



City of Brantford (Elementary) Attendance Boundary Review
Monday, September 15, 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:	Andrea Maloney, Allison Johnson
Notre Dame School:	Christine Storoschuk
Our Lady of Providence CES:	Ann Marie Lewis, Rodney Lewis
Resurrection School:	N/A
St. Basil CES:	Keila White, Sara Jocelyn
St. Gabriel CES:	Hillary Miles
St. Leo School:	Andrea Pineau, Jennifer Brickman
St. Patrick School:	Mrs. Evans, Tara Mansfield
St. Peter School:	Kristine Allan, Shannon Celi
St. Pius X CES:	Holly Colaiaacova
St. Theresa School:	Alix Consorti

RESOURCE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Administration:	Michael McDonald, Rajini Nelson, John Della Fortuna, Jack Ammendolia, Adam Brutto
Principals / Vice-Principals:	Camiel Sinnesael, Catherine Colatosti, 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**
Principal DeDominicis gave thanks and acknowledged the land that we are gathered on today.
2. **Opening Prayer**
Principal Mason opened the meeting with prayer.
3. **Committee Members**
Superintendent Nelson completed a roll call of the committee members present.
4. **Presentation / Discussion**
 - 4.1 **Purpose of Committee Meeting #2**
Mr. 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. Committee members will be given the opportunity to voice their questions, concerns and provide feedback.
 - 4.2 **Refresher**
The area map presented focused on the school locations and the existing boundaries for each of the schools. This will help as a main reference point.



4.3 Current Situation: Enrolment and Facility Utilization by Program

Mr. Ammendolia reviewed the current demographics, utilization rates, and number of portables. In addition, the forecast for the upcoming 5-years and 10-years was highlighted based on the last enrolment numbers provided to the Ministry. Since this is completed annually in October, the projections are based on 2024 numbers. He briefly touched on the current attendance boundaries and the anticipated residential growth in the Brantford. Similarly, the comparisons were done with programming comparing the regular single track learning model to the French immersion learning model.

4.4 Student Distribution

Mr. Ammendolia explained that there are a handful of schools which have experienced high enrolments and utilizations, relative to the schools' capacities. The maps displayed show the number of students at these schools with single track learning model and French immersion learning model. This is to provide as much information for the committee to understand all aspects of what is occurring in these schools.

4.5 Current Situation: Students Returned to Home Boundary

Mr. Ammendolia noted that every attendance boundary review looks at what impact would it bring if students returned to their home boundary. In this situation, the numbers showed that in some cases it would just be a few students and in others it could be a classroom (depending on ages).

4.6 Current Situation: Maps

Arial mapping emphasized the growth areas in three of the predominate communities:

- Our Lady of Providence CES Study Area (Area 2, 3, 4 and 5)
Powerline West, Powerline Central, Powerline East and Balmoral Block Plans
- Notre Dame School Study Area (Area 31)
Lynden Garden Block Plan
- St. Basil CES Study Area (Area 55 and 56)
Tutela Heights East Block Plan

4.7 Preliminary Ideas for Consideration

Mr. Ammendolia provided ideas for the committee to consider as we go through the next steps of the review.

These preliminary ideas included:

- Boundary Adjustments – certain areas could be adjusted as per the Study Area pdf.
- Program Relocation – possible consideration of relocation the French Immersion program entirely to one school and establishing a single-track French Immersion school.
- Grade Configuration – consider the movement of intermediate students from the overutilized elementary schools to a nearby secondary school with potential space.

Furthermore, two preliminary Ideas for Consideration included:

Preliminary Idea for Consideration 1

- Moving Area 59 from St. Basil Catholic Elementary School
- Additionally, moving Areas 60-62 from St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School

Preliminary Idea for Consideration 2

- Moving Areas 54-56 and 59 from St. Basil Catholic Elementary School
Additionally, moving Area 60 and 64-65 from St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School.



4.8 Key Questions

Broad questions were presented to the committee to think about through the process. A committee survey will be sent by email in the upcoming days to gain insight on the opinions of the members. The input and considerations should be viewed at from various angles keeping the needs of the students, the school as a whole and the community in mind.

4.9 Future Discussions

Implementation decisions will need to be made by the Board in the future. Some of these items include:

- School space audits/Temporary spaces/Transportation
- Staffing requirements/needs
- Transition plan

4.10 Next Steps and Questions

Next Steps

Mr. Ammendolia noted that:

- A survey will be sent via email in the upcoming days for the committee members to complete and provide input on the items addressed in tonight's meetings and the preliminary ideas for consideration.
- If anyone has questions regarding the Brantford ABR, they can email brantfordreview@bhncdbs.ca
- The next committee meeting will take place on October 20th.
- The Public Meeting will be held on December 1st.
- Final options for approval by the Trustees will occur in the Spring 2026
- Tonight's presentation will be available on the Board's website.

Questions

Accessibility

Question – Do all the schools in our board provide the same level of accessibility for students living with both intellectual and physical disabilities?

Answer – Director McDonald explained that there are schools that have some congregated classes, which are specifically designed for certain students with specific requirements. Majority of the schools though are fully accessible to all students.

Upcoming Developments

Comment – There is also new developments coming around Madonna Della Libera. Around another three hundred houses projected.

Answer – Mr. Ammendolia is aware of the upcoming developments and timelines that are being projected. Often developments market well in advance, but the actual construction/development will not occur for an extensive length of time. This information is provided to the consultants.

Data Information

Question – Will we be getting updated numbers? It looks like these numbers are October 2024.

Answer – Mr. Ammendolia explained that enrolment numbers are completed for Ministry reporting on October 31 annually. Our projected numbers for this month seem to be on schedule. As the review moves forward, we will update the charts with the newest data available.



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Director McDonald, provided closing remarks informing the committee that through their dialogue, feedback and survey answers this will form the path for which direction the ABR moves towards. The Board along with the consultants have no predetermined options in mind. The data presented along with some of the considerations, were offered from other historical boundary reviews. We are several steps away from selecting options. It would be beneficial to identify some of the areas that may not need to be entertained any further or that we may require additional information on.

4. Future Meetings

- Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm (virtual)

5. Adjournment

- The Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm
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