



**County of Brant (Elementary) Boundary Review
Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Blessed Sacrament School:	Lisa Henrique, Kailey Keresturi, Erin Smith
Holy Family Catholic Elementary School:	Allison Langille, Rachael Morton, Shelley Vlasic
Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School:	Julie Rosbrugh, Jessica Ryan
St. Theresa School:	Alix Consorti, Amanda Sanderson

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Administration:	Scott Keys, John Della Fortuna, Lorrie Temple, Phil Wilson, Jack Ammendolia, Sara Lees
Principals / Vice-Principals:	Bill Acres, Kerrie Chartrand, Kim Spencer, Mark Finocchio, Rachel DeDominicis
Recording Secretary:	Katherine Reddicliffe

1. Opening Prayer

John Della Fortuna opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mark Finocchio gave thanks and acknowledged the land that we are gathered on today.

3. Presentation

3.1 Update on the ideas for Consideration

Superintendent Keys reviewed that mandate of the Committee and provided further insight into the role of Trustees who make the decisions based on information, scenarios, recommendations, etc. provided to them.

Mr. Ammendolia reviewed the historical enrolments and utilizations, the current demographics, and the anticipated future enrolments in Brant County. The presentation provided revised maps to answer some of the questions the Committee presented regarding the grades of student movement and proposed changes. Additional slides provided updated data on the various schools' maximum capacity and portables currently allotted. Holding Zone maps include smaller developments under the 500 units. The Boards Transportation Department will need to confirm areas and make final decisions regarding bussing services for students.

Mr. Ammendolia reviewed the following possible boundary options with the Committee and recapped the removal of previous options from the list. Based on recommendations of the survey, feedback and decisions already made, these are the new options:

Option #1 – Boundary Change

- Extend St. Theresa's catchment into Sacred Heart's, moving approximately 26 students currently in Grades JK-6 from Sacred Heart to St. Theresa.
- This option assumes that legacy provisions for students currently in Grade 7 at Sacred Heart (Paris)
- This option reduces the utilization rate at Sacred Heart (Paris) to 144%.
- The utilization rates increase at St. Theresa to 108%.



Option #2 – Holding Zones

- Develop holding zones where new residential development is expected, “holding” new students at schools with available space.
- This could not remain a permanent solution, as modifications would need to happen in the future as the area changes and the potential for new schools being built.

3.2 **Next Steps**

Mr. Ammendolia noted that his firm will complete the Committee recommendation presentation, based on the following recommendations:

- Minor Boundary Change
- Implementation of Holding Zones
- Addition to Recommendation “To be confirmed by the Boards Transportation Department.”
- A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled. Parents will be advised of this date and time.
- The County of Brant (Elementary) School Attendance Boundary Review report, which will be presented to Trustees at Meeting of the Board, will be made available to parents so that parents can review it and use the Interactive Map.
- Parents can input their address into the Interactive Map to obtain information regarding the school. Parents will be advised when the Interactive Map becomes available.
- The Attendance Boundary Review Committee (ABRC) has met its mandate.

3.3 **Questions**

Holding Zones in Other School Areas

- No urgency to implement these immediately in other school areas.
- All areas in Southwestern Ontario developing at rapid rates, therefore annual review, analysis, and monitoring will become the focus prior to students coming in or new residential developments being built.

Legacy

- There is no lifetime legacy in place. There needs to be one sibling in the school for another to enter that school.
- Grade 7/8 students to be included in the legacy provision.

Implementation Date

- Waiting upon approval from the Board of Trustees.
- If approved in December, procedures would be completed in January 2024.
- Implementation date: September 2024.

Question presented to the Committee:

- Would it be fair to include a legacy provision for students in Grades 7 and 8?
All ABRC members in agreement to present as a recommendation to the Board.
- Option #1 – Boundary Charge, all ABRC members in agreement to present as a recommendation to the Board.
- Option #2 – Holding Zones, all ABRC members in agreement to present as a recommendation to the Board.



5. Future Meetings

Superintendent Keys 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. Parents are welcome to continue to provide feedback to the brantcounty@bhncdsb.ca email address or through their principal or School Committee Representative(s).

6. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Next Meeting: December 12, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
December 19, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Board Meeting