

Greater Essex County District School Board
BOUNDARY REVIEW
RIVERSIDE AREA SCHOOLS
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5 p.m.
Dr. David Suzuki School
AGENDA



At the November 18, 2014, regular meeting of the Board, Trustees approved the following recommendation regarding Hetherington, Princess Elizabeth and Dr. David Suzuki Public Schools:

THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FACILITATES A BOUNDARY STUDY INVOLVING, HETHERINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRINCESS ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOL AND DR. DAVID SUZUKI PUBLIC SCHOOL, TO ADDRESS CAPACITY ISSUES AND PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ACCOMMODATIONS PRESENT THE BOUNDARY STUDY PROCESS TO TRUSTEES FOR APPROVAL.

The process was approved at the regular meeting of the Board on December 9, 2014.

Present: Hetherington School, Jackie Connelly, Principal, Brenda Popovich, staff rep, Lori Gault and Jennifer Archer, parent reps; Dr Suzuki School, Jan Fairall, Principal, Karen Lamoure, staff rep, Philippa von Ziegenweidt and Deb Sissons, parent reps; Princess Elizabeth School, Yvonne Petta outgoing Principal and Penny Fremlin, incoming Principal, Megan Toyne, staff rep, Kelly Reitsma and Jennifer Cadarette, parent reps; Lorraine Caba and Betty Turner, Community reps

Regrets: nil

Chairperson: Todd Awender, Superintendent of Education

Recorder: Lynne Hornby

1. Call to Order and welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. Review of minutes of meeting of February 9

Some misspelt names were rectified.

3. Business arising

nil

4. Brainstorming ideas in working groups

The Superintendent reminded the group to be mindful. Any solution should try to affect the least amount of people possible. It is impossible to please everyone.

Everyone is passionate about their own school but the committee must remember to consider what is best for the system as a whole, not just their own school. Be respectful of each other's communities and schools. Each individual school has exceptional students, staff and administration.

Gail Kiss of the IT department was in attendance to provide current data from the Barager software as requested.

Grade by grade enrolment data was provided and reviewed for the committee

Maximum number of students on a school bus is 72 (younger students generally 3 to a seat) or 50 for older students (2 to a seat).

At this time we are not considering school buses or crossing guards, nor special programming. We are merely brainstorming basic ideas for further exploration later this evening.

5. Charting and shortlisting of brainstorm ideas:

Princess Elizabeth is adjusted to include Suzuki area B plus Suzuki's current boundary west of Jefferson (but not including Jefferson)

This gives Suzuki 427; Princess Elizabeth; 268; Hetherington 370

Limited exception 457 Suzuki; Princess Elizabeth 248 and Hetherington 352. These numbers provide for a limited exception for current grade 7; current grade 8 are taken out

Hetherington is adjusted to include:

Princess Elizabeth area B (West of Lauzon) and Suzuki A to Hetherington

Suzuki is adjusted to include:

includes Jefferson (both sides) plus Suzuki A

West of Jefferson and Suzuki B to Princess Elizabeth

Suzuki 483; Hetherington 314; Princess Elizabeth 268 (as is today, includes current 7 and 8)

The committee will need to determine grades that would be granted a limited exception

6. Requests for Information/Questions

How is Lauzon Road divided boundary wise between Suzuki and Hetherington. Is it divided down the middle?

Lauzon is divided right down the middle all the way along

Future meeting dates:

Committee meetings, all will be at 4 p.m. A brief tour of the facility will take place as we meet at each of the schools:

Tuesday March 10 at Princess Elizabeth

Wednesday March 25 at Suzuki

Wednesday April 15 at Hetherington (if needed)

Community meeting:

To be determined

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.