

# Halton District School Board

## Oakville NE #3 PS and #5 PS Boundary Review Committee

Thursday, November 30, 2023, 7:00-9:00 pm

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### Boundary Review Steering Committee:

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### Boundary Review Committee:

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### Meeting Notes:

Meeting starts at 7:05 pm

### Introduction

Fred Thibeault welcomes the BRC back, and thanks the BRC for their work in this review.

The Land and Territory are honored by Claire Proteau

The agenda for this meeting is presented.

### Part 1

#### Housekeeping Items

##### Goals for the meeting

- Discuss public meeting feedback.
- Identify the final option(s) to provide to the BRSC for consideration.

## New and Updated Information

- Before and after care, For all YMCA Oakville locations they will be able to accommodate future students.
- Copy of the livestream presentation is on the website.
  - Along with the video of the livestream.
- Fred takes the BRC through a summary of themes that came out of the submitted livestream questions from November 23.

## Boundary Review Timeline

Event	Date	Location
BRSC Meeting #1	June 29, 2023	Virtual
BRSC Meeting #2	October 3, 2023	Virtual
BRSC #3/BRC Meeting #1	October 19, 2023	In person
BRSC #4/BRC Meeting #2	October 26, 2023	Virtual
BRSC #5/BRC Meeting #3	November 2, 2023	Virtual
BRSC #6/BRC Meeting #4	November 16, 2023	Virtual
Feedback opens	November 20, 2023	Online
Public Information Meeting	November 23, 2023	Live Stream
Feedback closes	November 27, 2023	Online
BRSC #7/BRC Meeting #5	November 30, 2023	In Person
BRSC Meeting #8 <i>(if required)</i>	TBD If required	Virtual
Board Meeting: Oakville NE #3/#5 PS Recommendation (For Information)	January 10th, 2024	Board Meeting
Board Meeting: Oakville NE #3/#5 PS Recommendation (For Approval)	January 24th, 2024	Board Meeting

## Part 2

### Recap of Previous Meeting

The BRC review the menti results and jamboard from the last meeting and their rankings of the options:

- Option 7, 8, 9 were created from the favored “X” options.
- All other options were tabled.

## Summary of Feedback

Fred takes the BRC through the summarized feedback Planning received from the public.

- Around 55% of responses were from Post's Corners PS and the English program.
- There was a concern over only having around 50 responses.
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A fulsome discussion was had on strategies to Improve communication from the board for feedback as well as engaging parents throughout the process. Some ideas that were presented to staff were as follows:.

- Simplify email communications and subject lines, and ensure the subject line is more relatable to parents.
- Have a follow up email after the public meeting.
- Rely more on school council and school newsletters.
- Leverage school principals and administration to spread the messaging.
- Explore exterior signage.
- Provide canned wording to assist with messaging out to families and parents.

## Part 3

### Option Recap

NOTE: The BRC opted to not review the option again at the meeting. For the public record, below is the summary of the options as discussed at the previous meeting, and tie to the final recommended option suggested by the BRC.

- Option 7
  - Oakville NE #3 PS opens Sept 2025 as a JK-7 ENG school, Grade 8 added to the following year
    - ENG students within the Oakville NE #3 PS boundary will remain at their current school until school opens
  - Oakville NE #5 PS opens Sept 2026 as a JK-7 ENG school, Grade 8 added the following year
    - ENG students within the Oakville NE #3 PS boundary will remain at their current school until school opens
  - Dr. David R. Williams PS becomes a single track JK-8 ENG school
    - In Sept 2024, Grade 2 to 5 FI students move to Forest Trail PS/Sunningdale PS, Grade 6 to 8 FI students remain at Dr. David R. Williams PS until graduation.
    - Note that if students that are granted legacy exemption have a younger sibling, they would have the option to also go to Forest Trail PS.
  - Post's Corners PS and River Oaks PS new boundaries (south of Dundas St) implemented starting Sept 2025
    - In Sept 2025, JK to 5 ENG Post's Corners students in Zones AH north and AI move to River Oaks PS, Grade 6 to 8 ENG students remain at Post's Corners PS until graduation

- Zone B - In Sept 2024, JK-7 ENG students move from River Oaks PS to Palermo PS, Grade 8 ENG remain at River Oaks PS until graduation
- Zone H - In Sept 2024, JK-5 ENG students move from Dr. David R. Williams PS to Oodenawi PS, Grade 6 to 8 ENG remain at Dr. David R. Williams PS until graduation
- Zones X, Y and Z - In Sept 2024, JK-7 ENG students move from River Oaks PS to Falgarwood PS, Grade 8 ENG remain at River Oaks PS until graduation
- Option 8
  - Option 8 is the same as Option 7, however Post's Corners PS and River Oaks PS new boundaries (south of Dundas St) implemented starting Sept 2025
  - In Sept 2025, JK to 5 ENG Post's Corners students in Zones AE, AH north and AJ move to River Oaks PS, Grade 6 to 8 ENG students remain at Post's Corners PS until graduation.
- Option 9
  - Option 9 is the same as Option 7, however Post's Corners PS and River Oaks PS new boundaries (south of Dundas St) implemented starting Sept 2025
  - In Sept 2025, JK to 5 ENG Post's Corners students in Zones AH north and AJ move to River Oaks PS, Grade 6 to 8 ENG students remain at Post's Corners PS until graduation.

## Breakout Session

The BRC breaks out into 2 groups

Conclusions from breakout sessions:

- Going forward with option 7 as the preferred option from the BRC.
- All legacy exemptions as presented above would move forward.
- Post's Corners legacy exemptions (Grade 6-8) and their siblings would be permitted to stay effective September 2025, until graduation..
- Out of area requests for families with 3 children or more will be assessed on a case by case basis. These have a higher likelihood of being accepted given the challenges.
- BRSC will review the option of increasing the legacy exemption for Zone H, to slow the growth at Oodenawi. This may extend beyond the initially proposed Grade 6-8 legacy exemption.

## Part 4

### Next Steps

The next step is to present option 7 to the Senior Team.

January 5th is when the BRSC will try to get what is being sent to board out to the public before it is presented.

An additional meeting is not required for the BRC.

## Notification of Recommended Option(s) to Community

- Notification of the recommendations will be sent out to the community as early as the week of December 11, 2023 after the draft report is shared with Administrative Council.

## Board Meetings

- The BRSC will write the Board Report with the Director's recommendations and present it to the Board of Trustees.
- January 10, 2024 - report presented for information
- The BRC will be sent a copy of the report prior to the Board meeting.
- January 17, 2024 - Committee of the Whole - opportunity for delegations
- January 24, 2024 - report presented for decision
- There will be opportunities for the community to [Delegate the Board](#) at the January 10th and 24th board meetings and on the January 17th CotW meeting.

The BRSC thanked the BRC for their time and work on this review.

## Questions/Concerns

- What are the reasons the board mentioned for FI not being north of Dundas St.
  - Answer: Difficulty with staffing
  - Answer: Accelerated growth in new school communities.
- Will the final grade 5s in the FI transitions have issues with critical mass in the program (not enough students)?
  - Answer: There will be full classes and further discussions are planned with the admin around this.

Meeting ends 8:37 pm

**JAMBOARDS:**

**Option 7**

Room for exemptions and siblings, this is the choice over adding more grades to the exemptions

This is the preferred option

Leaves portables where they are to save \$

Low enrollment after 7 years

**Option 8**

Least Attractive Option - AE and AJ have strong walking connection to Post's Corners, bussing less easy

Would like to vote this option OUT

FI - Autonomy is still available as families can choose to continue with program, keep families together.

**Option 9**

Lower amount of siblings redirected

Discussion between legacy for more grades, or for more siblings

Clarification about Catholic Schools being built

## Group 1

What do you like/dislike about the option?

Does the option meet the criteria?

How can the option be improved?

Additional options?

**Need to include siblings in exemptions**

keeping all sibling together where possible.

out of area exemptions case by case.

prefer 7 maintains current post's corners boundary.

Concern with DDR parents leaving Fl.

Make accommodations for siblings between 3 schools.

## Group 2

What do you like/dislike about the option?

Does the option meet the criteria?

How can the option be improved?

Additional options?