

Delaware Central PS Committee Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a committee we have come to the decision that the most ideal boundary change would be Option 1 - Permanently designating the subdivision in Kilworth Community (Area A) to the Delaware Central PS attendance boundary.

Rationale

- There would be no children displaced from their current school
- There would be a gradual increase to the number of students attending Delaware Central PS, thereby allowing the school board enough time to update the facilities to accommodate the increased enrolment
- Parkview PS's enrolment pressures would be alleviated
- Delaware Central PS's capacity will be utilized

We also feel that a variation of Option 3 would be suitable. Permanently designating the east portion of Caradoc PS boundary (Area D) to Delaware Central PS attendance boundary. In addition, the northern portion of Parkview PS (Area K) would be permanently redirected to Valleyview Central PS. We believe that the southeast residential community of Kilworth (Area S) should be excluded from this Option and should remain within the Parkview PS attendance boundary.

Rationale

- There would be no neighbourhoods that are split
 - Parkview PS's current enrolment pressures would be alleviated
 - Caradoc PS's enrolment pressures would be immediately alleviated
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Options

Option 1 - Permanently designating the subdivision in Kilworth Community (Area A) to the Delaware Central PS attendance boundary.

Rationale

- There would be no children displaced from their current school
- There would be a gradual increase to the number of students attending Delaware Central PS, thereby allowing the school board enough time to update the facilities to accommodate the increased enrolment
- Parkview PS's enrolment pressures would be alleviated
- Delaware Central PS's capacity will be utilized

Feedback from Community

- Allows time for upgrades to be made to the school to accommodate the increased enrolment
- No displacement of established students
- Relieves Parkview's overcapacity over time

Option 2 - Permanently designating the existing pupils residing in the southeast residential community of Kilworth (Areas B, T, S) to Delaware Central PS attendance boundary.

Rationale

- Not viable due to the huge influx of students to Delaware Central PS
- Decrease in the utilization rate of Parkview PS
- Facility cannot accommodate this rapid influx, no time for upgrades to facility
- Safety concerns regarding bus and parent drop off zones

Feedback from Community

- This change would not be handled well by Delaware Central PS students or the facility
 - Culture of the school would change dramatically and very quickly - the "community school" vibe would be disrupted
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WESTERN MIDDLESEX AREA ATTENDANCE REVIEW (2018)

Option 3 - Permanently designating a portion of existing pupils residing in the southeast residential community of Kilworth (Area S) and the east portion of Caradoc PS boundary (Area D) to Delaware Central PS attendance boundary. In addition, the northern portion of Parkview PS (Area K) would be permanently redirected to Valleyview Central PS.

Rationale

- There would be a dense neighbourhood split between two schools - we feel that this is why Area S should not be included in this option
- Delaware Central PS's capacity would be utilized
- Parkview PS's current enrolment pressures would be alleviated
- Caradoc PS's enrolment pressures would be immediately alleviated

Feedback from Community

- Families in Area D have expressed their interest in attending Delaware Central PS as it is geographically closer to their houses. They also feel more connected to Delaware's community than to Mount Brydges'.
- "Heartbreaking for my child" to not be able to go to the same school with friends across the street
- The impression is that Kilworth families are not pleased with this potential change.
- As the receiving school we would welcome new students, but do we want people here that don't want to be here? How would this impact the morale of the school?
- Concern regarding adding a large population in a short amount of time, possibility that this could change the dynamic of the school

Guiding Principles

- School morale/culture
- Capacity of school and it's Functional Capacity Index (FCI)
- Student Safety Concerns
- Not splitting neighbourhoods

Considerations/Concerns

The following should be considered for when Delaware Central PS gains additional students.

- Washrooms
 - Sewer system cannot sustain the current capacity, let alone an increase

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- Gymnasium
 - Capacity may need to be increased
- Parking
 - Limited staff and visitor parking
 - Municipal parking lot would need to be utilized
- Walking/Sidewalks
 - No parent drop off zone separate from the buses
 - No sidewalks on Osborne Street and part of York Street
- Allocation of portables
 - Amount of land owned by the school versus the Municipality

Summary

As a committee we have come to the decision that the most ideal boundary change would be Option 1 - Permanently designating the subdivision in Kilworth Community (Area A) to the Delaware Central PS attendance boundary.

However, we also feel that a variation of Option 3 would be suitable. Permanently designating the east portion of Caradoc PS boundary (Area D) to Delaware Central PS attendance boundary. In addition, the northern portion of Parkview PS (Area K) would be permanently redirected to Valleyview Central PS. We believe that the southeast residential community of Kilworth (Area S) should be excluded from this Option and should remain within the Parkview PS attendance boundary.
