

# Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee – Brantford East

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

4:30 pm

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## **MINUTES**

**Grand Erie Staff:** Chair, L. Munro, Superintendent of Education

R. Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business

N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor

D. McGaghran, Principal – Woodman-Cainsville School

I. Segura-Romero, Principal – Echo Place School G. Ash, Principal – Makor Ballachey Public School

D. Johnson, Vice-Principal – Major Ballachey Public School

C. Bannister, Principal - King George School

**Community:** P. MacDougall

S. Bradfield A. Bogema A. Smith

**Trustees:** C-A. Sloat

S. Gibson

**Absent with Regrets:** D. Atanas, Principal – Central Public School

**Recorder:** K. Harrison, Executive Assistant

**Grand Erie Staff:** Chair, L. Munro, Superintendent of Education

#### A - 1 Opening & Welcome

Chair Superintendent Munro welcomed the group.

Superintendent Wyszynski read the Land Acknowledgement and group introductions.

### **B-1** Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

N. Hercanuck presented the Terms of Reference.

#### C - 1 Boundary Review

#### (a) **Background**

N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor, provided an overview of the purpose and timelines of this boundary review. It was noted that school closures cannot be considered under a boundary review process.

## (b) Current Situation/Enrollment Projections

N. Hercanuck, Planning Supervisor, provided an overview and identified the following:

- This boundary review takes into consideration the catchment areas of Woodman-Cainsville School, Echo Place School, King George School, Central Public School, Major Ballachey Public School.
- Growth in East Brantford has increased enrolment at Woodman-Cainsville.
- Woodman-Cainsville is currently at 178% of its capacity and has an enrolment of 404 students with 9 portables, projecting further increases.
- Also expecting increases at Central and Major Ballachey Public Schools.
- A funding request was submitted to the Ministry of Education seeking funding and approval for a six-classroom addition at Woodman-Cainsville but that request was not successful.



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#### D-1 Round Table

- In response to questions about expanding the boundary, Superintendent Wyszynski explained that we will not be expanding the boundary or the committee at this time.
- In response to a question about further meetings, community members were polled and requested the meetings be virtual for flexibility.
- In response to a question about how it is decided which families move, N. Hercanuck explained that they would look at reducing enrolment at Woodman-Cainsville through boundary changes.
- In response to a question about building a new school, N. Hercanuck advised that they don't have information that would justify a new school build. Projections indicate there seems to be enough space across all the current schools for students. Projected pupil place deficit of 137 by 2032. The Ministry of Education would not fund new school construction for 137 students.
- In response to a question about who parents/families should contact should they have questions, N. Hercanuck provided the committee with the email address planning@granderie.ca and asked that it is noted in the email that the question is about Brantford East as there are other Boundary Reviews currently taking place.

#### E-1 Next Meeting

Public Consultation will be scheduled.

### F-1 Adjournment

5:29 pm