

Oxford South Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review

South Ridge PS Subcommittee Meeting Agenda #1

School Community: South Ridge PS

Date & Time of Subcommittee Meeting: Tuesday December 17th, 2024 5:30-6:30 pm

Attendance Area Review Subcommittee Members & Affiliation:

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Stacey Armstrong-AARC secretary
Rebecca Haley-School Council Chair and AARC member
Debora Fallon - AARC member
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Meeting Link and Callin details:

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Meeting Location: South Ridge PS Library

Agenda

AGENDA ITEMS	
1.	Call to Order and Introductions
2.	Overview of Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting and Initial Attendance Area Review Report
3.	Q & A
4.	Feedback regarding Options
5.	Additional Information Requirements
6.	Need for Future School-Level Meetings



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Number of Attendees: 10 online, 6 in person

Number of Participants in Discussion:

South Ridge PS: Ms. Shewan, Ms. Miller

Minutes

AGENDA ITEMS	
1.	Call to Order and Introductions
	Introductions of committee members – chair and secretary, principal
2.	Overview of AARC Meeting and Initial Attendance Area Review Report
	• Committee chair reviewed initial report presented by the board in the Oct 28th meeting • Committee chair reviewed meeting purpose – present options to school community and what our purpose is – to inform the board of the preferences/options/additional proposals from our school community • Committee chair reviewed that Tillsonburg is under development, increasing school enrollment – this meeting is to allow anyone in our community to present any new options or decide our favoured solution from the board's initial report to assist dealing with the over population From the board's OSAAR report • By 2031 without any attendance area boundary changes SRPS would be at 185% capacity with 15 portables, Westfield PS at 120% and Annadale at 84% • Option 1 – moves approx. 120 students to Annadale PS from Southridge zones A1, A2, A3



	• Option 2 – moves students from Westfield zone B1 to Annadale PS • In either scenario Southridge remains over-populated • Looking from other solutions/feedback from community members on their preferred option or alternative solutions
3.	Q & A
	• What is Westfield's current (2024) population? Southridge is 20 students over the projection – committee does not believe it has changed much from the projection in the board's report • Question from online meeting member – Are all options are moving students to annadale? From Committee chair - Yes – the report from the board is proposing moving students to Annadale • Question from online member - Are maps available? Yes on the website(shared OSAARC website) • Information shared by secretary – previous meeting has made us understand that board may be looking to justify a capital investment (new school or school expansion). This cannot be justified until all schools in town are at or above capacity, which is the purpose of this attendance area review/boundary changes. • From an online member – would like to include proposal to grandfather in grade 8 students so that they would remain at Southridge for their last year • Question/info from parent – lives on cornell road – proposal would leave the one family on the north side at the SRPS and their family would move to Annadale – the road would be double bussed for one family (in the current state) • Question on number of students in each zone (A1, A2, A3) – principal read numbers from the board's OSAAR report • Looking for information on number of students in all areas of the attendance zone (for community members to come up with other options)– committee members received some info after their intial meeting from the board – one committee member found the information so it could be shared with other parents –a member will add it to the southridge facebook group – will ask board to share these maps to the community OAARC website •
4.	Feedback regarding Options
	• Community member feedback – would like to put forward a proposal for a new school – Tillsonburg is bussing out 3-4 busses worth of children to French immersion in Woodstock – ask the board to build a new French immersion school here



	• Consider reverting Annadale to a middle school – how much would that cost to renovate for older students • Committee can present a number of options and proposals to the board and we will include them in our report to the board • From another's schools proposal – can we include a legacy agreement option – just grade 8 students (and their siblings) from a previous report • Community Feedback – move boundary line for Annadale up from Lindsay st – A1 but do not include A3 (Cornell road) • Suggestion from community member - Asking to take Cornell off and adjust boundary to new road (norwich township has different restrictions on home building and Cornell would not create new student pressures) – save the double bussing on cornell, only takes one family out of the school zone, suggesting both sides of New Road go to Annadale instead • Feedback from the community – can the committee propose that any parents who could provide transportation to the school can stay at SRPS • Is there any supports / resources from the board / ways to ease the transition for affected students (students who have to move schools) – something like a school tour/open house
5.	Additional Information Requirements
	• Share more detailed student population maps with community – can board put them on the OAARC website • Can the board provide projected numbers for the schools – if only new students have to go through the boundary changes – what would the school population projections be?
6.	Need for Future School-Level Meetings
	• Propose to have one more community meeting to review information and receive feedback • Proposing Tuesday Jan 7th 2025 5:30 – 6:30 pm – snow date of Thursday January 9th 5:30 -6:30pm



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Date

1. SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS & AFFILIATION

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2. SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- a. Date(s): Logistics meeting Nov 28th, 2024,
- b. Meeting #1-[Tuesday December 17th](#)
- c. Number of attendees at each meeting: 8 attendees, 16 attendees
- d. Number of participants in discussion at each meeting: 8 participants, 16 participants

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. BRIEF SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROFILE

South Ridge is a school community of approximately 450 students that come from both residential and rural areas north of Tillsonburg. The community is becoming more diverse and we are seeing an influx of growth in all parts of our community. South Ridge has gone from a kindergarten to grade six school to a kindergarten to grade 8 school in a previous reorganization.

5. FEEDBACK REGARDING PROPOSAL

6. RECOMMENDATIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

7. APPENDICES



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