further insight into what is occurring at each of the facilities.

The Committee must assist in determining what can be done in the best interests of the students, school, and continuously growing community.

4.6 Current Situation and Student Distribution

Mr. Ammendolia reviewed current demographics regarding the schools' historical enrolments and utilizations. He briefly touched on current attendance boundaries and the anticipated residential growth in the areas. We are looking at finding a sustainable solution.

Presented slides that focused on the dramatic changes which have occurred in the population growth since 2011:

- Utilization Rates – the enrolment of the school compared to what the school was built for (not including portables).
- Current student distribution in each of the school's catchment areas.

4.7 Attendance Boundaries

A visual map highlighted the school locations and their proximity to one another.

4.8 Next Steps

- There is a significant amount of time for this review.
- Development of options for consideration to be presented to the committee.
- Public Consultation Meeting to take place in late fall/early winter.
- Final options to be presented to the Trustees for approval in the spring.
- Committee members have any questions, comments, concerns, feedback, etc., please forward an email message to brantfordreview@bhncdsb.ca



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- All presentations, agendas, minutes, etc. will be posted on the Board's website at <https://www1.bhncdsb.ca/boundary-review-city-of-brantford/>

Questions

New School Locations

- The Board is currently in the process of purchasing the land.
- The proposed timeline for opening is scheduled for September 2027.

French Immersion

- The focus is ultimately the boundary review.
- During the attendance boundary review, programming is discussed which includes French Immersion, but the goal is not for the program to be the main initiative for the boundary decisions.

5. Future Meetings

- Autumn 2025

6. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm
