



**St. Thomas Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review
Attendance Area Review Committee (AARC)
Documents and Templates**



St. Thomas Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review Forest Park Public School Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

School Community: Forest Park Public School

Date & Time of Subcommittee Meeting: March 7, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Attendance Area Review Subcommittee Members & Affiliation:

Jamie Fowler – Kindergarten Rep

Alex MacPherson – School Council Chair

Lisa MacPherson – Junior Rep

Tim Coombs – Principal – on hand for school level support

Connie Holborn – Vice Principal – on hand for school level support

Meeting Link and Call-in Details: https://teams.microsoft.com/#/pre-join-calling/19:meeting_OTI2YzJIYzEtMjhkZi00MTdhLWlyNzAtMDA3OWUzMTE3NzJh@thread.v2

Meeting Location: Forest Park Public School (295 Forest Ave) - Library & virtual online option

Agenda

AGENDA ITEMS	
1.	Call to Order and Introductions (Designation of Chair and Secretary)
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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Jamie Fowler, Lisa MacPherson, Alex MacPherson, Cindy Fedorowski

Y Sinclair, Tim Coombs, Connie Holborn

Number of Participants in Discussion:7

Meeting Location: Teams Meeting and Forest Park Public School (295 Forest Ave) Library

Minutes

AGENDA ITEMS	
1.	Call to Order and Introductions
	• Introduction and call to order by Jamie Fowler



2.	Overview of AARC Meeting and Initial Attendance Area Review Report
	Jamie went through the TVDSB powerpoint for the STAAR highlighting important dates, overall changes as well as the various options that impact Forest Park directly
3.	Q & A
	- No questions were asked during the meeting - Lisa provided the link to the TVDSB STAAR website for additional information, interactive map and further Q&A's
4.	Feedback regarding Options
	Jamie indicated that the idea of portables is not ideal. If Forest Park were to require portables during the initial phase of the transition the goal would be to only need portables in the short term and not as a long term ongoing solution.
5.	Additional Information Requirements
	No additional information required at this time
6.	Need for Future School-Level Meetings
	No need identified for future school-level meetings at this time.

St. Thomas Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review Forest Park Public School AARC Subcommittee Report April 14, 2023

1. SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS & AFFILIATION

Jamie Fowler – Kindergarten Rep
 Alex MacPherson – School Council Chair
 Lisa MacPherson – Junior Rep

2. SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- a. Date(s): March 7, 2023
- b. Number of attendees at each meeting: 3 committee members + 2 online + 2 staff (Principal and Vice-Principal)
- c. Number of participants in discussion at each meeting: 7

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Forest Park STAAR Committee is derived of the collective group of those who volunteered. The Forest Park STAAR Committee established a Forest Park STAAR Community Meeting date of March 7, 2023. The Committee met ahead of



the meeting to determine who would be presenting which parts of initial STAAR Report provided by the TVDSB and designate a secretary for the meeting. This meeting was held as a hybrid model offering both in-person attendance as well as online. The in-person meeting was held in the Forest Park Library.

4. BRIEF SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROFILE

Forest Park is a public school supporting 516 students from Junior Kindergarten-Grade 8. The school is located in the mid-east end of St Thomas and supports a diverse background of students.

5. FEEDBACK REGARDING PROPOSAL

Portables were not ideal for Forest Park but those in attendance were understanding of short term use.

There was no discussion in the proposal around the potential addition of new crosswalks for those students who would be joining Forest Park in the new school designations. This is a safety piece that would need to be addressed.

The grade reconfiguration was not supported by Forest Park families as this would impact more than 75% of the students.

Would need to look at ways to encourage safe drop offs in the mornings as since 2022-2023 year the “kiss and ride lane” is not permitted due to bylaw so it would be in the best interests of the students to have safe, quick drop off area(s).

6. RECOMMENDATIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

Based on the information gathered, the Forest Park STAAR Committee recommends the following:

- A) The committee does not support the grade reconfiguration model
- B) The committee was accepting of short term use of portables but not long term use (would like to see being back to no portables by 2032)
- C) The committee would recommend additional crosswalks be established for student safety to and from school
- D) The committee would recommend a designated drop off for quick morning drop offs so that families are not stopping and having children run across the streets unsafely
- E) The committee is in favour of zone 2A, zone 2B, zone 3 and zone 6 transitioning to Forest Park Public School

7. APPENDICES

No appendices to add

