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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools**

**Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting**

Michael J. Brennan Catholic, St. James Catholic, Assumption Catholic, St. Alfred Catholic, St. Ann Catholic, Canadian Martyrs Catholic and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary Schools

**October 23, 2013**

**5:30 p.m.**

**FATHER KENNETH BURNS, csc BOARD ROOM  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE - WELLAND**

Minutes of Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of October 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Trustee Burkholder.

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Superintendent Baldasaro.

**2. Roll Call and Attendance**

<b>Committee Members</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Rhianon Burkholder	Trustee/Chair	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	Trustee	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	Trustee	✓		

<b>Resources to Committee</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
John Crocco	Director of Education		✓	
Yolanda Baldasaro	Superintendent of Education/Secretary	✓		
Scott Whitwell	Controller of Facilities Services	✓		
Kathy Levinski	Manager of Facilities Services	✓		
Tina DiFrancesco	Recording Secretary	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

Alan Creelman, Principal, Canadian Martyrs Catholic; Maria Solomon, Vice – Principal, Canadian Martyrs Catholic

Rob Berketo of Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS)

No members of the public were in attendance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Agenda of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of October 23, 2013 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared with any items on the agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of September 25, 2013 be approved as presented and the Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Public Consultation Meetings for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of October 9, 2013 and October 10, 2013 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B.**

**1. Review of Options Presented at October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Public Consultation Meetings**

Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services reviewed information relating to attendance area Options 4, 8B and 10 which were presented for consideration and feedback at the October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> Public Consultation meetings.

Each of the proposed options was presented with extensive data including the current and revised boundaries, building utilization and school areas of change.

**2. Review of Feedback from October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Public Consultation Meetings**

Superintendent Baldasaro reviewed the feedback from the Public Consultation meetings of October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> and stated that feedback is limited due to the number of people that were in attendance. Information regarding attendance area options and transportation provisions as per Board policy was clearly stated. General feedback indicated that there was an understanding that an attendance area adjustment of some form will be required. No additional questions or comments have been received from the public regarding the Attendance Area Review Committee Public Consultation meetings.

### **3. Boundary Descriptions for Options**

With input from Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS), boundary descriptions were revised. Kathy Levinski presented the boundary descriptions to Committee members for information and review.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding each of the proposed options. Alternate boundary lines were examined and a suggestion was made to take the northern portion of Canadian Martyrs boundary to Assumption. This will further increase utilization to Assumption and reduce the utilization of Canadian Martyrs. This option was dismissed as it did not make a significant increase in the utilization rate for Assumption.

Trustee Burtnik recommended using the boundary adjustments as in Option 8B for St. Ann and St. James plus the boundary adjustments to Our Lady of Fatima and Assumption as in Option 8B and the St. Alfred and Canadian Martyrs boundaries in Option 10 to create Option 11. Kathy Levinski presented the new boundary showing utilization and the number of students affected.

Using the Terms of Reference in determining the options for consideration, further discussion was held. After much deliberation a decision was made to present Option 11 for consideration and feedback at future Public Consultation meetings.

#### **Approval of Option 11**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools approve the recommendation of the development of Option 11 to be presented for consideration and feedback.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Impact on Transportation for Options**

Rob Berketo of Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) described the impact on transportation for the options presented; reviewing the estimated cost for additional bussing for the attendance area review identified schools.

### **5. November 5<sup>th</sup> Public Consultation Meeting: Agenda Discussion**

A discussion was held regarding preparation for the upcoming Public Consultation meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Saint Francis Catholic Secondary school. Superintendent Baldasaro reviewed the tentative agenda and committee members provided suggestions and feedback.

### **C. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **D. FUTURE ACTION**

1. Public Consultation Meeting – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 7:30p.m.  
Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of October 23, 2013 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.