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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 6, 2016
4:00 p.m.**

**VINCENTIAN SISTERS OF CHARITY
CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE - WELLAND**

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 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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, Family of Schools Superintendent of Education, and Christopher Moscato, Vice-principal, Loretto Catholic Elementary School, Ken Griepsma, Principal, Saint Michael Catholic High School.

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 6, 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

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 November 15, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

b) Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Public Meeting for the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools of November 28, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. REVIEW OF FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC MEETINGS

Superintendent Farrell and Kathy Levinski reviewed feedback from the November 28, 2016 Public Meeting.

- If out of boundary students are grandfathered, would younger siblings who are beginning school be permitted to attend Loretto Catholic?
- Will individual scenarios be considered? There are other students that are out of bounds to Loretto that live in other areas and don't go to their home schools.

- Aside from ELKP, is there an obligation for the Board to provide bus service?
- At what point will childcare become available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel?
- Is it possible to limit access to childcare providers at Loretto Catholic? That will create overflow that might help force parents to find alternative care for their children at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- Can a dual boundary be created? So boundary A, this is the walking boundary and boundary B these are your boundaries and if you don't bus to Loretto you bus to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- What are the reasons for applying for out of boundary status for the 95 students who are attending Loretto Catholic? What percentage of them use the before and after school daycare? Why are the students attending Loretto from out of boundary if not for childcare?
- Has the impact of school changes on children been considered?
- In the future, as the population around McLeod and Kalar increases and a new school is built in the future, what children will be filling that school? Will they be students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Father Hennepin?
- When families from Garner South area built homes the builder showed Loretto, Kate S. Durdan and where a new school would be built. Has the Board spoken to the builder so that when buyers come to the area they know their children should attend Our Lady of Mount Carmel?
- It doesn't affect me but the whole no grandfathering of siblings, any parent would agree that it's not beneficial for them to have the siblings continue at Loretto.
- If we recognize that there is an enrolment problem and the status quo doesn't address the issue, why even suggest it as an option? It should not be considered an option anymore.
- What is restricting the Board from looking at other schools? No matter what option is considered by 2020 there is overcapacity at all schools.
- Grandfather students in Options 15 and 16 without transportation to provide families a choice. If families are unable to provide transportation to Loretto Catholic, then transport to students to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.

Kathy Levinski indicated that she is in discussions with respect to before and after school care at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Correspondence received by Board staff was reviewed.

C. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL ATTENDANCE AREA OPTIONS

Superintendent Farrell and Kathy Levinski presented a slideshow that incorporated the feedback from the Public Meetings as new options. Options 13 to 16 were reviewed.

There have been no concerns expressed concerning Option 13. Based on the lack of input, Option 13 will be recommended.

Option 14 was ruled out because it does not address the enrolment pressure, at Loretto Catholic, coming from within the its boundary.

Discussion involved the siblings affected by any boundary change of grandfathered students at Loretto Catholic.

Do we know the number of Grade 7 Students that are being grandfathered, how many of them have younger siblings there?

Out of boundary requests are adding to the enrolment pressure at Loretto Catholic. While current students, from out of bounds are attending the school any grandfathering of siblings will undermine the effect of no longer accepting out of boundary students to the school.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT PUBLIC MEETING

It was agreed, by consensus, that the following options with be presented at the Public Meeting on December 14th, 2016 at Saint Michael Catholic Elementary School at 7 p.m.:

Option 13 - Area of change from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic to Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School:

North Side - Ease from Dorchester Road at Oldfield Road along powerline to projection of Wilson Crescent, East Side - South on projection of Wilson Crescent to Oldfield Road (including), South Side - West along Oldfield Road (including) to Dorchester Road, West Side - to point of start at Dorchester and Oldfield Road.

- *To be included to the areas considered in each of Option 15 and Option 16*

Option 15 - Area of Change from Loretto Catholic to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School (part of E1 and part of E2) and no new out of boundary requests will be considered, current Grade 7 students will be grandfathered:

North Side – East from Kalar Road on Lundy’s Lane (centreline) to Montrose Road, East Side – South on Montrose Road (centreline) to Charnwood Avenue, south entrance (including), South Side – West along Charnwood Avenue (including), turning north on Charnwood Avenue to Alfred Street, west on Alfred Street (including) to Sherri Avenue (including), north on Sherri Avenue to Ethel Street (including), west on Ethel Street to Pitton Road (including), north on Pitton Road to Catalina Street (including), west on Catalina Street to Kalar Road, West Side – North on Kalar Road (including) to start at Lundy’s Lane

- **Current Grade 7 students will be grandfathered**

- **No new out of boundary requests will be considered**

Option 16 - Area of change from Loretto Catholic to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School (part of W1/part of E1 & part of E2):

North Side – East from Garner Road (centerline) at Lundy’s Lane (centerline) to Montrose Road (centerline), East Side – South on Montrose Road (centerline) to Charnwood Avenue, south entrance, (including), South Side – West along Charnwood Avenue (including), turning north on Charnwood Avenue to Alfred Street, west on Alfred Street (including) to Sherri Avenue (including), north on Sherri Avenue to Ethel Street (including), west on Ethel Street to Pitton Road (including), north on Pitton Road to Catalina Street (including), west on Catalina Street to Kalar Road (including), south on Kalar Road to Angie Drive (including), and including Mildred Court to St. Michael Avenue (including) south to Forestview Blvd. (centerline) west to Garner Road (centerline), West Side – North on Garner Road (centerline) to start at Lundy’s Lane

- **Current Grade 7 students will be grandfathered**
- **No new out of boundary requests will be considered**

E. FUTURE ACTION

- Revised attendance area options being considered will be posted on the Board website and sent to families as part of a SchoolConnects message advising them of the upcoming Public Meeting.
- Transition plan will be developed for affected students will begin in February, 2017. Catholic School Councils, student, teachers, principals and parents will be involved.

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| 1. | Public Meeting | December 14, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Saint Michael Catholic High School |
| 2. | Committee Meeting | December 14, 2016 - Immediately Following
Public Meeting
Saint Michael Catholic High School |

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 6, 2016 be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.