

# MEETING MINUTES

Milton #10 CES  
School Boundary Review  
Working Meeting #2



## MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Teams Meeting

## IN ATTENDANCE

### *Board Staff*

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| Emi Bakaic        | Superintendent of Education                  |
| Ryan Merrick      | Superintendent, Facility Management Services |
| Branko Vidovic    | Senior Manager, Planning Services            |
| Dhilan Gunasekara | Planning Officer, Planning Services          |
| Kathie Panzer     | Planning Officer, Planning Services          |

### *Board Guests*

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| Pat Daly          | Director of Education                  |
| Patrick Murphy    | Chair of the Board                     |
| Marvin Duarte     | Vice-Chair of the Board                |
| Rudy Stawarek     | Junior Planning and Facilities Officer |
| Erin Sweeney-Hurd | Principal, St. Scholastica CES         |

### *Parent Representatives*

#### ST. SCHOLASTICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elaine Cowan  
Rosie Ogang

## OPENING PRAYER

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Superintendent Bakaic.

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Bakaic welcomed all parent volunteers to the committee, followed by introductions.

The meeting format and agenda were reviewed.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### SBRC Meeting Minutes to be Reviewed

- SBRC Working Meeting #1 Minute Approvals

### Amendments, additions, approval

- Are there any changes that the SBRC is requesting prior to approving the minutes?

No changes. The minutes from Working Meeting No. 1 were approved.

## SBRC RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY OPTIONS

K. Panzer, Planning Officer, Planning Services, provided an overview of the proposed boundary options.

### Proposed Boundaries

It was noted that under both options, Milton #10 CES will open as a JK to Grade 7 school, with Grade 8 added the following year. Grade 7 students who live within the new Milton #10 CES boundary, as of the 2021-2022 school year, will be grandfathered at St. Scholastica CES until graduation.

### Option 1

- Students east of Regional Road 25 and south of Louis St. Laurent Avenue will attend Milton #10 CES and students west of Regional Road 25 and south of Louis St. Laurent Avenue will attend St. Scholastica CES.
- The construction of the Whitlock Avenue bridge across Sixteen Mile Creek is expected to be complete by Fall 2022. This will provide a direct pedestrian link between V50 and Milton #10 CES. Note that timing is anticipated, and is subject to change without notice.

### Option 2

- Students east of 16 Mile Creek and south of Louis St. Laurent Avenue will attend Milton #10 CES and students west of 16 Mile Creek and south of Louis St. Laurent Avenue will attend St. Scholastica CES.

## IMPACT OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CSS ACCOMMODATION PLAN

K. Panzer, Planning Officer, Planning Services, provided an overview of the impact of using Milton No. 10 CES for the secondary holding school.

### Impact of the Use of Milton #10 CES for the Secondary Holding School

- The Milton #10 CES school building is expected to be complete for the 2022-2023 school year, however, it will be used as a holding school for the new St. Kateri Tekakwitha CSS (formerly Milton #3 CSS) until the secondary school building is complete.

- In 2023-24, elementary students will be directed to Milton #10 CES once the St. Kateri Tekakwitha CSS students transfer to the new secondary school building. Grade 8 will be added in 2023-24.
- Due to accommodation pressure at St. Scholastica CES in the 2022-23 school year, JK-Grade 7 students in the Milton #10 CES catchment (once established) may be directed to a holding school temporarily for the year.
- If Milton #9 CES becomes available in 2022-23, that facility may be used to hold the Milton #10 CES students until the Milton #10 facility becomes available. The Board is awaiting funding announcements from the Ministry of Education for Milton #9 CES.

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS

Dhilan Gunasekara, Planning Officer, Planning Services, reviewed the results of the Public Survey.

### Respondent Demographics

- Total of 42 respondents completed the survey, all of the respondents were parents/guardians.
- Please note that the results are not representative of the entire HCDSB community and should be interpreted with caution.
- Of all respondents, 40 (95.2%) represented St. Scholastica CES, 1 (2.4%) represented Our Lady of Fatima CES, 1 (2.4%) represented St. Peter CES and 1 (2.4%) represented a HCDSB secondary school.

### Support for Option 1

- 40% of respondents support/strongly support the proposed boundaries as presented in Option 1.
- 14% of respondents were neutral to the proposed boundaries as presented in Option 1.
- 45% of respondents oppose/strongly oppose the proposed boundaries as presented in Option 1.

### Support for Option 2

- 17% of respondents support/strongly support the proposed boundaries as presented in Option 2.
- 21% of respondents were neutral to the proposed boundaries as presented in Option 2.
- 62% of respondents oppose/strongly oppose the proposed boundaries as presented in Option 2.

## Preferred Boundary Option

- The majority (76%) of respondents preferred Option 1 over Option 2.

## Theme: Use of holding schools

- 22 (52.4%) of respondents provided a comment.
- The majority 19 out of 22 (86.4%) of comments expressed opposition to the use of holding schools.
- A few of the comments regarding this theme are provided below:

*"Don't want little kids tossed around like balls. If the new school is ready, I prefer the change the school once, Don't like the idea of having holding school."*

*"Temporary holding school is not a good plan for elementary schools kids as that would put them through a lot of changes and another change when they come to new school."*

*"If the current school is St. Scholastica and Milton 10 is not ready why can't the high school grade go in the temporary school rather than elementary school?"*

*"Would prefer to change to school 10 once it is ready, don't want to send to holding school in the interim. Don't want little kid go through so many school changes"*

## A Sample of Other Comments:

- Other comments include:

*"How will these changes impact French Immersion students? Currently they are scattered across several schools with some parents needing to drop/pick up children in the same family at different schools, which is very unfair."*

*"25 is a VERY busy street I am scared when my daughters get older and I can't walk them to school those cars don't stop at that busy intersection and would rather them go to the new school so they don't need to cross a very busy intersection!"*

*"I have one major concern. My daughter is in grade 1 and we had to purchase uniforms for St. Scholastica. We purchased enough for her to grow into. Do the students, who will be transferred to a holding school until Milton #10 CES is ready, require to buy new uniforms each year? I certainly hope not as uniforms are very expensive."*

## DISCUSSION OF FEEDBACK RESULTS

B. Vidovic, Senior Manager, Planning Services, asked the committee if there were any questions regarding the feedback results.

## Questions to Consider

- Are there any themes that the Committee would like to bring to the forefront?
- Are there any changes you would like to make to the proposed school boundaries or are there any new boundary options that should be considered?
- Which of the school boundary options should be recommended to the Board for consideration and approval?

The committee agreed that the use of a holding school was more of an issue than the actual school boundary. The committee voted and agreed to proceed with Option 1 for Trustee consideration and approval.

## NEXT STEPS

### Interim Staff Report – SBRC Recommendation: November 2, 2021

- SBRC recommended option will be presented to Trustees for information at the November 2, 2021 Board Meeting as a Staff Report.

### Public Delegations: November 16, 2021

- Opportunity for the school community to delegate to the Board will be at this meeting.

### Final Action Report – SBRC Recommendations: November 16, 2021

- SBRC recommended option will be presented to Trustees for consideration and approval at the November 16, 2021 Board Meeting as an Action Report.

If the committee members are interested in participating in the Board meetings on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or November 16<sup>th</sup>, contact D. Sayers to arrange to receive a meeting invitation.

## SCHOOL BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

### Tentative Schedule of the SBR Process

B. Vidovic, Senior Manager, Planning Services, reviewed the dates for the Advisory SBRC activity.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE SBR PROCESS

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| SBRC Working Meeting #1                    | June 22, 2021           |
| Public Information Meeting                 | September 16, 2021      |
| SBRC Working Meeting #2 - Final            | October 13, 2021        |
| <b>Interim Staff Report to Board</b>       | <b>November 2, 2021</b> |
| Public Delegations                         | November 16, 2021       |
| Final Action Report – SBRC Recommendations | November 16, 2021       |

Notification to school communities  
New boundaries implemented

November 22-26, 2021  
September 2022

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.**