



BADEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BOUNDARY STUDY

Minutes of Working Group Meeting #6

June 18, 2014

7:45 PM – 8:15 PM

Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School

The sixth meeting of the Baden Elementary Schools Boundary Study Working Group, involving Baden, New Dundee and Sir Adam Beck Public Schools, was held at Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School on June 18, 2014.

Attendees:

Andrea Michelutti, Principal, New Dundee PS, Roger Boettcher, Principal, Sir Adam Beck PS, N. Woodhall, Principal, Baden PS, N. Markanastasakis, Vice Principal, Baden PS, Beth Bodkin, Principal, Waterloo-Oxford DSS, A. Collins, Parent Representative, Baden PS, Angie Hallman, Parent Representative, New Dundee PS, J. Scozzafava, Parent Representative, Sir Adam Beck PS, Laura Hodgins, Superintendent of Education, Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner.

Regrets:

Beth Renaud, Parent Representative, New Dundee PS, M. Walsh-Hahn, Parent Representative, Sir Adam Beck PS, Harold O'Kafka, Director of Development Services, Township of Wilmot, Ron Dallan, Manager of Capital Projects, Dennis Cuomo, Manager of Planning, Lauren Manske, Senior Planner and Andrea Kean, Recording Secretary.

1. Welcome/Introductions

Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner, welcomed members of the Working Group and Board staff at 7:40 PM.

Mr. Hercanuck led the working group through a brief discussion of the comments and feedback from Public Meeting #2.

2. Draft Minutes Review

Working Group #5 minutes circulated, reviewed and approved by email on June 6, 2014.

Moved by: B. Bodkin Seconded by: A. Collins

Mr. Hercanuck advised that the minutes were posted on the Board's website prior to Public Meeting #2 and are located at: <http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/files/2014/01/Working-Group-Meeting-5-FINAL-minutes.pdf>

3. Public Meeting #2:

Mr. Hercanuck noted that:

- There were approximately 5 members of the community in attendance at the Meeting.
- Received no objections to Scenario 3.
- Concern expressed regarding projected further enrolment declines at New Dundee PS.

- **Feedback (Public Meeting #2)**

Mr. Hercanuck noted that no comment sheets were received from Public Meeting #2.

4. Preferred Scenario Discussion

Mr. Hercanuck advised that based on the questions, comments and feedback received at the public meeting and the lack of any subsequent feedback that would lead us to change the preferred scenario; [Scenario 3](#) remains the preferred option.

5. Draft Report and Recommendations

Mr. Hercanuck advised that the Draft Recommendations would include the following and be updated to include details specific to Scenario 3:

- Modify the boundaries of Sir Adam Beck PS and Baden PS to reflect grade organizations proposed in Scenario 3.
- Phase in Gr 7 & 8 at Sir Adam Beck PS beginning Sept. 2015.
- Board direct staff to establish transition committee to develop interim measures of accommodating Gr. 7/8 at Sir Adam Beck PS prior to the completion of an addition.
- Board direct staff to develop a business case for a 4 classroom addition at Sir Adam Beck PS and prioritize it through the Capital Planning process.
- Board direct staff to monitor enrolment at New Dundee PS and report back as appropriate.
- Board direct staff to designate future residential plans of subdivision in Wilmot Township as development areas to be assigned to a school to be determined at a future date.

6. Meeting Schedule

Report and Recommendation to the Board

- **Fall 2014 (September or November)**

7. Roundtable

C: Mr. Hercanuck informed the working group that the Report to Board with the recommendations will go to Trustees in the fall; either in September or November.

C: Superintendent Hodgins asked the Working Group members what they are hearing from the school communities, as we did not receive a great deal of feedback this evening. Are people aware of the study and its implications? If so what are their thoughts/feelings?

C: A. Hallman indicated that she heard from a small minority of New Dundee PS community that perhaps they did not feel welcome at Baden PS when attending for Gr. 7/8 and are looking forward to the change.

- C: This seems to be the option that offers the least amount of change for the community and I think that the community is appreciative of that fact.
- C: Principal Woodhall commented that they do try to make the transition as smooth as possible for the incoming Gr. 6's from other schools via hosting Gr. 6 nights and other activities. That being said there is always room for improvement
- C: With change in Gr.7/8 school, similar efforts will need to be made at Sir Adam Beck PS to make students feel welcome.
- C: There may be a greater comfort for the rural students coming from New Dundee PS to attend Sir Adam Beck PS for 7/8 because Sir Adam Beck PS also accommodates rural students. It was commented that no one at Baden PS in Gr. K to 6 lives on a farm.
- C: Some people at Baden PS are wondering how the division of resources will be accomplished (Music, library resources, etc.); and how the loss of intermediate division enrolment will affect available extracurricular activities and groups/clubs.
- R: Those are all good questions and those details will need to be resolved by the transition committee.

Mr. Hercanuck thanked the Working Group for attending and their participation in this process and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Action Items:

- **Mr. Hercanuck to draft report and recommendations to be presented to Trustees at a Committee of the Whole meeting in the fall of 2014.**



FUTURE MEETINGS:

Report and Recommendation to the Board, fall 2014 (September or November)

POST MEETING:

**The Minutes of Working Group Meeting #6 were approved via email on June 27, 2014
Moved by B. Bodkin and Seconded by: A. Hallman.**