



**School Attendance Zone Review Committee  
Robert Moore School  
April 11, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Al McManaman, Superintendent of Education; Bill Daley, Vice-Principal, Fort Frances High School; Jennifer Antonick, Fort Frances High School Parent Council; Donna Kowalski, Principal, Robert Moore School; Shauna-Leigh Carlson, Robert Moore School Parent Council; Rachel Spuzak, Community Representative  
**STAFF:** Sherri Belluz, Recording Secretary

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**1. Call to Order Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

**2. Review of Feedback**

The Committee reviewed the feedback from the public consultation and questions and answers received to date. The feedback form on the Board's website will remain open until April 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. to provide more opportunity for the community to submit any questions/concerns.

The following questions/concerns were discussed:

Q. Can the outside equipment accommodate all students?

A. The students have access to the playground, football field, soccer field, basketball courts, and swings. Administration will continue to monitor the usage and if found insufficient, a request can be submitted to the Manager of Plant Operations & Maintenance.

Q. Why is the Hockey Academy not offered at all schools?

A. The Hockey Academy is Fort Frances High School programming only. A proposal was submitted to Hockey Canada and required specialized training and certification of staff to run the program.

Q. How is bussing provided?

A. In April 2012, the Rainy River District School Board and Northwest Catholic District School Board signed a membership agreement to provide transportation services to students in a coordinated way. A Joint Transportation Policy was created and approved by both Boards in June 2012. The Joint Transportation Policy and procedures are now in effect and cover all students district-wide.

The Membership Agreement has created efficiencies by working together. Both Boards are able to share routes and other transportation services. This collaborative approach results in better service for students and greater efficiencies. Buses across the district have a mix of Rainy River District

School Board and Northwest Catholic District School Board students ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Further details on the possibility of the provision of hot lunches was discussed. It was noted that there are emergency lunches, breakfast, free lunches, fresh fruit and vegetables available at all times during the school day. Previous attempts at running a hot lunch program were unsuccessful. However, a hot lunch program for Grade 7/8 students will be tried again.

Concern was expressed that the students' move has already been decided. The role of the Committee is to gather as much feedback as possible so that the Board of Trustees can make an informed decision.

Concern remained with the interaction with the Grade 9-12 students. It was noted that there are times where a Grade 7/8 student will interact with the Grade 9-12 students. Student Council reps and House Groups are activities that combine students from Grades 7 to 12 so that they can build teams, develop leadership skills and mentorship.

### **3. Next Steps**

The School Attendance Zone Review Committee will meet on April 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Robert Moore School to review any further feedback and review the draft report.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.