



**Norfolk County (Elementary) Attendance Boundary Review**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 5:30 pm**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

<b>Our Lady of Fatima School:</b>	Jennifer Gushue, Tonya Jansen
<b>Sacred Heart School:</b>	Candice Vanhie, Jill Van De Slyke
<b>St. Bernard of Clairvaux School:</b>	Jeanette (Harris) Duffield, Jillian DePauw
<b>St. Cecilia's School:</b>	Anthony Lasanowski, Martha Santos-Smith
<b>St. Frances Cabrini School:</b>	Jena Wagner, Melissa Damota
<b>St. Joseph's School:</b>	Elijah Marshall, Megan Flexman
<b>St. Michael's School:</b>	Jenn Vanden Hengel, Jennifer Carrier

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL:**

<b>Administration:</b>	Mike McDonald, Rajini Nelson, Phil Wilson, Michael Lawlor, Jack Ammendolia, Sara Lees, Adam Brutto
<b>Principals / Vice-Principals:</b>	Bill Acres, Jeff VanLeuvenhage, Joe Persia, David Gervais, Jennifer Rudyk, Luc Bertran, Erin Bedard, Teresa Szalay
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Katherine Reddicliffe

**REGRETS:**

Jillian DePauw, Elijah Marshall, Megan Flexman, Jenn Vanden Hengel, Mike McDonald, Sara Lees

**1. Land Acknowledgement**

Superintendent Wilson 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** Refresher on the Committee Contributions, Public Consultation, and the current situations of the Schools. Mr. Ammendolia noted that valuable feedback was received because of the public meeting and the subsequent surveys. Parent's main concerns were:
- French Immersion location

**Update on the Preliminary Ideas for Considerations**

**Preliminary Idea for Consideration 1**

Areas 5+9 from St. Frances Cabrini sent to Our Lady of Fatima

- Areas 4+6+7 from St. Frances Cabrini sent to Sacred Heart
- Area 15 from St. Bernard of Clairvaux and Area 24 from St. Joseph's sent to St. Cecilia's
- Areas 21+22+25 from St. Joseph's sent to St. Michael's
- FI remains unchanged
- Sacred Heart's utilization remains around 50%
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux's utilization remains high, but has five portables on site to accommodate students (and would only need 4)



### **Preliminary Idea for Consideration 2**

- Areas 5+9 from St. Frances Cabrini sent to Our Lady of Fatima
- Areas 4+6+7 from St. Frances Cabrini sent to Sacred Heart
- Area 15 from St. Bernard of Clairvaux and Area 24 from St. Joseph's sent to St. Cecilia's
- Areas 21+22+25 from St. Joseph's sent to St. Michael's
- FI Program Split: 4-8 move from St. Joseph's to Sacred Heart & JK-3 remains at St. Joseph's
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux's utilization remains high, but has five portables on site to accommodate students (and would only need 4)

### **3.2 Questions**

Mr. Ammendolia's presented questions in the slides that he has asked the committee to ponder upon. These answers are extremely important to discuss in the future and clearly state the impacts that they may have on their communities. **The implementation of the entire Attendance Boundary Review is expected for September 2026.**

#### **French Immersion**

- Location was the main concern.
- Committee feedback and survey feedback were aligned on location.
- Dialogue around the unpredictability of students switching from FI to English single-track education if the program moved locations. The utilization may continue to be a concern.

#### **Legacy**

- Additional details requested around the siblings of these students and bus transportation.
- The consultants will also provide feedback on what the consequences would be for this option coming into effect.
- Explanation on the parameters regarding the volume of students to legacy is vital. The more leeway there is, the more difficult it is to control overall. This is extremely important with bus transportation.

#### **Maps**

- Various areas analyzed and discussions around the movement.
- Jumping over areas was discussed and explained that it is not the ideal option.

### **Questions presented to the committee with the recommendations to move forward:**

**Mr. Ammendolia asked the committee: based on the survey feedback and dialogue if the committee was comfortable with presenting Consideration #1 to the Board.**

*Approved by all Committee members who participated.*

*Carried*

**Mr. Ammendolia asked the committee: if you agree with the recommendation to offer the current grade 5 & 6 students to be legacy (who would be in grade 7 & 8 during implementation) to agree or disagree.**

*Approved by all Committee members who participated.*

*Carried*



**4. Future Meetings**

- May 2025 - Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees

Superintendent Nelson thanked the Committee for their time in attending meetings and for their honest and valuable input. She also thanked parents for attending the Public Meeting and for responding to the Committee's surveys and feedback. Parents are welcome to continue to provide feedback to the [norfolkcounty@bhncdsb.ca](mailto:norfolkcounty@bhncdsb.ca) email address. Information will be updated on the website <https://www1.bhncdsb.ca/boundary-review-norfolk-county-elementary/> which will include the presentation to the Board and the updated interactive map.

**5. Adjournment**

- The Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm
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