

Mar 4, 2026 | S.W. Burlington Elementary Boundary Review

BRC Meeting #5

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Notes

- General Manager Frederick Thibeault welcomes the BRC back to Burlington Central HS.
- Trustee Robbie Brydon honours the land and territory.
- **Administrative Procedure Review**
 - The next meeting will be the Public Information Meeting on March 11th at Burlington Central HS in the cafeteria.
 - The feedback survey will be opened on Monday at the earliest.
 - The Boundary Review is currently at the fifth meeting and the fourth “discussion/review of options” meeting.
 - The goal of today's meeting is to have 3-2 options we can bring to the Public Information Meeting.
- **Housekeeping**
 - Zones 1 and 3 have new exemption areas.
 - We acknowledge the amount of traffic.
 - BRC Meeting Notes from the previous meeting (Feb. 24th).
 - Please contact the planning team for modifications or changes.
 - Themes from the emails received in the boundary review contact.
 - Area 10 requests to remain at Tom Thomson, to remain south of QEW.
 - Preferred area 6 to remain at Clarksdale
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 - Ensure the preferred option meets the criteria
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- Preference for Option 13
- Representation from specific areas
- Prefer FI at Tom Thomson PS

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● Summary of New Options 6b, 11, 11b, 12, 13

- Active Options: 11 and 13.
 - A quick review of the old options is done.
- Option 11c
 - Tom Thomson PS - Single Track ENG
 - Central PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Area 1 & 2: King to Central PS
 - Area 3 & 4: Central to Lakeshore PS
 - Areas 10&11: Tec to Burlington Central (7 & 8)
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
- Option 13b
 - Tom Thomson PS - Single Track ENG
 - Central PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Area 1: King to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 2: King to Central PS
 - Area 3: Cen to Lakeshore PS

- Area 4: South of Elgin to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
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 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Area 1: King to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 2: King to Central PS
 - Area 3: Cen to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 4: South of Elgin to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 6: Northeast of Courtland ave to Tom Thomson
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
- Option 14
 - Tom Thomson PS - Dual Track ENG, FI
 - Tom Thomson PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Area 1: King to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 2: King to Central PS
 - Area 3, south 4: Cen to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 9 & 10 (Grade 7 & 8): Tec to Burlington Central
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
- Option 14b
 - Tom Thomson PS - Dual Track ENG, FI
 - Tom Thomson PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Area 1: King to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 2: King to Central PS
 - Area 3, south 4: Cen to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 9 & 10 (Grade 7 & 8): Tec to Burlington Central
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS

- Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
- Option 15
 - Tom Thomson PS - Dual Track ENG, FI
 - Tom Thomson PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Areas 1, 2: King to Central PS
 - South 4, south area 5: Cen to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 9 & 10 (Grade 7 & 8): Tec to Burlington Central
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
- Option 15b
 - Impacts the least number of students
 - Tom Thomson PS - Dual Track ENG, FI
 - Tom Thomson PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Areas 1, 2: King to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 9 & 10 (Grade 7 & 8): Tec to Burlington Central
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
- Option 16
 - Tom Thomson PS - Dual Track ENG, FI
 - Tom Thomson PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English
 - Areas 1, 2: King to Central PS
 - South 4, south area 5: Cen to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 9 & 10 (Grade 7 & 8): Tec to Burlington Central
 - Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
 - New development north of Fairview to Tecumseh PS
 - French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 11: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland
 - New development north of Fairview to Tecumseh PS
- Option 17
 - Tom Thomson PS - Dual Track ENG, FI
 - Tom Thomson PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - English

- Area 1: King to Lakeshore PS
- Area 2: King to Central PS
- Area 3: south 4: Cen to Lakeshore PS
- Area 9: (Grade 7 & 8): Tec to Burlington Central
- Area 10: TT to Tecumseh PS
- Area 11: Tecumseh to Central
- Area 12: Tec to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
- French
 - Area 1 & 2: MAP to Central PS
 - Area Tec, & 10: Tom T. & Bur Cen to Pineland

● Breakout Session

- **Group A**
 - TT not having FI is the preferable option
 - It is important to remember that the Lakeshore PS area has too many moves.
 - If children are changing to Lakeshore PS you will end up at Central PS anyway.
 - It eliminates the 3rd move.
 - Preferred options
 - 13b
 - 13c
- **Group B**
 - Same as group c
 - Prefer options 13c and 14b.
 - No option 16
- **Group C**
 - Top picks are option 14b for FI at TT.
 - Option 13c FI at central
 - Zone 11 now goes to central. Is the requested change.
 - Backup opinion is option 16
- As a BRC
 - Zone 11 for both options to go to the local FI school.
 - Option 13c
 - Option 14b
 - Legacy exemption we can look at 3 grades
 - Slow FI transition
 - We would likely look at primary grades.

● Next Steps

- If you have questions, please submit them to SWB_Review@hdsb.ca
- The next meeting will be the public information meeting. There will be a quick presentation from Fred. The in-person component would be stations with boards to take questions.

- Burlington Central HS will be the location for the Public Meeting on the 11th of March.
 - Feedback will be from March 9th to the 25th.
- Delegations for both for and against the options can be made to the Board to Trustees at the Board meeting nights.

● Questions and concerns:

- Are there accessibility issues with portables?
 - If there are issues, the school board is able to install a ramp.
- Is there concern with the central taking FI
 - We are concerned about uncertainties that the HDSB might have issues being able to accommodate sudden unpredicted growth.
- Some of the schools do not have the capacity in the options that the HDSB you suggest grants a rebuild or addition.
 - For an addition yes. But for a PAR no.
 - In SWB the idea would be to consolidate some schools and start fresh with a new up to date facility.
 - They don't all need to be full, the result needs to be full.
- Is there an option of the 3 that gets us close to a PAR situation?
 - All and none.
 - There is a moratorium currently on PARs. They can not be done currently.
- For the split in option 16 for zone 10, the green area is the growth zone and the other is the existing community.
- There are different unions for FI teachers between intermediate and junior.
- Zone 11 proximity is more valuable as there are 9 FI students in the zone.
- With legacy exemption, depending on the move, we would consider transportation.
- A lot of the families are in senior grade and their concern is later grades being moved would that be the case. Is there a way it would be expressed that there are legacy exemptions? How do we express that there are things we are considering?
 - Implementation can be talked about at the boundary review public meeting.
 - The HDSB will have time to take the feedback after it is closed to see what legacy exemption will look like before we bring it to the April 1st meeting.
- It is important we have the legacy piece first.
 - We will talk more about transition planning.