Background

As you may be aware, a new elementary school is under construction in the Alton area of Burlington, at 3290 Steeplechase Drive. This school is scheduled to open in the Fall 2012. Parent/guardians of students attending Clarksdale PS, Rolling Meadows PS, CH Norton PS, Charles R Beaudoin PS, Florence Meares PS and Orchard Park PS were notified in October that a boundary review process had begun and were invited to attend an open house evening to learn more about the process. Two open houses were held and parents/guardians were given the opportunity to express their interest in being a representative on the Boundary Review Committee. This committee was formed with representatives from each of the potentially affected schools listed above, parent representatives from the Alton community, plus school board trustees and staff.

This Boundary Review Committee held its first meeting on November 8th. At that time it began the process of reviewing options generated by the Boundary Review Steering Committee, as well as offering suggestions of new options to be considered. Criteria to measure the effectiveness of boundary and program scenarios were established, in order to determine the scenarios that best met the needs of the students in the affected areas. This process took several weeks, and included a public information meeting on December 6th where parents/guardians came and learned and provided input about the boundary and program scenarios that were shared.

For more information on the December public meeting, <u>click here</u>. To view the preferred scenarios (22F, 26C and 27) presented at the public information meeting, <u>click here</u>.

The <u>Director's report</u> was approved (as revised) by Trustees at the February 1 board meeting.