



Our Task:

At the January 15, 2013, regular meeting of the Board, Trustees approved the following recommendation regarding the Belle River Family of Schools:

1. THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FACILITATES A BOUNDARY STUDY TO ADDRESS CAPACITY ISSUES WITHIN THE BELLE RIVER FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Present: Bill Toews, Wes Arthur, Kathleen Westlake, Kim Beneteau, Belle River DHS; Larry Anderson, Deb Grady, Monica Hennessy, Joe Vizard, Belle River PS; Janet Hannigan, Kelly Bugeja, Kim DeMers, Laura Armstrong, Centennial Central; Dustin O'Neil, Marg Hwozdecky, Tara Hodgson, Leigh Netherton, Lakeshore Discovery School

Regrets: Sharon Pyke, Area Superintendent

Chairperson: Terry Lyons, Superintendent of Education

Recorder: Lynne Hornby

1. Call to Order and welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Superintendent Lyons.

2. Review of minutes of March meeting

The minutes of the March 26 meeting have been circulated to the committee via e-mail. There being no changes, they will be filed to be shared with Trustees at a later date. Copies were provided to the committee.

3. Business arising from the minutes

None

4. Working groups – advantages and disadvantages

Prior to the work commencing, Superintendent Lyons clarified that the optimum utilization rate for our schools is 85%. Each group took two of the brainstorming ideas and began to develop advantages and disadvantages for each. They then rotated the ideas and each group added their ideas to the sheets. The information will be collated and shared with the committee prior to the next meeting.

Explanation of difference in numbers; Accommodation report charts vs. enrolment projection sheets:

Retention rates are used when rolling numbers from feeder schools through into the high school. Generally, the formula is averaged over a 5 year historical period and then various factors such as new housing developments and pupil yields are used as numbers are projected through.

Once Tecumseh Vista opened up and AV Graham become a feeder to that school, our retention rates changed significantly from when AV Graham fed into Belle River DHS. The annual report was produced in the previous year and we now find that not only has our

retention rate improved, we are gaining students from other systems. Instead of using a five year average for enrolment projections, a two year average has been used because Tecumseh Vista has only been open for two years. Belle River DHS retention rate has also increased significantly since the feeder schools have been changed. Retention rates continue to increase at both of these high schools, which is good overall for our system.

BRAINSTORMING IDEAS – see attachment

There was discussion around the current PARC and boundary study and the possibility of a joint meeting.

5. Development of Guiding Principles

Examples of guiding principles from other communities were illustrated and discussed briefly. The guiding principals will assist the committee in making recommendations moving forward.

- Must improve utilization rates
- Community high school is important
- Balance capacity
- French Immersion is important to this community
- Maintain the viability of Centennial Central
- Maintain or decrease busing time
- Protecting opportunities and grade school experience
- If grade 7 and 8s move, they all move (keep them together)

6. Requests for Information and Questions:

- a. Number of students residing on French Line. How many English and French live on French line?
Belle River PS 20 students
Lakeshore Discovery French Immersion 6 students
Centennial Central 2 students
For a total of 28 students living on County Road 31
- b. Run enrolment projections for Centennial Central based on Lakeshore FI students east of Rourke to Belle River PS and Belle River PS east of French line and south of 401 transition to Centennial.
Attached – copies will be provided at next meeting
- c. Number of students English and French living east of French line (actually excludes French Line – see (a) above)
Belle River PS 33 students
Lakeshore Discovery French Immersion 24 students
Centennial Central 201 students
For a total of 257 students east of County Road 31
- d. Distance from French line to Belle River PS and from French line to Centennial Central.
For Belle River PS bus currently:
2 buses, one services CTY Rd 31 north of 42, and one services south of 42
North of 42 - AM is approx 12 mins, PM is approx 30 mins

South of 42 - AM is approx 45 mins, PM is approx 45 mins.

FOR Centennial Central bus currently:

one bus in that intersects County rd 31 and County Rd 46, that ride time both AM and PM is approx 12 mins.

Any boundary changes WILL affect ride times as routes are developed, students cannot ride more than 1 hour one way.

Summertime routing work changes routes and ride times.

If there is a boundary change then routes will change but policy states students cannot ride more than 1 hour one way.

7. Future meeting dates

May 2nd committee meeting at BRPS

May 13th committee meeting at BRPS

New date for Community meeting – May 22 at 7 p.m. at Belle River DHS

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.