



**NCDSB Boundary Review Committee Meeting
Monday, October 7, 2012
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Videoconference: Board Office, ECCS & St. Patrick Catholic School**

Minutes

Attendees:

NCDSB Director of Education, Glenn Sheculski
ECCS Parent Representatives: Rachel Batisse and Billie Richer
ECCS Principal, Lori Hurtubise
St. Patrick Catholic School Principal, Chris Collins
Community Relations Officer, Andrew Marks
NCDSB Board of Trustees Chair, Richard Brassard and Trustee Martin Drainville
North East Tri-Board Student Transportation Representative, Deborah Smith

Regrets:

St. Patrick Catholic School Parent Representatives: Karen Lafreniere and Todd Bosak

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

Glenn welcomed everyone and thanked all for making the time to be a part of the NCDSB Boundary Review Committee (BRC). Glenn then conducted a prayer.

Introduction of all BRC members took place and then Glenn provided introductory remarks about that the Boundary Review was about, the actions that had taken place so far and the reason why a review was initiated. Glenn asked those present for any historical reference or knowledge about why the boundaries were set as they were. Glenn noted that we want to complete this process before the next JK registration, taking place in late January.

We all reviewed the BRC Terms of Reference, the Boundary Review timeline and finalized the two upcoming public meetings:

1st BRC Public Consultation meeting in Temagami - October 15, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Bunny Miller Theatre located at the Welcome Centre.

2nd BRC Public consultation meeting in Cobalt – October 16, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Patrick Catholic School.

BRC Videoconference Meeting to compile Feedback and prepare written report October 22 and then make BRC Report recommendations and decisions public.

Present BRC findings & recommendations and Senior Staff comments to Board of Trustees on Oct. 30th Board of Trustees meeting./ also allow for public delegation to be heard by Board.

The Public consultation methods were reviewed and it was suggested that all Parents located at ECCS and St Patrick Catholic School are to receive notification about the Boundary Review process, as opposed to just the parents directly affected by any potential changes.

Note: www.ncdsb.on.ca has a separate page containing all of the Boundary Review Process documents, media release and meeting agendas. The website page also has a feedback/ comment page that anyone can complete at any time.

A copy of a letter from a concerned parent living in Temagami was presented to the BRC so they could review some of the options that may come up.

Questions/ comments that arose during the meeting:

Question asked about siblings attending school and how perhaps a "grand fathering" in clause could assist with keeping siblings together.

It was noted that most siblings have signed up for school and not too many remain from the Temagami area.

A question was asked about the F.I. program at ECCS and when it starts (grade5). A reference was made as to the current boundary provided by the North East Tri-Board Student Transportation and how it did not look fairly representational for 2 schools in question.

It was noted that no current buses travel from Temagami to Cobalt; perhaps the Latchford bus could assist.

A question was asked if another letter was going to go home to parents directly affected by this change and then a discussion took place about all parents at both schools to receive a letter.

A question was asked about videoconference from Laptop sfor the next public meeting and if this was possible. IT to investigate.

The "Backgrounder" document was questions and it was noted that the information was inaccurate and that the information would be updated to reflect current statistics and enrolments (these original documents had info that was 12 months outdated).

It was noted that on the website we should note that our boundary goes further south than just Cobalt; it can go as far south as Martin River. This will be reviewed.

Glenn thanked everyone for their time and for their input and closed the meeting at 8:45 pm