

FISCHER-HALLMAN/HURON ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY STUDY



The fifth Working Group meeting of the Fisher-Hallman/Huron Elementary Schools Boundary Study, involving Jean Steckle, Queen Elizabeth, Southridge and Laurentian Public Schools and the new Janet Metcalfe Public School (335 Seabrook Drive), was held at Jean Steckle PS on Friday, November 24, 2017 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Andrea Michelutti, Principal, Jean Steckle PS; Lori Peebles, alternating Parent Representative, Jean Steckle PS; Maher Abdallah, Parent Representative, Jean Steckle PS; Bill Lemon, Superintendent of Student Achievement & Well-Being; Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner.

REGRETS:

Janet Hale, Principal, Janet Metcalfe PS; A. Humphrys, Vice Principal, Jean Steckle PS; Mel Kobe Parent Representative, Jean Steckle PS; C. Weber, Principal, Queen Elizabeth PS; Gregory Jespersen, Principal, Laurentian PS; Sherri Davidson, Vice Principal, Laurentian PS; Geoff Suderman-Gladwell, Principal, Southridge PS; Erica Beck, Parent Representative, Southridge PS; Ahmad Okeil, Community Representative; Lalita Premasukh, Parent Representative, Southridge PS; Sakshi Sharma, Parent Representative, Southridge PS; Rebecca Millar, Parent Representative, Jean Steckle PS; Ron DeBoer, Superintendent of Student Achievement & Well-Being; Lauren Agar, Manager of Planning; Sarah Galliher, Senior Planner, Andrea Kean, Recording Secretary.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner, welcomed members of the Working Group and Board staff at 3:30 PM.

Please note that there isn't a presentation for this afternoon's meeting.

2. MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL

The minutes from Working Group meeting #4, November 7, 2017 were approved via email without change.

Moved by: Andrea Michelutti

Seconded by: Lori Peebles

The minutes were posted online prior to public meeting #2 at www.wrdsb.ca/planning/

3. FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING #2

Mr. Hercanuck commented that there was a good turnout at Public Meeting #2 and advised that based on the feedback received, Scenario 4 will be put forward in the report as the recommended scenario.

DISCUSSION

C: There is a rumored petition circulating in Mattamy Wildflowers community to not have Huron Village/Woods community students attend.

R: Have not seen or heard anything regarding that particular petition. Please be assured that the new Janet Metcalfe School Administration will do everything in their power to ensure the school is a welcoming place for everyone.

Q: For Huron Woods students (with respect to Scenario 4); what guarantees are there that the Board will stick to the grandparenting provisions proposed once Tartan Avenue school opens?

R: The Huron Woods grandparenting provision will be part of the Board approved motion. So if approved, it will be an official Board motion and part of the public record.

C: A Community member provided Board staff with a survey describing interest by the 'Wildflowers' community in having Janet Metcalfe PS open with French Immersion beyond Grade 1 for Sept. 2018.

R: We have evaluated the survey against the numbers of WRDSB students enrolled in French Immersion from the Wildflowers community and were not able to reconcile the numbers of students indicated by the survey. We still maintain that there are not enough students in the community to provide a FI program beyond a potential Grade 1 program for September 2018.

Q: Will the Tartan Avenue school funding decision be communicated to the public?

R: Ministry Capital Funding announcements are public announcements. We can make something available on our website indicating the results of our 2018 Capital Priorities Submission. Announcements are also usually well covered by local news media.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

This is the final Working Group meeting.

Public Meetings:

Committee of the Whole Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Boardroom at the Education Centre, 51 Ardel Avenue, Kitchener

Mr. Hercanuck noted that all Board meetings are public meetings and everyone can attend. If you wish to speak before the Trustees, you must [register as a delegation](#) in advance of the meeting.

4. ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Hercanuck thanked the Working Group members for attending and for their participation in the process and adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Mr. Hercanuck to prepare draft report recommending Scenario 4 (with an option for the Huron Woods community to remain at Janet Metcalfe Public School when Tartan Avenue school opens) as the preferred option and to include Scenario 2 as the alternative option.**
- **The Working Group will be updated should Coordinating Council request any significant changes prior to the Report being presented to the Committee of the Whole on Monday, December 11, 2017.**
- **The Final Report will be available on the [Board's website](#) on Friday, December 8th as part of the agenda for the Dec 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.**

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Working Group Meetings:

None

Public Meetings:

Committee of the Whole Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Education Centre, 51 Ardel Avenue, Kitchener.

The minutes from Working Group Meeting #5, November 24, 2017 were approved via email post meeting:

Moved by: Andrea Michelutti

Seconded by: Nathan Hercanuck