



**School Attendance Zone Review Public Consultation
Minutes
Sturgeon Creek School, Barwick
March 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Mills, Superintendent of Business; Lucinda Meyers, Principal, Riverview School; Kerri Tolen, Principal, Sturgeon Creek School; Kari Larson, Parent Council Rep, Riverview School; Patrick Giles, Community Rep, Riverview School; Colleen Jolicouer, Parent Council Rep, Sturgeon Creek School; Jackie McCormick, Community Rep, Sturgeon Creek School; Dianne McCormack, Trustee

STAFF: Sherri Belluz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members were welcomed to the second and last public consultation meeting for the School Attendance Zone Review of the Riverview and Sturgeon Creek Schools. Introductions were made.

The public are welcome to provide comments by completing the Public Input Form. All information on the process of a school attendance zone review is posted on the Board's website at www.rrdsb.com.

The School Attendance Zone Review Committee will meet on March 23, 2015 to prepare a recommendation to the Board's Finance Committee for review/approval at the April 7, 2015 Board meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Administration Presentation of Recommended Option

At the January 7, 2015 Board meeting, the Rainy River District School Board approved the initiation of a school attendance zone review for Riverview School and Sturgeon Creek School. The school attendance zone review is being requested:

- to provide transportation services within the Joint Transportation Policy without special consideration (Board resolution);

- to review the attendance area and draw new attendance zones for Sturgeon Creek and Riverview School.
- to reduce bus rides for students to support their well-being.

Maps were reviewed identifying the 'grey zone' between Riverview School and Sturgeon Creek School. The proposed attendance zone line at the Morley Dilke Road is also the boundary between Morley Township and Dawson Township.

Feedback was gathered from the communities involved through public meetings, flyer distribution, school newsletters, and newspaper advertisements. All information is posted on the Board's website and Facebook page, and the schools' websites.

It was asked if there were any changes in ride times if the boundary change is approved. It was reported that the current ride time to Sturgeon Creek School, within the grey zone, is 35 minutes in the morning and 56 minutes in the afternoon. If the boundary change is approved, the ride times to Riverview School are reduced to 17 minutes in the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon. This results in an estimated \$10,000 savings in transportation costs.

A question was asked regarding the process, if only negative feedback is received.

4. Public Presentation

The Committee heard a presentation from Joyce Pattison, parent, opposed to the boundary change. The Chair thanked Ms. Pattison for her presentation.

5. Written Feedback

Written feedback was received by community members, Chantal and Jason Seguin, and shared with the public in attendance at the meeting.

6. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next School Attendance Zone Review Public Consultation is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Sturgeon Creek School.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.