



Brantford Elementary FI Boundary

Review – Working Group Meeting #1

February 4, 2025





Boundary Review Working Group: **Agenda**

- Welcome/Land Acknowledgement
- Introductions
- Guidelines
- Boundary Review
 - Background
 - Accommodation options
 - Round table
 - Future meeting dates





Boundary Review Working Group: Land Acknowledgement

*Grand Erie District School Board recognizes **Six Nations of the Grand River** and **Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation**, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples who reside within the Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation.*



Boundary Review Working Group: Welcome/Introductions

- Superintendent of Education – **Liana Thompson** (Chair)
- Superintendent of Business – **Rafal Wyszynski**
- Planning Supervisor – **Nathan Hercanuck**
- Planning Officer – **Jahnvi Pathak**
- Recording Secretary – **Jennifer Valstar**

- **Members**
 - École Confédération Principal – **Robyn Mullings**
 - École Confédération Vice Principal – **Ginny Hari**
 - École Confédération School Council – **Greg Baetz**
 - École Dufferin Principal – **Israel Segura-Romero**
 - École Dufferin School Council – **Carling Mitchell**



Boundary Review Working Group:

■ Purpose

- Conduct a review of the attendance area of a school or group of schools within a specified review area of the Board
- Advise and provide recommendations to Board of Trustees on attendance area changes in review area
- **School closures cannot be considered under a Boundary Review process**



Boundary Review Working Group:

■ Membership

- Superintendent of Education responsible for the identified school(s) (chair)
- Planning Supervisor
- Planning Officer
- Principal of the identified school(s)
- **Up to two School Council Representatives of the identified schools**
- Superintendent of Business
- Additional resource personnel as required



Boundary Review Working Group:

■ Responsibilities

- Review Objectives
- Public information and access
 - Website
- Boundary options
- Community consultation and public meetings
- Boundary Review Report



Boundary Review Working Group:

■ Meeting Procedures

- An initial meeting schedule will be established by board staff; changes to meetings including adding or cancelling meeting dates may be made by the BRWC.
- BRWC meetings are not public meetings.
- Minutes will be taken at each meeting and approved at subsequent BRWC meetings.
- BRWC meeting minutes and presentation materials will be posted on the Grand Erie's website.
- Public Meeting materials will be posted on the Board's website prior to the public meeting.
- Public Meeting minutes will be posted on the Board's website.



Boundary Review Working Group: Grand Erie's Boundary Review Reference Criteria:

Where possible, boundary options should take into consideration:

Grade Configuration

- JK-8 and 9-12 are preferred school organizations. However, other school organizations (such as 7-12, JK-12) will be considered based on current enrolment and projected enrolment, school utilization, facility condition and program (ex. French Immersion, Special Education, etc.), and other factors.



Boundary Review Working Group: Grand Erie's Boundary Review Reference Criteria:

Where possible, boundary options should take into consideration:

School Utilization

- Maximize the use of existing facilities and minimize the number of students in portables or temporary structures.
- Maximize the number of facilities that adequately meet student and community needs for accessibility.
- Consider the equity of facilities, site, size and program standards.
- All facilities should provide safe and secure learning environments for all students and staff.



Boundary Review Working Group: Grand Erie's Boundary Review Reference Criteria:

Where possible, boundary options should take into consideration:

Program offerings

- Maximize access to and equity of program offerings (i.e. French Immersion, Special Education, etc.).
- Minimize the number of combined grades at a school.



Boundary Review Working Group: Grand Erie's Boundary Review Reference Criteria:

Where possible, boundary options should take into consideration:

Transportation

- Maximize the number of students within a school boundary who are within walking distance, minimizing the need for transportation and annual operating costs.

Transitions

- Minimize the number of transitions for students where changes are proposed.



Boundary Review Working Group:

- Public information and access (Website)
- Community consultation and public meetings



Boundary Review Working Group: Round Table Discussion



Boundary Review Working Group: Next Steps



Boundary Review Working Group: Future Meeting Dates: Agenda

- Public Meeting
 - **Tuesday February 11, 2025**
 - Boundary Review Background
 - Presentation of preferred accommodation option
 - Collect public feedback



Boundary Review Working Group: Future Meeting Dates: Agenda

- BRWG Meeting #2
 - **Tuesday February 18, 2025**
 - Further discussion of initial scenario
 - Discuss accommodation options and make recommendation



**Next Meeting:
Tuesday February 11, 2025**

Please submit comments and questions to

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Thank you!