

Boundary Review Committee

Monsignor Uyen Catholic School

&

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

November 8, 2011
7:00 pm



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Opening Prayer

Let us pray in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of Unity, we give you thanks for the opportunity to gather,
and for calling us to the privilege of this meeting.

Encircle our schools with Your love.
Help us to honour our past, respect our present,
and look to the future with courage and faith.

May our discussions and decisions be focused
on the well-being of your children;
those you have entrusted to our care.

Help us to be open to the guidance and influence
of your Holy Spirit, as we do our best to live like Jesus.

We make our prayer in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Rules of Order

1. Attendance
2. Questions
3. Notes of the meetings
4. Protocols



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Review of Policy 7.4

Student Accommodation & Boundary

Policy Statement:

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to provide student accommodation in a responsible and organized manner, and to consult with the community.



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Policy Goals:

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board acknowledges that the consolidation or closure of a school or schools and/or the revision of boundaries may be required in order to operate in an efficient and effective manner. The Board shall:

- a) provide a Catholic school system where the life and gospel of Christ are integrated into the entire curriculum and to seek a spirit of co-operation between the home, the school, and the Church;
- b) provide adequate and appropriate accommodation for the students attending its schools pursuant to Ministry Guidelines and Regulations;



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Policy Goals continued ...

- c) provide effective educational programs for all students through the efficient management of the Board's resources;
- d) communicate with parents and community concerning possible changes in the status of a school or schools or of the boundaries of a school or schools.



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Section 2.4 School Boundaries

- a) The Board establishes the boundaries for all schools within its jurisdiction.
- b) Boundaries will be reviewed and revisions recommended to trustees by administration, as circumstances warrant. The Board may consult with affected parents prior to setting new boundaries.
- c) Boundary changes will be communicated to parents/guardians who may be affected.



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Review of Current School Situations

- Two elementary schools with French Immersion and English programs.
- With the current situation a family could have students in two different schools
- Our Lady of Fatima has continued to maintain a significant student population.
- Lower class sizes and the addition of full day kindergarten means that space may become a concern.



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Review of Current School Situations Continued . . .

- Housing continues to be constructed in the Our Lady of Fatima area.
- The English program at Monsignor Uyen continues to decline.



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Motion to Board

September 27, 2011

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Boundary Review*, for information. *Carried.*

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board direct the Director of Education to establish a Boundary Review Committee for the school communities of Monsignor Uyen, Chatham and Our Lady of Fatima, Chatham. *Carried.*



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Committee Mandate

- The BRC is appointed by the Board and is authorized to make recommendations as per board policy.
- The written recommendations of the BRC will be delivered to the Director of Education who will make them known to the Board of Trustees at a public meeting.
- While the BRC's establishment was triggered by the present circumstances, the future must be a primary component in considering the actions the BRC will recommend.



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Committee Mandate Continued

- The BRC is encouraged, but not required, to come to consensus with respect to its recommendation(s).
- At all times the BRC should maintain its focus on the issue at hand and not allow itself to become distracted by side issues.
- The BRC will meet a minimum of two times.
- The Trustees will give the BRC's recommendations due consideration and they will decide on a course of action that best serves the needs of the Board.



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Question Period



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Closing Prayer

God of All,
surrounded by your love,
we have prayed together,
and listened to your Word through the Scriptures
and spoken through each person.

May the work we have done tonight
be a witness to our commitment to Catholic Education.

May our journeys home be safe
and our time with family be peace-filled.

We ask your blessing upon all that has taken place tonight,
and upon us as we pray in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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