

SOUTHWEST KITCHENER SECONDARY BOUNDARY STUDY



The fourth Working Group meeting of the Southwest Kitchener Secondary Boundary Study, involving Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute, Forest Heights Collegiate Institute and Huron Heights Secondary School, was held at Huron Heights SS on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Ray Teed, Principal, Cameron Heights CI; Tina Rowe, Principal, Forest Heights CI; Jeff Klinck, Principal, Huron Heights SS; Judith Coatts, Parent Representative, Cameron Heights CI; Amanda Young, Parent Representative, Huron Heights SS; Amberlee O'Connor, Parent Representative, Huron Heights SS; Shaelie Mendes, Student Representative, Huron Heights SS; Debra Zanon-Barclay, Parent Representative, Huron Heights SS; TJay Jandles, Student Representative, Huron Heights SS; Graham Shantz, Superintendent of Student Achievement & Well-Being; Bill Lemon, Superintendent of Student Achievement & Well-Being; Nathan Hercanuck, Manager of Planning; Sarah Galliher, Senior Planner; Emily Bumbaco, Senior Planner

REGRETS:

Della Sousa, Parent Representative, Forest Heights CI; Hadbaa Al Ghazy, Parent Representative, Forest Heights CI; Liya Ghannaiman, Student Representative, Forest Heights CI; Melanie Bender, Parent Representative, Huron Heights SS; Nicole Huskins, Parent Representative, Huron Heights SS; Kevin Magda, Student Representative, Huron Heights SS; Ron DeBoer, Superintendent of Student Achievement & Well-Being; Matthew Gerard, Superintendent of Business Services & Treasurer of the Board; Shelby Selig, Recording Secretary

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Galliher, Senior Planner, welcomed members of the Working Group and Board staff at 7:04 PM.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Galliher asked if there were any errors or omissions in the minutes from Working Group meeting #3. The minutes from Working Group meeting #3 were approved.

Moved by: Bill Lemon

Seconded by: Ray Teed

Ms. Galliher reviewed the agenda and led the group through the presentation. The presentation is available online at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/southwest-kitchener-secondary-boundary-study/>

3. SCENARIO #3

On slide 3 of the online presentation Ms. Galliher reviewed the map of Scenario 3. Scenario 3 is a new scenario that was requested at the last Working Group meeting. In this scenario the pink hatched area of the map which represents the Groh PS and Brigadoon East junior boundary areas attend Forest Heights for grade 9-12.

Ms. Galliher reviewed the enrolment projections for Scenario 3 (slide 4). The scenario table now includes a total capacity, which includes the on-the-ground (OTG) capacity of the building and the total portables for the site. This was included to provide more context when reviewing the scenarios. Ms. Galliher noted that Cameron Heights SS is somewhat constrained by their site size and location but currently can accommodate 6 portables. Forest Heights SS can accommodate 12 portables, potentially more with site upgrades. Huron Heights SS can accommodate 18 portables.

Note: portable capacities are based on current site conditions and in some cases things like electrical upgrades may increase the number of portables that may be accommodated

Ms. Galliher noted that scenario 3 puts a bit more of a heavy burden on Forest Heights SS which exceeds 1800 students by 2028.

Mr. Hercanuck, Manager of Planning, noted that similar to scenario 1 and 2, this enrolment shows the full 9-12 implementation of the boundary change. Grandparenting is not part of these projections.

Q: To get back to a single lunch, Huron would need to be at approximately 1400 students?

R: Mr. Klink responded, yes.

Q: Is the utilization percentage shown reflective of the OTG or the total capacity?

R: Ms. Galliher responded that yes, utilization always reflects enrolment divided by OTG capacity.

Ms. Galliher presented some of the impacts of scenario 3 on slides 5-7 of the presentation.

Q: Did you consider the time of the bus runs? What time would students need to get the bus in order to get up to Forest Heights. Current DA students are on the bus for 45 minutes.

R: Ms. Galliher responded that when transportation estimates their bus runs, they take into account the length of the run. Planning can confirm estimated bus times for each new scenario.

Ms. Bumbaco noted that the estimated bus time for scenario 3 was 20 minutes, but that staff would confirm this with STSWR.

Q: How many buses would this add to Forest Heights?

R: Ms. Bumbaco responded that 7 buses would be required to transport students in scenario 3, but only 5 new ones would be required. Two runs could be accommodated within the existing network.

C: Mr. Lemon highlighted that an additional impact on Forest Heights would be the need to upgrade some infrastructure on site in order to accommodate the new bus traffic. The existing parking lot was built to accommodate a bus bay, however this may impact the on-site parking.

Q: What is the breakdown of buses per area for scenario 3?

R: Ms. Bumbaco responded that of the 7 buses required for scenario 3, 2 would service the Brigadoon area and 5 would service the Groh area.

Ms. Galliher reviewed the impacts of three different grandparenting options for scenario 3. Mr. Klink commented that grandparenting does not bring Huron Heights to a level of significant enrolment relief.

4. SCENARIO #4

On slide 8 of the online presentation Ms. Galliher reviewed the map for scenario 4. This scenario was also proposed by the Working Group at the previous meeting. In this scenario the pink hatched area of the map which represents the Jean Steckle PS and part of Janet Metcalfe's junior boundary areas attend Forest Heights for grade 9-12.

On slide 9 Ms. Galliher reviewed the scenario 4 enrolment projections. This scenario does not have as much of an impact on enrolment at Forest Heights CI. It also does not remove as many students from Huron Heights SS.

Ms. Galliher took the group through some of the scenario impacts on slides 10 -12 of the online presentation.

Ms. Galliher noted that scenario 4 would require 5 new buses as Jean Steckle is within walking distance of Huron Heights.

The Working Group highlighted the impact of transportation on after school programming. It was felt that the City's public transportation does not adequately service the south end of Kitchener so students participating in afterschool activities at Forest Heights might have a difficult time getting home, which may impact overall students well-being.

Q: At what point would Forest Heights go to a double lunch?

R: Ms. Rowe responded that Forest Heights would likely need to go to a second lunch at approximately 1500 students.

5. REVIEW OF SCENARIO #1-2

Ms. Galliher briefly reviewed scenario 1 and 2 with the group (slides 13-20). The enrolment numbers for Forest Heights CI have been revised to reflect the new development area assignment, which was discussed at the previous meeting. This has resulted in a change to the enrolment projections provided in the boundary study, potentially adding up to 80 students to FHCI by the end of the projection period.

6. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Planning staff are now preparing the communications for the public consultation meeting. As a Working Group we need to determine what we are bringing for consultation. Mr. Galliher asked, with regards to the 2 new scenarios brought forward tonight, are we sharing these? If yes, we will need to approve the minutes via email prior to the public consultation so we can post them online for public consumption.

7. SCENARIO ANALYSIS

We took some time to work in small groups to review the scenarios against the draft objectives.

Mr. Hercanuck pointed out that no scenarios are perfect but if all the scenarios tick at least one box we may be better off bringing all of the scenarios to the public for consultation to show the committee's work and to get feedback on the full range of options being contemplated. This feedback will help the Working Group scope it's next meetings.

Generally speaking, it was noted that Scenario 2 (Glencairn and Country Hills neighbourhoods to CHCI and Williamsburg, WT Townshend and Alpine trail to FHCI) ticked the most boxes. No scenarios were considered a clear winner. Overall the Working Group expressed frustration at the lack of ideal options given the constraints (no capital investment, no proposed timing for the next Secondary school in Southwest Kitchener).

Some highlights of the discussion included

- not wanting to flip the problem to FHCI
- cost considerations of upgrades that may be required to pierce 12 portables at FHCI
- no scenario is ideal, piercing 1800 at FHCI is not viable
- should reducing Grade 7/8 split feeds even be an objective or is it more important to ensure that JK-6 boundaries are not split (e.g. Brigadoon's impact in proposed Scenario 3)
- it was noted that the grandparenting implications were similar across scenarios
- should eliminating double lunches be a consideration of scenarios. Does eliminating the double lunch at HHSS require adding it at FHCI
- when you look at scenario 3 and 4 it makes you appreciate the work that goes into adjusting the boundaries
- is CHCI doing enough to contribute relief in any of the options, has specialty spaces
- past boundary maps confusing (Huron Heights is located in non-residential area), has been fixed for slide deck now online (shown in hatching)
- support for consulting on all options developed to date

After a lengthy discussion on the constraints of the 4 scenarios developed so far, the Working Group agreed to share all 4 options for input at the first Public Consultation Meeting.

The Working Group discussed the need for other scenario options and requested that staff model additional scenarios to be presented at the next working group meeting, alongside the feedback we will have from the Public Meeting on February 7th.

At this time, the Working Group is not prepared to identify a preferred scenario.

Ms. Galliher thanked the Working Group for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Planning staff to develop the following Scenarios for consideration on February 19, 2019**
 - **Modified Scenario 2 - Williamsburg, WT Townshend and Alpine tail JK-6 boundaries to FHCI, Pioneer Park JK-6 boundary to CHCI**
 - **Modified Scenario 2a - WT Townshend and Alpine Tail JK-6 boundary to FHCI, Williamsburg remains at CHCI, Country Hills and Glencairn JK-6 boundaries to CHCI**
 - **Scenario 5 - Groh PS JK-8 Boundary to FHCI, Glencairn, Country Hills JK-6 boundaries to CHCI**
 - **Scenario 6 - Jean Steckle PS, WT Townshend, Williamsburg, Alpine Tail JK-6 Boundaries to FHCI**
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FUTURE MEETINGS:

Working Group Meetings:

- **Working Group #5:** Rescheduled from February 5 to February 19, 2019

Public Meetings:

- Public Meeting #1: Thursday February 7, 2019 at Huron Heights SS
- Public Meeting #2: TBD
- Committee of the Whole Meeting: TBD