

MEETING MINUTES

Milton Secondary School Boundary Review
Boundary Review Committee Meeting #1



MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Monday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m.
Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Library

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Staff

Jeff Crowell	Superintendent of Education
Lorrie Naar	Superintendent of Education
Ryan Merrick	Superintendent, Facility Management Services
Courtney Abrahams	Senior Manager, Facility Management Services
Frederick Thibeault	Senior Manager, Planning Services
Dhilan Gunasekara	Planning Officer, Planning Services

Board Guests

Pat Daly	Director of Education
Vincent Iantomasi	Chair of the Board
Marvin Duarte	Vice-Chair of the Board

Parent Representatives

BISHOP P.F. REDING CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Pat Grisoni
Nathan Rodrigues – Student Rep
Laura Greenway – Student Rep

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sandra Alva
Ann-Marie Vis

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mark Billy

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tanya Reis

ST. PETER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Marc LeBrun
Jessica Macias

JEAN VANIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Jennifer Botelho
Dan Folia
Nikki Rang

Trish Vergata

GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Natalie Russell
Jennifer Santos

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Michelle Bazinet
Adaeze Nwosu

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

John Babos

QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

William Bressette

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Enrique Boggio
Bryan DeSousa

ST. SCHOLASTICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lisa Paulo-Alberto

OPENING PRAYER

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Superintendent Naar.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Merrick welcomed all parent volunteers to the committee, followed by introductions of the attendees.

The meeting format and agenda were discussed.

ADVISORY SCHOOL BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE (SBRC) COMPOSITION

Superintendent Merrick provided an overview of the Advisory Committee and how it is made up.

- The Committee will have one (1) parent representative and one alternate from each of Milton's Catholic elementary and secondary schools, as well as Board staff.
- The Committee represents the interests of all involved parties (students, families and staff).
- The Committee is only an Advisory Committee to the Board and will provide a final recommendation to the Board once the Committee identifies a preferred solution.

WHY A BOUNDARY REVIEW?

- Both secondary schools in Milton are very full. A new secondary school is required to rebalance enrolment.
- Staff expects a response from the Ministry in spring 2020, confirming project funding for the Milton #3 Catholic Secondary School.
- There is inadequate space in existing secondary schools in the Town of Milton at present to accommodate existing students as well as growth in wait for the new Milton #3 CSS to open in 2022.
- Given the above, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of School Boundary Review Process on November 19, 2019.

POLICY I-29 REVIEW

Superintendent Merrick spoke about Policy I-29 which outlines the School Boundary Review Process in detail.

[Policy I-29 can be found here on our website.](#)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MANDATE

Superintendent Merrick provided an overview of the Advisory SBRC mandate:

- To review and evaluate school boundary options for the Milton Catholic elementary and secondary schools;
- To assess potential boundary options based on the Halton Catholic District School Board's (HCDSB) criteria in Board Policy I-29;
- To facilitate communication and understanding of the school boundary review process to school communities in Milton and
- To review community input and submit a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

REVIEW PROCESS & FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Superintendent Merrick discussed the dates for the Advisory SBRC activity and what the format of each meeting will be. The SBRC was asked to review the dates. If the scheduled dates work for the majority of members, meeting invitations will be sent to the committee for the following dates:

SBRC Working Meeting #1	February 10, 2020
SBRC Working Meeting #2	February 27, 2020
SBRC Working Meeting #3	March 11, 2020
Public Meeting #1	March 23, 2020
SBRC Working Meeting #4	April 15, 2020
Public Meeting #2	May 6, 2020
SBRC Working Meeting #5	May 11, 2020
SBRC Working Meeting #6	Late May to Early June 2020
Staff/Action Recommendation to Board (may include delegations)	Late June to Early October 2020

WHAT IS A BOUNDARY REVIEW & CRITERIA

Frederick Thibeault, Senior Manager, Planning Services, provided an overview of what School Boundary Reviews entail, and the criteria used to develop boundaries, which are as follows:

- Optimize schools within enrolment capacities,
- Minimize use of portable classrooms,
- Minimize future boundary adjustments,
- Optimize cost-effective school transportation,
- Optimize school enrolment to ensure cost-effective program delivery,
- Consideration of Catholic Parish boundaries to extent possible.

Each criterion takes into consideration the respective value to the student to ensure success and stability within the student's school community.

PRESENTATION OF CURRENT BOUNDARIES

F. Thibeault provided an overview of the current Milton secondary school boundaries and current student enrolment at each secondary school. The Advisory Committee was shown current enrolment trends and how they are projected to impact each Milton secondary school over the long term. The goal is to open a new school to relieve enrolment issues and review the school boundaries.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BOUNDARY OPTIONS (2)

F. Thibeault discussed each of the 2 proposed school boundary options and answered Advisory Committee member questions.

Option 1:

Status Quo + Increase Classroom Capacity

Potential Solutions to Increase Capacity:

Option 1A:

Ministry of Education increases class size ratio beyond 22:1

Option 1B:

Introduce a 6-period day at the school

Option 1C:

Split the day into two (2) 4 period days, where Grade 9-10 attend in the morning and Grade 11-12 in the afternoon (or vice-versa)

Option 2:

Milton #3 CSS Holding School
Potential Solutions for Holding Schools

Option 2A:

Use an existing HCDSB Secondary School with Space

Option 2B:

Lease an underutilized co-terminous Board facility

Options 2C:

Lease a space from a commercial or other public entity

STATUS UPDATE: MILTON #3 CSS

The site for the new school is located at Louis St. Laurent and Kennedy Circle. Superintendent Merrick explained the site preparation that is required to be ready to begin construction. The Board presented a compelling case to the Ministry for funding and are confident funding will be approved.

The next SBRC meeting will be to prepare for the Community Consultation Meeting scheduled to take place on March 23, 2020.

The committee was informed that all presentation documents, Board reports, meeting minutes, boundary maps, enrolment forecasts and other school boundary information will be available on the Board's website at:

<https://schoolplanning.hcdsb.org/milton-css-boundary-review-2019-20/>

Board staff asked the Committee to continue to review the school boundary options presented this evening and to discuss the proposed options with other parents in their respective school communities.

If Advisory Committee members have any questions, they are encouraged to submit them to Donna Sayers, Administrative Assistant, via email: sayersd@hcdsb.org.

NEXT MEETING

Second Advisory School Boundary Review Committee Meeting
February 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the library of Bishop P.F. Reding CSS (1120 Main Street E., Milton, ON)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.