

Halton District School Board

ERA 102 Boundary Review Committee

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00-9:00 pm

New Street Education Centre/Gary Allan High School - Lockhart Room

Notes

Staff Present:

Gord Truffen, John Pennyfather, Michelle D'Aguiar, Amy Collard, Jeanne Gray, Margo Shuttleworth, Mitchell Gundy, Rob Eatough, Domenico Renzella

BRC Members:

Cindy Titford, Karen Armstrong, Tracy King, Sarah Abrajian, Katie Goes, Tara Bishop, Shannon Daddario, Melanie Cronyn, Sarah Oswald-Ironside, Jill Roberts

Regrets:

- Welcome to the Boundary Review Committee 7:01pm
- Introductions
 - Superintendent Truffen welcomes back the committee for the final meeting.
- Acceptance of notes from April 9, 2019
 - No comments.
- Feedback
 - There were 74 responses.
 - Almost half were from the Tuck boundary.
 - Overall, option 3b was favored.
 - Overall, option 4b and 4d were disliked.
 - Option 8 was favored from submissions residing north of New Street
 - The pie charts and map of responses are shown.
 - Option 3b
 - Majority support for option 3b
 - Increases enrolment at Tecumseh and Ryerson
 - Reduces portables at John T. Tuck PS
 - Meets the most number of criteria according to the HDSB matrix.
 - Option 4b & 4d
 - Split Ryerson cohort is not ideal.
 - The slow phase out of option 4d is the most fair to those who currently attend Tuck.

- Option 8
 - Does not address enrolment at Tecumseh
 - Option 8 focuses on the importance of peers not changing.
 - Maintain unified cohorts to grade 6.
- Other related comments from the feedback were;
 - Bussing is not desirable.
 - Against additional options being added after the public meeting.
 - Multiple responses against portables at schools.
 - Questioning why Tom Thomson wasn't included.
 - Suggestions that students attending Tuck that have "forged documentation".
 - Concern about students crossing major roads.
 - Pauline Johnson happy with all 4 options.
 - Tuck is against K-6, redirections or split cohorts.
 - Walkability is important.
- The recommended options do not reduce bussing significantly, the change is minimal.
- The forged document students are being investigated by the Superintendent.
- Questions or comments
 - No response suggested an option that was not previously considered.
 - Some Ryerson parents felt like the public meeting was the first time they heard about the review.
 - Optional attendance is fair game and is anticipated.
 - However school organizations have already been produced and may be difficult for schools with classes capped at 20, whereas if a class has 15 there may be a better chance.
- Next steps
 - Superintendent responsible for Boundary Review writes a report with recommended option
 - Director's Recommendation shared at Administrative Council on May 27, 2019
 - Board of Trustees for information - Wednesday, June 5, 2019
 - Board of Trustees for decision - Wednesday, June 19, 2019
 - Opportunity for the community to delegate at a board meeting - June 5 and 19, 2019
- Communication
 - Notice will be sent home on June 21 2019.
 - The email associated with this review will expire a short time after the review has been implemented.
- Superintendent Truffen and Trustee Gray thanks the BRC for their hard work and the public that has attended for each of the meetings.
- Trustee Gray comment on how well the committee followed the admin procedure.
- BRC meeting ends 7:29pm