

# Halton District School Board

## Milton SW #10 Boundary Review Committee

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Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Boyne Public School, Library

### Notes

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#### Participants:

Khadija Sikander, Trudy Stanfield, Georgia Ludwig, Neel Bhatt, Ian Simpson, Alaa Kabbani, Alicia Gunn, Brij Beniwal

#### Staff Present:

Michelle D'Aguiar, Mitchell Gundy, Dom Renzella, Gord Truffen, Jacqueline Newton, Kim Graves, Donna Danielli

#### **Superintendent Truffen welcomes the Committee. 7:05 pm**

1. Superintendent Truffen goes over the layout of the boundary review meeting, mentioning that this meeting is planned to be more discussion involved.
  - a. The Process Goals are gone over as a reminder for the BRC members.
2. Transportation:
  - a. 1.6km or greater is the distance used to be applicable for transportation for elementary.
  - b. Hazards may play a role in the applicable distance for bussing.
3. Grandparenting:
  - a. Grandparenting make it so younger siblings can stay at a school.
  - b. There has not been any grandparenting from the last two boundary reviews in Milton.
4. Trustee Danielli asks the committee if they would like to provide any feedback from the parent councils.
  - a. Neel Bhatt:
    - i. We are sensitive to the impacts of this review, but we know they are coming.
  - b. Anne J. MacArthur
    - i. A parent from the school wasn't aware of review.
      1. Communications have been sent out and more will be sent out as well.

- c. Signs are now at the schools.

Question: Is there an assumed rate of students coming and going into the schools?

Answer: We track the change and this is included in the projections. The projections can vary as they are very difficult to have 100% accuracy. The difference is typically about 5%

Question: For Scenario 1b & 2, the numbers are different for Milton SW #10, there is a smaller catchment but there are larger numbers.

Answer: The boundary is different, the (pink boundary) is a little bigger in Scenario 2.

5. Trustee Danielli asks the BRC to breaks for discussion. 7:28 pm
  - a. Thinking and using the criteria chart.
6. BRC comes back from discussion at 8:07 pm
7. Questions:
  - a. Would the staff be able to provide the number of students that are on both sides of Leiterman Street?
8. Scenarios:
  - a. What are the scenarios that we can't live with?
    - i. Both groups agree that scenarios 1b, 2, 3 and 4 are not desirable as scenarios going forward.
  - b. What are the scenarios that we like?
    - i. Both groups agree that scenario 1a and 5 should be kept.
  - c. What scenario should be created?
    - i. Moving the grade sevens to another school would not be desired from any the parents and the administration.
    - ii. French Immersion is desired but may not be available.
    - iii. Would it be possible to have an option to have French Immersion start at Milton SW #10 later in the schools lifetime. (2020)
  - d. Superintendent Newton explains to the committee about what makes a healthy school. Having more kids in a program creates a healthier environment for the student, creating the option for change within the program rather than keeping with one group of students or teacher.
  - e. Suggesting scenario 1c
    - i. This scenario could take pressure off of Boyne and add some students to Anne J MacArthur.
    - ii. Focus on the area around Bronte and the rail tracks.
      1. Slicing off an area to go to Anne J MacArthur.
      2. South of Leiterman and North of Louis Saint Laurent Ave.
  - f. Additional iteration of scenario 1c where French Immersion goes to Anne J MacArthur.
9. Mr. Renzella mentions that the traffic should improve once the Farmstead extension has completed.
10. A member of the committee voices concerns that portables remove space at the school for the children to play.

- a. One of the expectations for this boundary review is to reduce the number of portables at the schools involved.
  - b. A member of the committee mentions that they have been at a school with 18 portables, noticeably reducing the outdoor learning space.
  - c. If Anne J MacArthur has 1 or 2 portables it is better than 18.
11. Superintendent Truffen ends the meeting by thanking the BRC members, letting them know to email himself if there are any questions and that multiple scenarios will be needed.

**Meeting ends 8:54 pm**

Next meeting: November 21