

St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus, Our Lady of Sorrows

Boundary Review Committee Meeting - May 16, 2016

*Notes are based on impressions and interpretation of meeting discussion in preparation of the formal commencement of the public consultation process.

- Minimum of one public meeting (May 30th)
- letter will be sent out once public meeting date is confirmed
- has new and upcoming development been factored into enrollment projections? (Nativity, Marcellus)
- Dundas strip-secondary plan, may affect for 20 to 30 years
- pockets of development- Noresman and Islington area
- request for a ward summary of development-planning dept will provide
- boundary change takes 10 years to lead to change because of sibling rule
- using the river as a boundary
- proposal to take more from the initial area proposed from the OLS SARC
- special needs classroom shows up as "under utilized" because it is under the ministry average class size
- Nativity, 4 portables, only 2 are being used
- Richview plaza may be developed like Humbertown plaza will have impact on projected enrollment
- SARC had an impact, being in this boundary review will reduce sorrows by 1%-only a couple students, two streets
- numbers are high at St Greg's, community can present suggestions
- can email suggestions to Doug tomorrow with alternate suggestions
- diversion may not be worthwhile it is such a minimum amount of students, it was suggested because it is part of the same court
- safety concern to move the Marcellus boundary south because of Eglinton with students crossing
- request for info on how many portables are at each school
- transfer one special needs class to Mother Cabrini from Nativity
- send more students to Nativity for a capital fix?
- Leonardo Da Vinci public school site on Allenhurst as a possible new site for overflow, board interested to purchase
- public meeting, one scenario suggested would be preferable
- May 30th next committee meeting at 6:30, public meeting will be in September

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NOTES:

Purpose of the Boundary Review – to “right-size” the schools. Specifically, to avoid future over-enrolment at St. Gregory by adjusting the boundaries and shifting some enrolment from St. Gregory to Nativity of Our Lord and Mother Cabrini CS.

- Trustee Andrachuk – she wouldn’t be able to recommend Scenarios 4 or 5 (OLS suggestion). Has plans for a new school site at Buttonwood PS (TDSB). The Ward needs a new elementary school.
- According to policy, boundaries are usually major arterial roads and/or natural boundaries such as rivers, ravines, other natural divides
- Nativity OL prefers Scenario 2 or 4
- St. Gregory prefers Scenario 2 (except for little chunk of St. Marcellus below Eglington).
- OLS prefers Scenario 4 or status quo
- St. Marcellus has least impact but school is currently full. St. Marcellus currently has 100 JK/SK pupils. This leads to a school of 500.
- Mother Cabrini questioned Eastern Rites schools, why they are not included and why they are treated as specialty schools.
- OLOS mentioned that they are looking for a 5% reduction in population.
- Mother Cabrini submitted notes for a new scenario (Susie/Barb). These will be Scenario 6 and 7
- Small blue chunk of St. Marcellus below Eglington Avenue is not necessary or a wise move. Those students would have to cross Eglington Ave. Transportation would not be provided.
- Some parents questioned the enrolment projections based on their own knowledge of housing projects, infill housing in their areas. Barbara L mentioned new developments and the yield factors.

- All schools in the area have enrolment pressures.
- Vita Perri – it is important for us, as a committee, to do the right thing, for now and for the future. Follow the principles of boundary review/creation in the policy.
- Portables help the Board make a business case to the Ministry when applying for capital funding. Current portables at these BR schools: OLS (8), Nativity (4), St. Marcellus (2), Mother Cabrini (1), St. Gregory (0)
- Need to provide a list of all special programs in each of these five schools (e.g.) Nativity of Our Lord has: Behaviour ISP, DD/ME ISP, Extended French
- At Mother Cabrini there will be a Principal change for next year. Need to allow the new Principal to see the data related to the boundary review and get up to speed.
- Nativity feels their facilities are poor, gym is inadequate. Accepting more students will be a challenge.
- Request to Planning to show: 1) % utilization of each of these 5 schools and 2) % utilization of all 5 as a group. Also, show % utilization of all Ward 2 elementary schools in a list/chart.
- COMMITTEE DECISIONS:
 - 1) Eliminate Scenarios 3 and 5
 - 2) Eliminate small teal section of St. Marcellus south of Eglington Ave
 - 3) Eliminate small pink section of St. Gregory, east of Islington Ave
 - 4) There will be a BR Committee meeting in September
 - 5) Public meeting will be in early October

ACTIVITY SINCE JUNE 2016

PURPOSE OF BOUNDARY REVIEW – REVIEW SCHOOL BOUNDARIES OF ST. GREGORY, MOTHER CABRINI, NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, OUR LADY OF SORROWS AND ST. MARCELLUS IN ORDER TO AMELIORATE ISSUES CREATED BY CURRENT OVER ENROLLMENT AT ST. GREGORY AND EXPECTED CONTINUATION OF GROWING ENROLMENT

- Committee reviewed scenarios illustrating proposed boundary options prepared by TCDSB planning
- Scenario 1, 2 and 4 to be looked at (Scenarios 3 and 5 were eliminated as options at May 2016 meeting)
- As result of May meeting, TCDSB planning refined scenarios through creation of 3 variations of Scenario 2 referred to as 2A, 2B, and 2C and 3 variations of Scenario 4 referred to as 4A, 4B, and 4C.
- Mr. Yack described activity following May 2016 meeting -Received numerous e-mails from individuals residing in Glen Park community association indicating association was aware of some of the scenarios/changes proposed
- Community association/resident e-mails indicated concerns regarding: children attending a school other than St. Gregory while parishioners of St. Gregory, children in neighborhood attending different Catholic schools, and safety concerns – traffic problems, children crossing streets
- Over enrollment at St. Gregory's has necessitated the following construction/renovation projects: staff room to become classroom for Grade SK/1, music room to become new staff room
- Instrumental music at St. Gregory school is taught on the gym stage therefore 2 classes occur simultaneously - physical education and instrumental music
- St. Gregory is facing the greatest pressure because it is a large school in a neighbourhood where new homes are being built, in some cases 2 or 3 new homes are being built on lots which formerly had one house. Community believes the school will continue to grow

REVIEW OF SCENARIOS

SCENARIO 1 - Status Quo- all school boundaries remain the same

SCENARIO 2 - Realignment of boundaries of all 5 schools

2A - St. Marcellus boundary remains the same – panhandle south of St. George Golf stays with to OLS

2B - Mother Cabrini's boundary extends further south than in Scenario 2, Nativity gains Glen Park neighbourhood

2C - Mother Cabrini extends further south and Nativity captures area between 427 & Mimico Creek up to Eglinton, St. Greg's loses area

SCENARIO 4 - Balances enrolment across schools

4A - 4 schools change, St. Marcellus remains status quo

4B – 4 schools change - Cabrini gains south and east between 427 & Mimico Creek up to Eglinton

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FORMAT OF PUBLIC MEETING

- Large turnout is anticipated as 5 schools may be affected
- Format- present 3 to 4 scenarios to public
- Scenarios will be exhibited on easels as well as multiple screens for viewing and comparison
- Planning department will present the scenarios and explain the differences between the scenarios as well as the possible impact on school/community - boundary reviews provide opportunity for change – redistribute enrolment/population – test prospect of some changes/minor changes to adjust enrolment and try to find solution

SCENARIO 1 – PRESENT/STATUS QUO - St. Gregory current enrolment stands at 722 (22 students over cap)

Discuss impact of continued growth on St. Gregory School – ensure full transparency

If status quo and growing enrolment continue results may be portables, staggered/revolving recess

Discuss what would happen at all the schools assuming enrolment at St. Greg's continues to rise

SCENARIO 2 A - REALIGNMENT OF BOUNDARIES OF ALL 5 SCHOOLS

Discuss impact

SCENARIO 4 A- ALL 5 SCHOOLS HAVE BOUNDARY CHANGES – BALANCES ENROLMENT ACROSS SCHOOLS

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TCDSB Planning will create two more scenarios – 2D and 4D

Trustee Andrachuk suggests another committee meeting take place before the public meeting

Committee will meet on Thurs. Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Nativity to decide on scenarios to be presented at public meeting

Public Consultation Meeting - Opportunities for oral and written feedback will be provided

CONCERNS/ISSUES

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The school has only 2 washrooms, one for boys, the other for girls

How can the school address the needs of a larger enrolment – in terms of facilities – washroom

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- TCDSB planning presented new scenarios based on feedback and recommendations made by committee members at previous meetings
- Scenarios 2 D and 4 D were introduced and explained by TCDSB planning for the committee's consideration
- Committee members discussed the scenarios and shared feedback. Nativity of Our Lord parent representative stated that Nativity of Our Lord is open to welcoming more students as a result of boundary changes but noted the need for improvements to the physical facilities resulting from increased enrolment
- Nativity of Our Lord parent representative wondered why school boundaries don't match parish boundaries and asked whether having an alignment of school-parish boundaries might serve as a solution to over enrolment
- The placement of portable classrooms at St. Gregory School was discussed as an possible option in the future if student enrolment continues to grow
- Committee members decided that 5 scenarios would be presented at the Public Consultation Meeting
- The following scenarios will be presented at the Public Meeting:
Status Quo / Scenario 2A / Scenario 2D / Scenario 4A / Scenario 4D
- The Public Consultation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Gregory Catholic School located at 126 Rathburn Road
- The committee discussed methods of presenting the 5 boundary scenarios at the public meeting including displaying hard copies in multiple locations as well as multi-screen displays
- The committee reviewed suggestions as to the structure of the meeting to maximize opportunities for attendees to access information and to ask questions and/or share concerns including: Skype, and digital recording of public meeting, including real-time recording
- Committee members considered the most effective means of collecting feedback from the attendees at the public meeting including: online surveys via Survey Monkey, paper and pencil surveys, discussion groups, e-mails, and letters
- Preparations are underway to ensure an effective public consultation meeting.

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St Gregory's Notes December 12, 2016 – Public Meeting

Intro Comments

- Committee introductions
- Overview of process and recommended scenarios
 - Consensus = unanimous approval of a boundary review option

Trustee Andrachuk comments

- Thanks crowd for involvement
- Committee member challenged process
 - One more meeting of committee has been proposed and is necessary to satisfy concerns
 - Necessary to be open and transparent as part of the process
- Consensus not currently achieved
- Invitation for new information or comments that haven't been heard

Audience Comments and Questions

- Purpose of next meeting
 - To provide opportunity for a more fulsome conversation as a last attempt to find consensus. Meeting only of the committee early in the new year
- Concern that the Committee has not held its first public meeting. Not enough opportunity for input from public
 - Public consultation requirement in the policy is satisfied by input from committee members and first public meeting
- Criteria for redirection students if status quo remains the same?
 - Look for closest schools that have neighbouring space for parent to choose school
 - If space opens up it is offered to redirected student first
- When will round one questions be posted?
 - December 13th, 2016
- Why today's meeting?
 - To announce consensus or not. Concerns with process lead to necessity of another meeting
- Concerns over transparency of the process
- How will parents be informed of process/where to register
 - Board website
 - Register where SOAR tells you to. Any registration/admission changes would be communicated directly to the parent
- Are the enrollment projects still accurate given new development?
 - Numbers are updated in March. Currently working with 2016 numbers although new developments are considered
- Why still looking at the same options?
 - Status Quo is one option staff recommendation is another option. Additional options, including all of the options submitted by the public have been examined. However, the

staff recommendation remains the most effective if a change is made. The concern is maximizing use of space which is a requirement by the Ministry of education

- Bridge/427 concerns
- Opportunity for feedback at Board meetings
- Notice period? Consider longer implementation phase.
- Residents without children currently at school not represented on committee? Why not?
 - Input still being received. New policy will likely need revision.
- Transportation Concerns
- Community Proposals were they looked at?
 - Yes, many were unworkable or didn't address issues at hand
- Presentations can be made at any board or committee meeting of the Board of Trustees

APPENDIX 'B'

MINUTES
BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE: December 19th, 2016
TIME: 7:00 pm

Attendance

Doug Yack, Superintendent
Mario Silva, Comptroller Planning
Jessica Peake, Senior Manager of Planning and Assessment
Ann Andrachuck, Trustee
St. Gregory – Principal Joe Pannozzo, Vita Peri (CSPA Rep)
Mother Cabrini - Principal Sherryann Ambrose, Nicole Arsenault (CSPA Rep)
Nativity of Our Lord – Michael Fauria, Annette Heim (CSPA Rep)
St. Marcellus – Principal Connie Giordano, Nancy Ciollo (CSPA Rep)
Our Lady of Sorrows - Principal Joe Genova, Myron Tymochko (CSPA Rep)

Introduction / Prayer

Purpose of meeting – To discuss community feedback

Materials handed out included:

- Power Point Presentation from November 15, 2016 Public Meeting (Showing All Scenarios)
- An email from Louise Kolanko
- An email from Jenny Mboutsiadis
- The question and answers from the November 15, 2016 Public Meeting

Notes:

- BRC members reviewed the material handed out
- The BRC discussed what was heard at the Public meeting on December 12, 2016
- Further discussion regarding the possible outcomes of this boundary review.
- The BRC could not come to a consensus on any boundary option or alternative recommendation discussed thus far

BRC Decision & Next Steps:

- The BRC conducted a thorough assessment of all boundary options including status quo, the staff-preferred option, and Boundary Review Committee options discussed during the BRC meetings, and have concluded that consensus cannot be reached at this time.
- A report will go forward to Board, a Delegations Process will occur, and a Final Decision by Trustees will be made.