

Belle River Family of Schools
Boundary Review
Public input collected up Jun 12, 2013

Dear members,

As a parent of a child with special needs who has been shuffled from school to school since he was 5 years old, the possibility of having to change schools again is disconcerting. I truly hope that you strongly take into consideration that environmental change and re-adjustment is NOT an easy thing for a child who has a disability. I am hoping that I can advocate on behalf of all parents with special needs, by saying that children with such difficulties need to remain in a stable environment where change is not constantly introduced.

In my particular situation, I re-located my family more than 1100 km from here in order to have peace of mind and to have my child attend a school where such changes would not occur. I therefore ask that in the event of boundary changes, that you strongly consider that learning disabled children who often present anxiety and social adaptation issues, not be relocated to another school.

I thank you in advance.

Mother of William Bastouli (grade 3) at Lakeshore Discovery.

Crystal Sylvestre <crysquinsyl@hotmail.com> writes:

Hello,

RE: BRPS Boundaries

1. When will these new boundary guidelines be implemented?

Any changes will not take place before September 2014

2. Will existing students be forced to switch schools?

Trustees will make final decisions at a Special Meeting of the Board on June 19, 2013

Thank you

Crystal Sylvestre

Nancy Witt <n.witt@hotmail.com> writes:

Hello,

My name is Nancy Witt. My daughter currently attends the french immersion program at Lakeshore Discovery. I was unable to attend the meeting tonight yet I am wondering, when would this boundary change take effect if approved?

I am concerned about Latch Key arrangements if it is to take effect in September 2013.

Nothing will be effective before September 2014

Good Morning,

I did attend the meeting that was at Belle River District High School on Wednesday and would like to add a separate suggestion.

I would like to ask the board to consider grandfathering the students that are currently at Lakeshore Discovery (regardless of the grade they are in) – French Immersion program if parents are willing to provide the transportation to school. I currently find my situation at Lakeshore Discovery to be amazing and would like to keep my children in this school as the daycare attached provides me with the help I need every day (including the Summer Program) to care for my children as my husband and I work full time.

If the board chooses to change the boundaries for September 2014, new students enrolling as of that year should be affected. Giving parents that currently have children attending Lakeshore Discovery the choice as to what they would like to do, would be beneficial for everyone's family and situation.

I thank-you for your time and consideration.

Melissa Henwood

Good Morning,

I apologize for not being able to attend the Community Meeting town hall meeting on the May 22 but I understand that a couple of parents proposed two single track schools instead of two dual track schools. I would like to voice my support for the committee's recommendation of two dual track schools. If the proposal of single track schools is adopted I, like many other families, would have a child at each school. A single track school system would split up my children where a dual track school system would ensure a community environment where individual families are not separated. While I am empathetic to those with children who will have to switch schools, I feel the importance of not separating families is a much greater concern.

Sincerely,
Jason Zittlau

I forgot to mention or write down the suggestion of having the french immersion students from Lakeshore from maybe Belle River Rd then east go to Centennial to use up the space they have. That would then allow for a french immersion school in the county. That would not be too long a bus ride for them. No money would have to be used to build onto Belle River Public. Maybe the money could be used to fix up Centennial if needed. The english boundaries could stay the same therefore allowing not as many kids to have to move schools.

Thank you
Jodi Brown
Sent from Samsung Mobile
