



Haldimand County (Elementary) - School Attendance Boundary Review
Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 7:00 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School: Angela Hogeveen, Jeanine Silva, Stephanie Robert
St. Mary's School: Danielle Sadonja, Joana Dixon
St. Michael's School (Dunnville): Melissa Anema, Rob Campbell
St. Patrick's School: Carmeliza Ramsoop, Ian Haynes
St. Stephen's School: Not Available
Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School: Not Applicable

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Administration: Lorrie Temple, Mike McDonald, Phil Wilson, Jack Ammendolia, Sara Lees, Adam Brutto
Principals: Amy Smith, Jeff VanLeuvenhage, Karen Wilkinson, Kerri Lomax, Mary Leonard
Recording Secretary: Katherine Reddicliffe

REGRETS:

Angela Hogeveen, Jeanine Silva, Stephanie Robert, Danielle Sadonja, Melissa Anema, Rob Campbell, Ian Haynes, Lorrie Temple, Phil Wilson, Mary Leonard

1. Opening Prayer

Principal Wilkinson opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Principal Smith gave thanks and acknowledged the land that we are gathered on today.

3. Presentation / Discussion

3.1 Recap and Feedback from the public Meeting / Survey

Mr. Ammendolia noted that valuable feedback was received because of the public meeting and subsequent surveys. Parents' main concerns were:

- Keeping neighbourhoods and communities together.
- Legacy arrangements for senior grades and families.
- The recommendation should be the least disruptive to students.
- Plans for proper growth.

3.2 Options for Consideration

Mr. Ammendolia reviewed the narrowed down possible boundary options with the Committee. Based on recommendations of the survey and feedback, these are the new options:

Option #1a: Haldimand County

- New Pope Francis CES attendance boundary created.
- This option will send approximately 257 current students (JK-6) to Pope Francis CES.
- St. Patrick's CES would then drop to 55% utilization.



NEW Legacy Options #1a

- For current students in Grade 6 plus siblings to be grandfathered (legacy). Current total number of students is 67
OR
- For current students in Grades 5 and 6 plus siblings to be grandfathered (legacy). Current total number of students is 99

Option #1b: Haldimand County

- New Pope Francis CES attendance boundary created.
- This option moves approximately 229 current students (JK-6) to Pope Francis CES.
- St. Patrick's CES would then drop to 69% utilization.
- This option has a greater number of existing students remaining at St. Patrick's therefore allowing more available space at Pope Francis CES upon opening, leaving more room for future enrolment growth.

NEW Legacy Options #1b

- For current students in Grade 6 plus siblings to be grandfathered (legacy). Current total number of students is 64.
OR
- For current students in Grades 5 and 6 plus siblings to be grandfathered (legacy). Current total number of students is 96.

3.3 Next Steps

Mr. Ammendolia noted that

- His firm will complete the analysis based on the following recommendations and agreeance of the committee:
 - Option #1a and #1B as the preferred boundary changes.
 - Option for consideration is that current Grades 5 & 6 students and their siblings would be grandfathered (legacy).
- A Special Meeting of the Board will be scheduled. The website will be updated to show the date and time.
- The Haldimand County (Elementary) School Attendance Boundary Review report, presentation, which will be presented to trustees at a Meeting of the Board, will be made available on the website so parents can review it, use the Interactive Map, make a decision regarding making a Delegation to the Board of Trustees, etc.
- Parents can input their address into the Interactive Map to obtain information regarding the school their child(ren) will attend, bussing information, etc.
- Upon Board approval, a separate committee will be formed for the implementation and notification of the changes.
- Approved changes by the Board are expected to come into effect September 2025.

3.4 Questions

None.

4. Future Meetings

- June 2024 – Board of Trustee Presentation



Director McDonald thanked the Committee for their time in attending meetings and for their honest and valuable input. He also thanked parents for attending the Public Meeting and for responding to the Committee's surveys and feedback.

5. Adjournment

- The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm
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