



Forest Hill / Trillium Elementary Schools Boundary Study
Minutes of Working Group Meeting #7
November 16, 2011
Forest Hill Public School - 5:00-6:30 p.m.

The seventh Working Group Meeting of the Forest Hill / Trillium Elementary Schools Boundary Study was held at Forest Hill Public School on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

Attendees:

Steve Zack, Principal of Forest Hill P.S, and our host for the evening, Carol Fuller, Parent Representative Forest Hill P.S., Jennifer Kroeker, Parent Representative Forest Hill P.S., Jennifer Passy, Parent Representative Trillium P.S., Shane Hall, Parent Representative, Trillium P.S., Dennis Cuomo, Manager of Planning, Lauren Manske, Senior Planner and Andrea Kean, Recording Secretary.

Regrets:

B. Brown, Principal of Trillium P.S., Gregg Bereznick, Superintendent of Education, Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner.

1. Welcome/Approval of minutes – November 8, 2011 Meeting.

Ms. Manske welcomed members of the Working Group at 5:00 p.m. and asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes of the previous meeting. None were brought forward and minutes were passed. Minutes from the sixth meeting are now available on the website: <http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/boundary-studies/forest-hill-trillium-elementary-schools-boundary-study>

Ms. Manske advised that the flyers for the Public Meeting have been sent out to the schools and Forest Hill PS will include a letter with the flyer addressed to each of the students in the Chandler/Mowat area.

Steve Zack enquired as to whether there are any students from that area who are currently attending Trillium PS as out-of-boundary and if so, should they get a letter from Trillium PS as well.

Action Item:

Ms. Manske will contact B. Brown to identify if there are any out-of-boundary students in that area.

Ms. Manske led the group through the presentation (available online at: <http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/boundary-studies/forest-hill-trillium-elementary-schools-boundary-study>)

2. Scenario Discussion:

Scenarios 9 and 11:

Ms. Manske noted that at the last meeting the Working Group had narrowed down the options to [Scenario 9](#) and [Scenario 11](#).

Ms. Manske noted that Slides 3, 4, 6 and 7 details the scenarios and enrolment projections for each.

Scenario 9

- Approximate 45 student increase to Trillium PS from areas O and P.
- The breakdown by grade is not a lot different than Status Quo with Grade 1 being the anomaly and once they progress it normalizes.
- Meets all of the objectives.

Scenario 11

- Area O sends a few less students to Trillium PS than Scenario 9.
- Results in a similar by grade profile with more in each grade than in scenario 9 for Trillium PS.
- Meets all of the objectives.

Grandfathering Options?

The ARC agreed to offer the grandfathering option for the Grade 6 class only and not to be included for siblings.

Modifications to Boundaries of Areas O and P?

The Working Group examined an aerial map of the review area and discussed various modifications to the areas to determine what would make a more rational dividing line for the boundaries.

Q: Would Trillium PS still be considered a walking school with this boundary adjustment; the JK in this area are bussed to Forest Hill PS.

R: Yes. If the school feels that it is appropriate.

The Working Group agreed to small boundary modifications resulting in [Scenario 12](#) which modifies the boundary line to include all houses on the south side of Chandler Drive and all of Mowat Boulevard.

Costing

- No transportation costs
- Portables will be at each school regardless with a hookup cost of approximately \$10K per portable.

Ms. Manske enquired if the draft report should recommend an addition for Trillium PS.

Mr. Cuomo advised that it would help it get on the Board's list of Capital Plan Priorities.

The Working Group agreed to add consideration of a 4-5 classroom addition to Trillium PS to the recommendations.

Action Items:

- Add recommendation to Draft Report for consideration of a 4-5 classroom addition at Trillium PS in the Board's Capital Plan.
- Costing for addition at Trillium PS.

3. Public Meeting #2

Public Meeting #2 has been set for Wednesday, November 30, 2011 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Forest Hill Public School Gymnasium.

Ms. Manske noted that Public Meeting #2 will follow the same format as Public Meeting #1 with the presentation at the beginning followed by a question and answer period then an open house portion where the scenario can be look at on the display board and questions asked one-on-one and fill out comment sheets.

Ms. Manske asked the Working Group if they would like to show multiple scenarios at the Public Meeting or to bring Scenario 12 only and explain why we came up with this option.

The Working Group agreed to bring forward at Public Meeting #2:

- Scenario 12 only
- Grandfathering for Grade 6 only
- Changes to take place for September 2012
- Costing for addition at Trillium PS

4. Roundtable

Q: Does the Board still use portapaks; they would be attached to the building and kids would not have to go outside?

R: They are not recommended. They are meant to be temporary but end up being permanent but are also used to fill a need for approximately 6 classrooms. We are better off spending this money on bricks and mortar.

Q: Can we be clear in the Report that Trillium PS remains a walking school?

R: Yes, we can put that in the Report. The students that would be affected by the boundary change are walkers now and will remain walkers.

Ms. Manske asked the Working Group if they still wanted to meet on December 6th as planned previously, noting that the meeting would be used to go over the comments from the Public Meeting and determine if any changes would be needed based on that feedback.

Ms. Manske also noted that she could bring a draft of the Staff Report to the meeting as well or provide to the Working Group electronically.

Q: Can we take 30 minutes after the Public Meeting to decide if the next meeting is warranted?

R: Yes, if everyone will be there.

Q: Will you make arrangement with the Board to get on the agenda in time to have a decision before Kindergarten registration begins?

R: Would probably be looking at mid-January. First the Report has to go to a Committee of the Whole meeting which takes place Monday nights. The Trustees would vote on it that night but will have to wait to be approved officially until the Board Meeting and that would happen on the last Monday of the Month.

C: That might be too late and parent may have to be redirected

Q: How does Kindergarten registration work?

R: Mr. Zack responded that many parents call into schools to make appointments for JK registration in January for the Registration in February.

It was noted that if we can show the urgency for approving the boundary change at the Committee of the Whole meeting the Board can be asked to convene as Board to pass the boundary change that night.

5. Future Meeting Dates:

Public Meetings:

- **Public Meeting #2**

Wednesday, November 30, 2011 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Forest Hill P.S., Gymnasium

Working Group Meetings:

- Working Group Meeting # 8 - Tuesday, December 6, 2011 **CANCELLED**

Ms. Manske thanked the working group for their time and Steve Zack for hosting. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.