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AGENDA ADDENDUM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SESSION

Angela Kennedy, Chair

Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair

Thursday, November 11, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR BOARD, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES

First Name:

Gerry

Last Name:

Nolan

Please select the applicable Board, Standing, Statutory, Sub or Ad Hoc Committee at which you are requesting to depute.

Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

Do you wish to Delegate by electronic means?

Yes

Do you require assistance from the Recording Secretary's Office?

No

Do you wish to make your deputation in private session because the matter involves the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or Committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil of his or her parent or guardian?

No

Date of Deputation:

11-11-2021

Topic of Deputation:

Precious Blood Catholic School's Parent Community's concerns and perspective regarding the St. Catherine Catholic School's boundary review.

Key Issue(s):

Student welfare, Precious Blood Catholic School's current enrolment challenges, opportunity and financial cost to our greater Catholic community.

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

Precious Blood Catholic School's position is that as part of the greater Catholic



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community we are very empathic to the enrolment concerns facing St. Catherine's. A Catholic school is indeed a much needed pillar of any smaller community and to see enrolment numbers diminishing is not something we want to see, given potential remedies the Board may wish to implement going forward. Our values and commitment to Catholic education are shared with our fellow schools. Our goal is to look at this more broadly, in terms of our greater Catholic community and ultimately, what is best not only for pragmatic realities (costs and facility utilization) but namely, what is best for our students and their welfare. Proposing that upwards of 10 portables be built under scenario 3 of the boundary review, when there are permanent (indoor) classrooms under utilized at Precious Blood seems to be a proposition not well aligned with our values of championing student welfare, as a greater Catholic community.

Action Requested:

Precious Blood Catholic School and St. Catherine Catholic School share the same parish church but also share the same level of compassion and commitment for Catholic education. Demographics change and evolve over time and our recommendation would be one of flexibility to the Board. That while a boundary review may not make sense at this time, from a student welfare, logistical and financial standpoint, that the Board strongly consider flexibility to allow St. Catherine the time needed to properly assess future demographic changes and to preserve its school.

Please select one of the following options:

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC).

Please provide the name of school and your position:

Name of School: Precious Blood Catholic School

Your Position Chair

Submission Date:

11-01-2021

Precious Blood Catholic School Delegation Presentation
Re: St. Catherine Catholic School Boundary Review
November 11, 7pm

Topic of Deputation:

Precious Blood Catholic School Parent Community's concerns and perspective regarding the St. Catherine Catholic School's boundary review.

Key Issues:

Student welfare, Precious Blood Catholic School's current enrolment challenges, opportunity and financial cost to our greater Catholic community.

Precious Blood Presentation:

Precious Blood Catholic School's position is that as part of the greater Catholic community we are very empathic to the enrolment concerns facing St. Catherine's. We endeavour to be a school that leads by example when it comes to living up to our shared Catholic values. A Catholic school is indeed a much needed pillar of any smaller community and to see enrolment numbers diminishing is not something we want to see, given potential remedies the Board may wish to implement going forward. Our values and commitment to Catholic education are shared with our fellow schools. Our goal is to look at this more broadly, in terms of our greater Catholic community and ultimately, what is best not only for pragmatic realities (costs and facility utilization) but namely, what is best for our students and their welfare.

We would be remiss as part of our greater Catholic community if we didn't touch on the prudent issue of fiscal responsibility and our collective responsibility as taxpayers to look at the financial and even opportunity costs of these proposals. Portables come with a cost and that cost is well justified when we look at areas of growing demographics and enrolment numbers, but not when we have excess physical capacity within the greater community. Transportation costs have to be considered in the calculus for this boundary review, with the duplication of busing costs for a generous transition period, being properly compounded by tangible student welfare concerns. Lastly, we would ask this Board to fully consider the opportunity cost of devoting more staff and community resources to moving this scenario forward through the formal process.

Proposing that upwards of 10 portables be built under scenario 3 of the boundary review, when there are permanent (indoor) classrooms under utilized at Precious Blood seems to be a proposition not well aligned with our values of championing student welfare, as a greater Catholic community. Precious Blood's numbers being relied upon by Board staff are not reflective of current realities, in terms of enrolment and utilization.

Due in part to Covid and a shift to virtual e-learning our current enrolment numbers in this report are inflated by approximately 71 pupils (current physical enrolment is 388 pupils). Precious Blood currently has unused facility capacity, in that, 3 classrooms are currently not being utilized, due to lower enrolment numbers. One of the justifications for exploring scenario 3 is that Precious Blood is at 94% OTG utilization, whereas, the reality on the ground, is that we have 3 classrooms not being utilized. From a student welfare perspective, portables are meant to be a temporary solution for a growing student population, however it would seem imprudent to move students from permanent and under utilized facilities at Precious Blood, to “temporary” portables at St. Catherine’s. There is also the student welfare issue of adequate washroom facilities in place at St. Catherine’s to handle this envisioned influx of students. Precious Blood currently has 2 sets of washrooms for boys and girls, whereas Board staff have indicated there is only a single set of washrooms for boys and girls at St. Catherine’s. Championing student welfare is very well aligned with our shared Catholic values and is something that unites us as a larger community.

Action Requested:

Precious Blood Catholic School and St. Catherine Catholic School share the same parish church but also share the same level of compassion and commitment for Catholic education. Demographics change and evolve over time and our recommendation would be one of flexibility to the Board. That while a boundary review may not make sense at this time, from a student welfare, logistical and financial standpoint, that the Board strongly consider flexibility to allow St. Catherine the time needed to properly assess future demographic changes and to preserve its school. We stand united by our Faith, compassion and shared responsibility for ensuring the best possible education for our kids.



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First Name:

Edith

Last Name:

Rolko

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Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

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Yes

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Date of Deputation:

11-11-2021

Topic of Deputation:

Proposed Boundary Review- St. Catherine Catholic School

Key Issue(s):

Proposed boundary Review- St. Catherine Catholic School- Community Member



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Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

A boundary review for the St. Catherine School community is what is best for the community as it supports the well-being of the surrounding population and will enrich the school and thus the community.

Action Requested:

To enlarge the boundary to the school to include Victoria Village which does not currently have a home school. Current boundary school forces students to cross political lines and excessive major roadways.

Please select one of the following options:

I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf.

Submission Date:

11-08-2021

Statement to the Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property
Committee for a boundary review for St. Catherine

Edith Rolko - Community Member

Objective

- As a community member we support a boundary review of St. Catherine School to enhance the community with increased enrollment by supporting Catholic families to attend catholic school in their own neighbourhoods

Community Concerns

- St. Catherine is a vibrant school and plays a significant role in community engagement. Increases in enrollment would continue to enhance this engagement. Students connect with the community through many activities that support the diverse community
- One section of St. Catherine Catchment area includes a light industry area that has no housing however, this is changing as industrial buildings are being replaced with homes
- An area adjacent to this light industry does not have any catholic school presence and is poorly serviced by the TCDSB. This area is in the southeast corner of North York and is known as Victoria Village
 - Catholic students are currently bussed to Scarborough
 - Many families who live in North York want to send their children to school in North York not out of their community to Scarborough
 - The ratio of students attending public school is much higher in this area compared to other parts of Toronto which is an indicator of families who want to keep their children educated in North York



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First Name:

Teresa

Last Name:

Colonna

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Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

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Date of Deputation:

11-11-2021

Topic of Deputation:

Security Cameras/Mulch



DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR BOARD, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES

Key Issue(s):

Community changing and the safety of our community is changing.

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

On behalf of CSPC we would like to be considered to have cameras installed to ensure the students and staff are safe. Cameras are known to detour crimes. It could be used in investigations to try and keep our school community safe. Also Mulch is required as it's a tripping hazard for all students in the school yard, it has never been topped up in 6 years more.

Action Requested:

Instal Cameras

Top up Mulch

Please select one of the following options:

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC).

Please provide the name of school and your position:

Name of School: St. Norbert

Your Position Secretary

Submission Date:

11-08-2021

Good evening everyone and thank for this opportunity to address you all this evening.

I have been active in the St Norbert school community for more than a decade. My husband was born and raised in this neighbourhood for over 49 years, he attended this school and our three children have attended St. Norbert, we have one intermediate son left in this school. My daughter attends Loretto Abbey and my son attends Chaminade College School.

I am here to address the renewal budget. We found out about it on Monday night when our trustee informed us at a parent council meeting. I am here to address two safety issues. Security cameras and mulch on the school grounds.

Schools use many tools to ensure a safe environment for students and staff alike. One vital part to keeping our children safe at St. Norbert's are to install security cameras.

At any given moment something could happen, and Cameras ensure that the school grounds can be monitored consistently and effectively. Not only do school security cameras discourage violence or intrusions, but they also act as a deterrent. If someone was to carry out a crime, the cameras record it all.

The goal for our school cameras would be to

- Help deter crime, bullying, and school violence on school grounds
- Discourages vandalism and trespassing
- Easy to monitor
- Greatly aids in gathering evidence in the event of an incident

Our neighbourhood has been changing, more and more development, many cannabis stores, so called spas and questionable businesses are more the norm than not on Wilson Avenue.

Our children's safety is of the utmost importance and at times we fear for the dangers in our community.

Over the past two years some unsafe situations have increased. Security cameras would assist us in keeping our children as safe as possible.

A few situations that have arisen are the following, like many communities we have a cannabis store in walking distance, not just one but 3; we have a CAMH

temporary housing unit a few blocks from the school and this brings many individuals who are struggling with mental health issues who walk in and around our school yard on a daily basis; we have had several incidents where large dogs have been off leashes and have attempted to run into our school yard where the dog was blocked by students and staff. We have had and have a mentally unstable woman one block away from our school who is taking pictures and recording our children to the point where police have been called on several occasions and the principal has had to watch our children to ensure their safety.

At times staff do not permit the children outside to play -we abut a large city park- this is a shame especially since we are in the middle of a pandemic and we know that kids need the outdoors now more than ever.

We have had many youths gathering outside the rear doors at night and have seen needles, alcoholic bottles, and used condoms. Broken glass has been found on the school grounds; we have tree stumps that are supposed to be used for sitting but they have been removed and/or tossed around.

There was an incident at the so called spa, where a person randomly walked in and attacked with a machete. All this just blocks away from our children.

We had a parent enter the rear doors and approach two young children for them to notify their teachers that she should not be in the school but was able to enter with no detection. As a result, our school was placed in lock down. Thankfully it was not serious.

We as a Parent Council want to be proactive and not reactive, I could not imagine anyone refusing to assist our school community and keeping them safe.

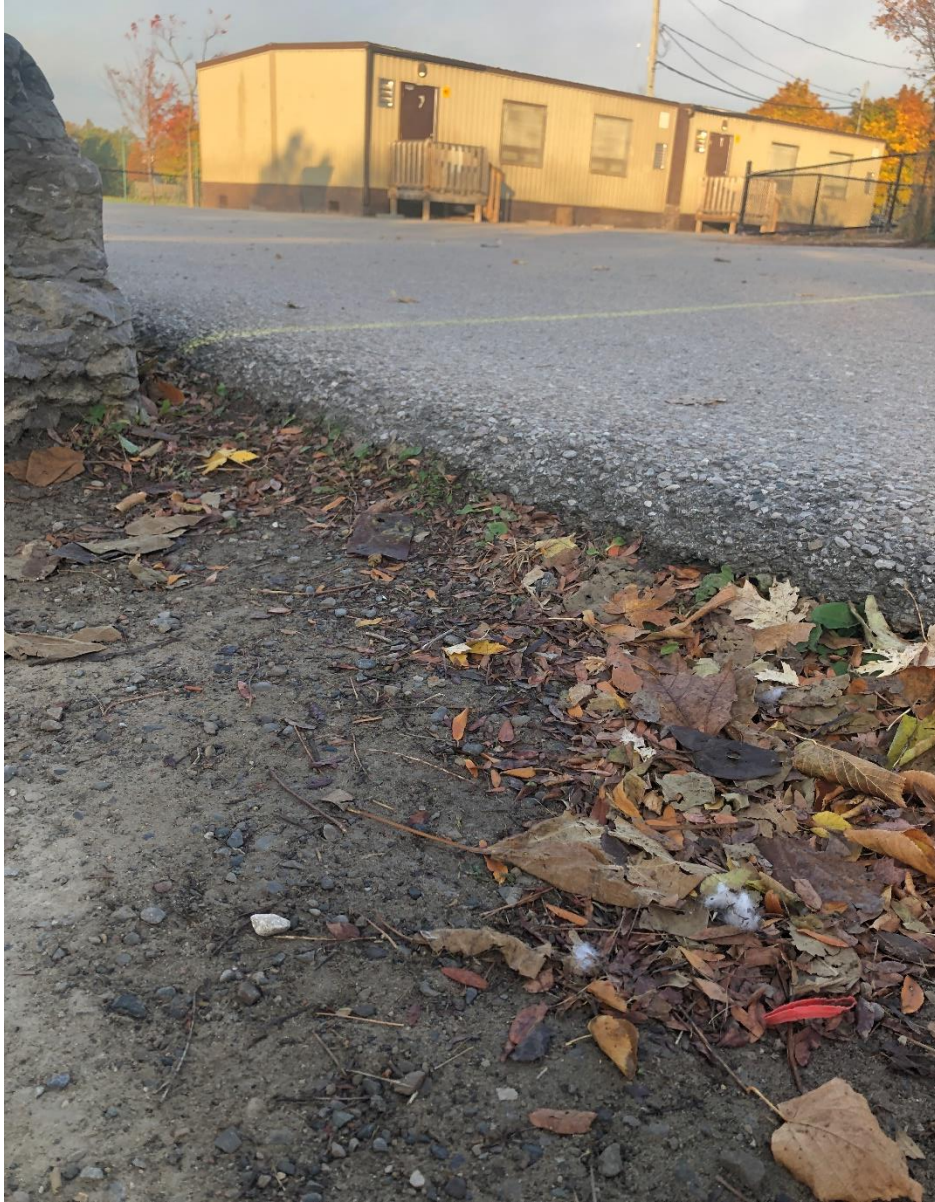
Furthermore I understand the installations of cameras may not be carried out immediately and my son may not be a student when the cameras are installed but I still feel passionate that it is important to advocate on behalf of our current school community and growing school community.

Our community is only getting larger with all the development occurring, I am fearful that if we do not add this safety component to our school the results could be detrimental to some and then can not be reversed. I am pleading for your compassion and support to ensure that another step for the safety of our children will be approved this evening.

Furthermore, I would like to address the immediate danger and hazard of missing mulch in our school yard. It is a tripping hazard for both children at play and staff.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to a favourable response.

Teresa Colonna
St. Norbert CSPC Secretary









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First Name:

Grant

Last Name:

Elligsen

Please select the applicable Board, Standing, Statutory, Sub or Ad Hoc Committee at which you are requesting to depute.

Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

Do you wish to Delegate by electronic means?

Yes

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Date of Deputation:

11-11-2021

Topic of Deputation:

St. Catherine Boundary Review

Key Issue(s):

St. Catherine requires a boundary review to increase our student population.



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Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

We believe that there is a suitable boundary review alternative that can benefit St. Catherine and our neighbouring schools..

St. Catherine is urgently in need of help from the Board because of critically low JK enrollment.

For that reason, we are asking the Board of Trustees to support St. Catherine and recommend a boundary review.

Action Requested:

Recommend to the TCDSB to proceed with a boundary review for St. Catherine Catholic School

Please select one of the following options:

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC).

Please provide the name of school and your position:

Name of School: St. Catherine Catholic School

Your Position CSPC Chair

Submission Date:

11-09-2021

"Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak here tonight. My name is Grant Elligsen, and I'm a parent of two children at St. Catherine Catholic School. I'm also the Chair of the St. Catherine CSPC. Tonight, I am presenting on behalf of St. Catherine, its staff, and our community. The following will present some of our rationale for recommending a boundary review for St. Catherine Catholic School.

Our CSPC was given a presentation from the TCDSB that presented three scenarios for adjusting the St. Catherine boundary. The results of all three scenarios either overwhelmed St. Catherine and negatively impacted our neighbours at Annunciation and Precious Blood, or they provided negligible results. We propose that a boundary review may result in a solution somewhere in the middle of these extremes, so that it might benefit all schools involved. The presentation included their proposed "Scenario 3", which would call for the entirety of the Victoria Village neighbourhood (illustrated by the lower pink coloured area) to attend St Catherine. Of course, this is not feasible. One of the other deterrents was the logistics of busing, which understandably requires considerable resources.

St. Catherine has a maximum capacity of 141 students, with 104 students currently enrolled, consisting of 53 students from inside our boundary. This means, nearly half our students, 51 to be exact, are coming from outside our boundary. Of this cohort, 12 are from the north and includes those in the Annunciation boundary; 1 student comes from the east; 10 students come from the west, all of which are from the St. Bonaventure boundary; 9 students come from south of the Precious Blood boundary; and 19 of our students, nearly a fifth of our student population, come from the Victoria Village neighbourhood in the north part of the Precious Blood boundary.

We also have 4 buses that drop students off at St. Catherine daily, including three pre-existing bus stops in this same area north of Sweeney Drive, in the Victoria Village community of the Precious Blood boundary.

St. Catherine is currently experiencing a critically low enrollment in Junior Kindergarten, and we currently have only 2 JKs enrolled for 2022.

Over 1/3 of the area within our boundary is industrialized, including 100% of buildings on Railside Road.

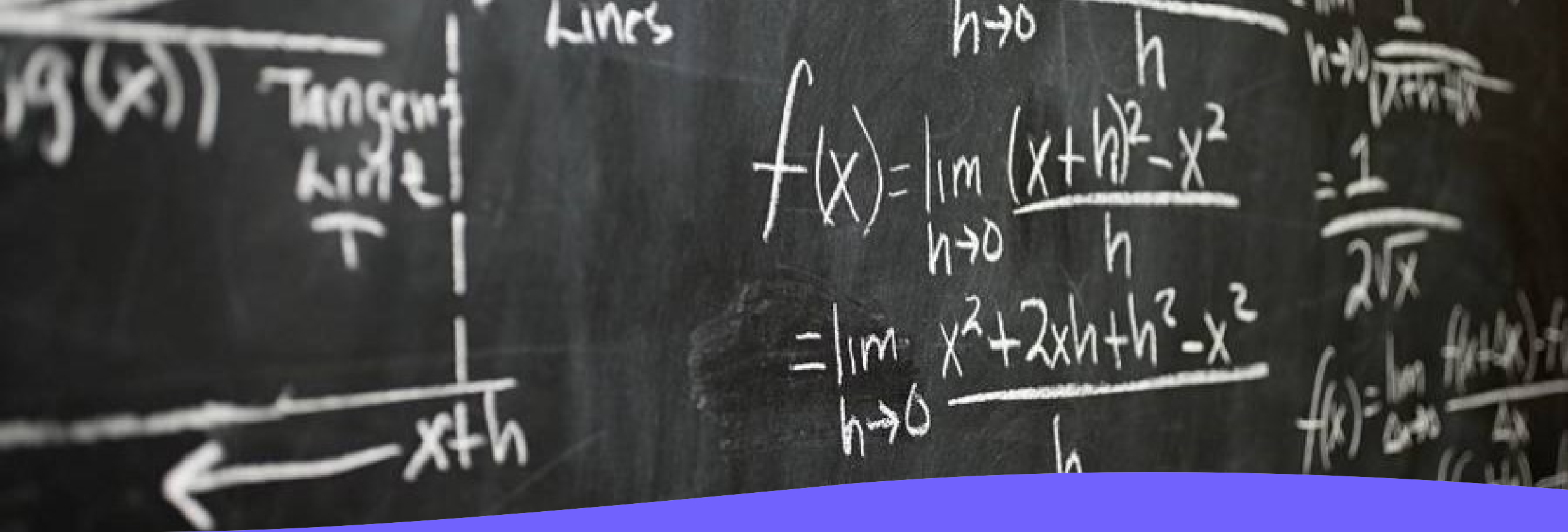
Boundary review will direct students to St. Catherine rather than CSPC marketing our school in other boundaries.

To conclude, we agree that none of the TCDSB proposals were suitable solutions for a formal boundary review.

However, we believe that there is a suitable alternative that can benefit all schools. St. Catherine is urgently in need of help from the Board.

For that reason, we are asking the Board of Trustees to support St. Catherine and recommend a boundary review.

Thank you for your time."



St. Catherine Catholic School Boundary Review

TCDSB Presentation

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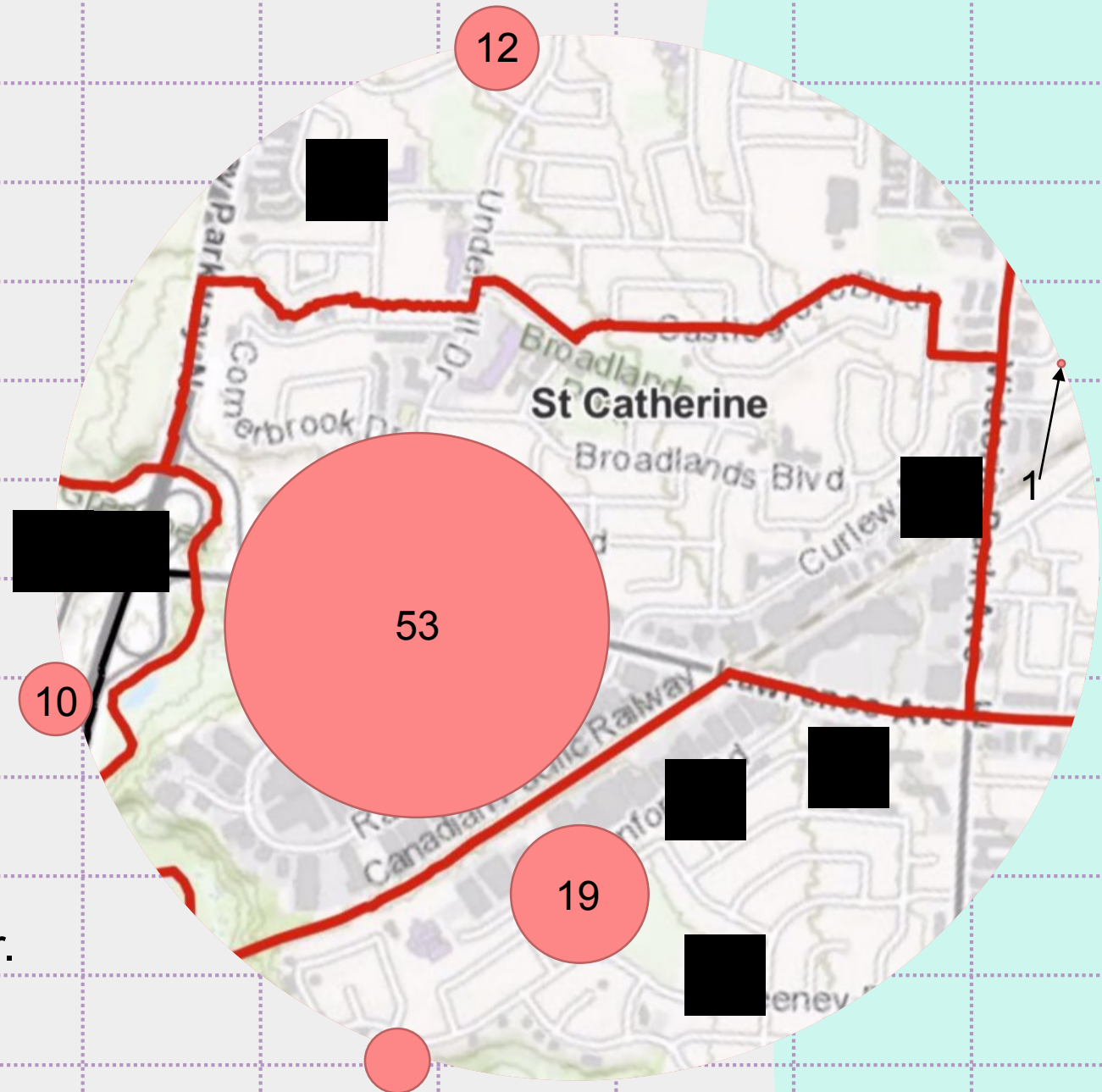
Maximum capacity of 141 students

104 students attending St. Catherine

- 53 students within boundary
 - 12 – north, including Annunciation
 - 1 – east
 - 10 – west, all from St. Bonaventure
 - 9 – south of Precious Blood boundary
- 19 from Victoria Village in Precious Blood boundary

4 buses to St. Catherine daily

- 3 stops serving area north of Sweeney Dr. in Victoria Village



Low JK Enrollment

- Critically low Junior Kindergarten enrollment.
- Currently only 2 JKs enrolled for 2022.

St. Catherine Boundary Industrialized

- Over 1/3 of the area within our boundary is industrialized.
- Including 100% of buildings on Railside Road.

Equitability

- St. Catherine deserves to be equitable with respect to neighbouring schools.
- Boundary review will direct students to St. Catherine rather than CSPC marketing our school in other boundaries.

Critical Considerations

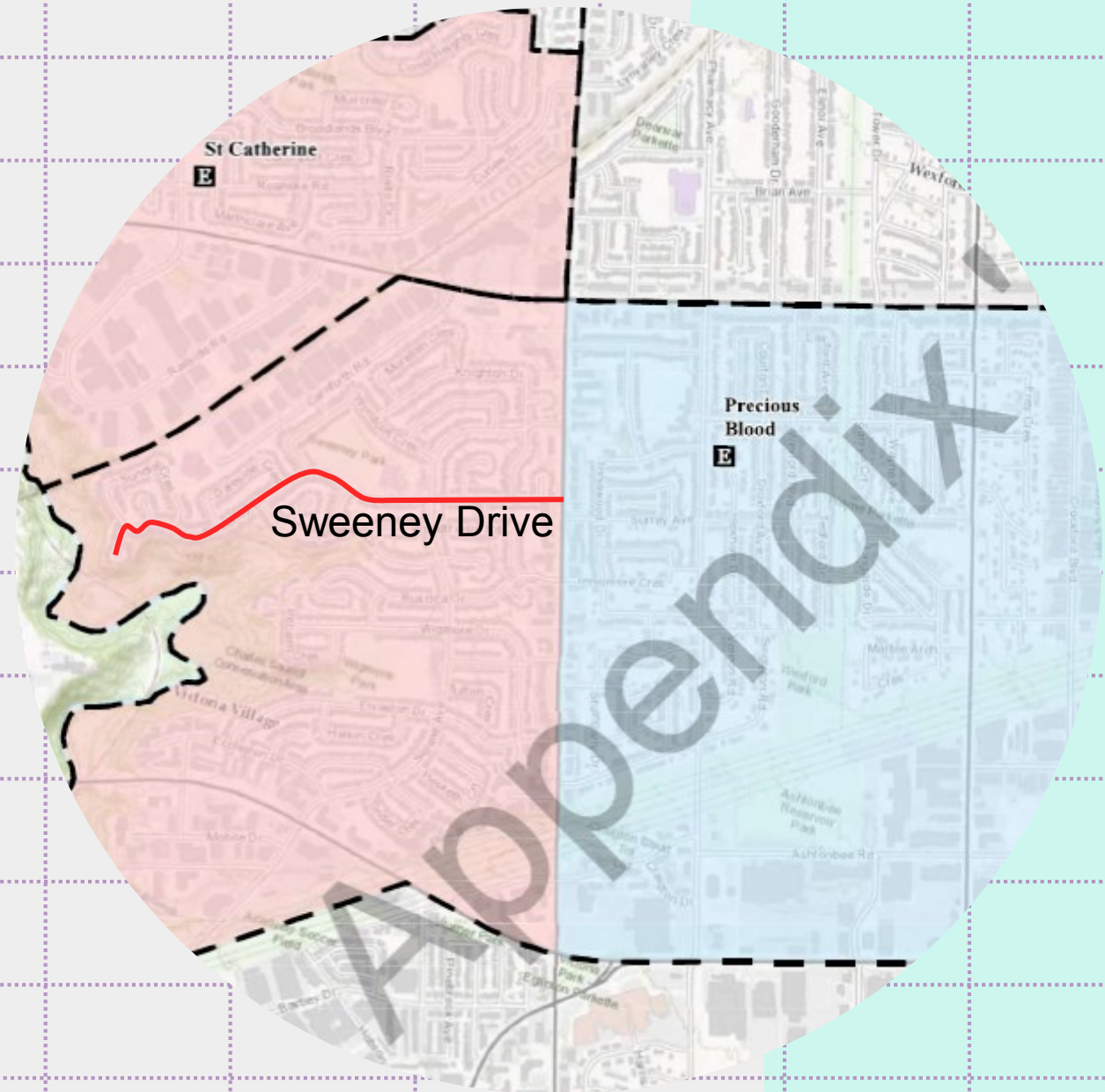
Summary

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However, we believe that there is a suitable alternative that can benefit all schools.

St. Catherine is urgently in need of help from the Board.

For that reason, we are asking the Board of Trustees to support St. Catherine and recommend a boundary review.



Thank you

Grant Elligsen
St. Catherine Catholic School
CSPC Chair





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First Name:

Adam

Last Name:

Ayliffe

Please select the applicable Board, Standing, Statutory, Sub or Ad Hoc Committee at which you are requesting to depute.

Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

Do you wish to Delegate by electronic means?

Yes

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No

Date of Deputation:

11-11-2021

Topic of Deputation:

Boundary review St. Catherines

Key Issue(s):

Boundary review to increase enrollment



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Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

Boundary review

Action Requested:

Accept the parent Council recommendations to increase the boundary.

Please select one of the following options:

I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf.

Submission Date:

11-08-2021

St. Catherine Catholic School Boundary Review.

Good afternoon members of the committee, and thank you for the opportunity to speak.

My name is Adam Ayliffe. I am the parent of two daughters who graduated from St. Catherine's, as well as being a member of the parent council during their tenure at the school, as well as living within a five min walk to the school.

When the current parent council reached out to me asking if I could say a few words, I of course immediately said yes.

St. Catherine's has a special place in my heart. Not just for the fact that it is so close, and my children could walk to the school, but how during my time on the parent council when the board was in the midst of the ARC review, how much having a smaller local school means to the students and especially at the elementary school age, the importance of everyone knowing one another, so that the issues of bullying, either in person or online, are resolved quickly. When the principle and teachers know the names of every student in every grade.

Every parent wants their child to do well, do thrive, have the support and mentoring to prepare them, and in this day and age that is more important than ever. These are the intangibles that cannot be shown on a balance sheet, on a policy document.

As the current parent council makes the point of enrollment and new students come from the new boundaries proposed. Does that not make yet another point of how much St. Catherine's ensure that not just the curriculum is taught, but that it is a school that attracts students due to its small size.

There are of course the other tangibles, which the current parent council's presentation illustrates. Such as school bus routes that already extend into the area in question, no impact on other school's enrolment, which are very, very valid points. I remember when our parent council presented during the ARC review, and how the council understood the importance of a smaller local school to thrive. I can only hope that same thinking prevails today.

As a parent of two children that were students, member of the community, I thank you for your time.



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First Name:

Jenny

Last Name:

Masselis

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Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

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Date of Deputation:

11-11-2021

Topic of Deputation:

Boundary Review

Key Issue(s):

Under capacity



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Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

Extend boundaries

Action Requested:

Extend boundaries of St. Catherine

Please select one of the following options:

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC).

Please provide the name of school and your position:

Name of School: St. Catherine

Your Position: Treasurer

Submission Date:

11-09-2021

Jenny Masselis

Toronto, ON

St.Catherine boundary review

Good Evening trustees and board members,

My name is Jenny Masselis, I'm school council treasurer and a very active community member at St.Catherines school. I'd like to delegate today on behalf of our school community and the victoria village members that currently attend St.Catherines school. Back in March 2020 I originally wrote a letter to Trustee Kennedy asking that the boundaries be considered for our school. As a member of the Victoria Village community for the past 8years, I felt that our area was not being serviced by a Catholic School. Unfortunately Precious Blood doesn't seem to fit in our area as we are located in North York and Precious blood in Scarborough. Many of our students attend preschool just a few blocks from St.Catherine and in the boundary. Once I called the school to inquire about enrolment I was surprised to find it was optional attendance as we were considered out of boundary. Both precious blood and St.Catherines are just over 2kms away from Victoria Village. St.Catharines is currently being underutilized while the 3 surrounding schools of Annunciation, St.Bonaventure and Precious blood continue to experience at or above capacity. Our low school enrolment directly impacts our community, our children, the ability to fundraise and the ability to host competitive clubs and sports teams. As Victoria Village continues to grow, with a community of 178 units planned to open in the next 1.5years, as well as the golden mile projects, we need to be proactive so that Precious blood does not become over capacity. Victoria Village already has a bus that is servicing some of the 19 students attending our school from this area. St.Catherine's can accommodate more students from the area, with little impact to surrounding schools and the community and I'd like to suggest using Sweeney drive as a new southern boundary. We know that we can improve our school, we just need the assistance and support from trustees and the board.

I appreciate your time.