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MINUTES

**Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary
Family of Schools**

Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee

Loretto Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic
Elementary School
and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School

December 14, 2016

8:56 p.m.

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes of Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of December 14, 2016 at 8:56 p.m. at Saint Michael Catholic High School.

The meeting was called to order at 8:56 p.m. by Trustee Nieuwesteeg.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Ted Farrell.

2. Roll Call and Attendance

Committee Members		Present	Excused	Absent
Kathy Burtnik	Trustee	x		
Frank Fera	Trustee	x		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	Chair/Trustee	x		

Resources to Committee		Present	Excused	Absent
Ted Farrell	Superintendent of Education	x		
Scott Whitwell	Controller of Facilities Services	x		
Kathy Levinski	Administrator of Facilities Services	x		
Mary Gallardi	Recording Secretary	x		
Antonio Cardamone	Principal - Loretto Catholic	x		
Amanda Cybula	Principal - Father Hennepin	x		

Elizabeth Davey	Principal - Our Lady of Mount Carmel	X		
CSC Chair/Co-Chair	Loretto Catholic	X		
CSC Chair/Co-Chair	Father Hennepin			X
CSC Chair/Co-Chair	Our Lady of Mount Carmel			X

The following staff were also in attendance:

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education; Christopher Moscato, Vice-Principal, Loretto Catholic Elementary School; Ken Griepsma, Principal, Saint Michael Catholic High School; Domenic Massi, Principal, (Principal, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School effective January 9, 2017).

Six members of the public also attended and signed in to the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Agenda of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of December 14, 2016 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

a) Moved by Trustee Burtnik and Trustee Fera

THAT the Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of December 6, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. REVIEW OF FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2016

Discussions took place on feedback received from the Public Meeting. There was a preference expressed by those attending for Option 17. The meeting generated discussion on balancing the Guiding Principles of the Committee with the Terms of Reference outlined by the Board. Option 17 affects fewer students and families and, while not providing total relief, provides only 13% less than does Option 18.

Requests were made to consider grandfathering those affected by boundary changes. Family circumstances were provided for context for the Committee.

Concern was expressed that for each of the boundary options presented, students who are currently attending Loretto Catholic whose home residence is outside of

the existing boundary will be permitted to remain unlike students who currently reside within the current boundary changes to Loretto Catholic boundary who will be required to change schools. Members of the public commented that “this makes no sense.”

The Committee reviewed the impact of Option 17 and Option 18 and noted that there is projected to be a 13% greater impact in reducing enrolment at Loretto Catholic with Option 18. Option 18 better addresses the main Term of Reference for the Committee which is to “align student enrolment to facility capacity at Loretto Catholic Elementary School.”

Option 18 was selected by consensus. It was noted that once the minutes are approved by the Committee the community should be informed so that they are able to provide input.

Once the recommended boundary changes are approved by the Board, transition planning should begin promptly with community input.

C. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION(S) TO JANUARY 17, 2016 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Committee to present its recommendations to the Committee of the Whole for input prior to the Board Meeting on January 31, 2017.

1. Recommended boundaries for Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School, Loretto Catholic Elementary School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary Schools effective September as presented in Option 18.
2. Motions to be drafted that capture:
 - Grade 7 students currently attending Loretto Catholic be grandfathered.
 - The siblings of these grandfathered Grade 7 students who are currently attending Loretto Catholic and reside in the area of change of Loretto Catholic Elementary School to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, be permitted to remain at Loretto Catholic for September 2017, and receive transportation for the 2017-2018 academic year, only.
 - The siblings of these grandfathered Grade 7 students who remain at Loretto Catholic Elementary School, for 2017-2018, be permitted to apply to attend Loretto Catholic for September 2018, as per the usual Out of Boundary process but not receive transportation.
 - Only students who currently attend Loretto Catholic, and reside in the proposed area of change for 2017-2018 from Loretto Catholic Elementary School to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, be permitted to apply to attend Loretto Catholic for September 2017, as per the usual Out of Boundary process but not receive transportation. Siblings of these students be permitted to apply for out of boundary status to Loretto Catholic to attend beginning September 2017, only.
 - The siblings of students who currently reside outside the current boundary of Loretto Catholic Elementary School be permitted to apply for out of boundary

status to attend Loretto Catholic in September 2017, but not receive transportation, and

- No new out of boundary requests for students, without siblings who currently attend Loretto Catholic, will be accepted using the existing boundary.
- No new initial out of boundary registrations to attend Loretto Catholic Elementary School will be accepted for students registering to attend beginning September 2017 using the revised boundary.

D. APPROVAL PROCESS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2016 PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

It was agreed by the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Committee that the Minutes of the Public Meeting and the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of December 14, 2016 will be approved via email and immediately posted thereafter.

E. FUTURE ACTION

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| 1. | Report to the Committee of the Whole | January 17, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Fr. Kenneth Burns csc Board Room
Catholic Education Centre - Welland |
| 2. | Board Meeting | January 31, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Fr. Kenneth Burns csc Board Room
Catholic Education Centre - Welland |

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting for the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of December 14, 2016 be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.