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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

September 25, 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 September 25, 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

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

Resources to Committee		Present	Excused	Absent
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	✓		

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Agenda 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.

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 Burtnik

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

CARRIED

B. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL ATTENDANCE AREA OPTIONS

1. Option 4: Utilization with French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School and current boundaries
2. Option 5: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School
3. Option 6: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School
4. Option 7: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School
5. Option 8A: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School, St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School
6. Option 8B: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School, St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School
7. Option 9A: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School, St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School
8. Option 9B: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School

School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School, St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School, Canadian Martyrs Catholic Elementary School

9. Option 9C: French Immersion at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School plus consolidated Michael J. Brennan/St. James Catholic Elementary School, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Elementary School

Superintendent Baldasaro and Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services presented information relating to the various attendance area options for discussion and consideration. The Terms of Reference were revisited and the Committee discussed an amendment to bullet 2 to read as follows; ***2. To design a new attendance area boundary for St. James Catholic Elementary School effective for September 2014.***

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Trustee Burtnik suggested that the Terms of Reference be presented at every meeting.

Each of the proposed options were presented with extensive data including the current and revised boundaries, building utilization, French Immersion Program information and school areas of change.

A lengthy discussion was held between the Committee and staff regarding each of the proposed options. As a result, a recommendation was made for an additional Option 10 which was derived from a slight change to the boundary lines in Option 9C. This option includes a larger portion of the St. James Catholic Elementary School boundary west of Ontario Street and will further increase the utilization to St. Ann Catholic Elementary School and reduce the utilization of St. James Catholic Elementary School. After much deliberation and careful consideration of all options presented, Options 4, 8B and 10 were selected by the Committee for presentation to parents/guardians at the upcoming Public Consultation meetings.

Further discussion was held regarding preparation for these meetings, including showing the history and background information pertaining to the closure of Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and the addition to St. James Catholic Elementary School, factoring in the full roll out of the French Immersion Program, the Early Learning Kindergarten Program (ELKP), grandfathering, and the Attendance Areas Policy, 301.3.

A decision was made to contact all Principals of the identified schools in this attendance area review to place the upcoming Public Consultation Meetings in their schools' October Newsletter. A central Synervoice message will also be going out to the homes of the identified school communities announcing these meetings during the week of October 7th, 2013.

C. FUTURE ACTION

1. Public Consultation Meeting – October 9, 2013 - 7:30p.m.
St. James Catholic Elementary School
2. Public Consultation Meeting – October 10, 2013 - 7:30p.m.
St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School

D. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of September 25, 2013 be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.