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**School Attendance Zone Review Committee
Sturgeon Creek School, Barwick
March 23, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Agenda**

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2. Approval of Agenda
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**School Attendance Zone Review Committee
Minutes
Riverview School, Rainy River
January 12, 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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Heather Campbell, Director of Education

STAFF: Sherri Belluz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

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

Committee members were welcomed and thanked for participating on the School Attendance Zone Review Committee. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Overview of the School Attendance Zone Review Process

a) Background – Committee Terms of Reference

The School Attendance Zone Review Committee has been established in accordance with Board Policy 6.20 by the Rainy River District School Board to examine an initial option generated by administration on the attendance zone boundary between Riverview School and Sturgeon Creek School. The Committee consists of:

- one trustee
- Director of Education/designate (Superintendent of Business)
- Principal from each school
- school council member from each school
- community representative from each school

The supervisory officer (Director of Education/designate), principal, trustee and staff member(s) are non-voting members of the Committee. There must be a quorum of voting Committee

members in order to conduct the meeting. A quorum is defined as 50% plus one of the number of voting members. As per Policy, the Director of Education/designate (Superintendent of Business) will Chair the meetings.

The Role of the Committee is to:

- Review the option generated by administration;
- Offer suggestions and revisions or suggest new options to be considered;
- Operate according to Board By-laws;
- Provide public information and access (Board website);
- Coordinate community consultations/public meetings in order to gather input around the proposed options;
- Attend committee meetings and public consultations.

Agendas and minutes for the Accommodation Review process will be provided to the Committee at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

All information will be posted on the Board's website.

b) Policy 6.20 School Attendance Zones

Policy 6.20 was included in the Committee package for reference purposes.

c) Procedure 6.20 School Attendance Zones

Procedure 6.20 was included in the Committee package for reference purposes.

4. Administration Report

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.
- for the transportation efficiencies 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. The recommended option of the new boundary line would impact one family; however ride times for those students would be significantly reduced. In addition to the shorter ride times, a savings in transportation cost will be achieved.

The boundary in the north between Riverview School and McCrosson-Tovell was also discussed. It was recommended that the line be straightened to align with Highway 600. The Superintendent of Business will research the impact, if any, on students.

The next steps will be to gather feedback from the communities involved through public meetings, flyer distribution, school newsletters, and newspaper advertisements. All information will be also be posted on the Board's website and Facebook page, and the schools' websites.

5. Schedule of Committee Meetings

Public Consultations:

Tuesday, February 24, 2015	Riverview School	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Monday, March 9, 2015	Sturgeon Creek School	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, March 24, 2015	Sturgeon Creek School	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
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6. Public Consultation Process

Two public meetings will be held in order to give the communities an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed options. During the review process, individuals and/or groups will be invited to make public presentations or to submit letters. The submission deadline for these will be at least two weeks prior to the public meetings to ensure feedback is included in the agenda package. Other Board staff may be available at the public meetings to provide information about finances, transportation and facilities.

7. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**School Attendance Zone Review Public Consultation
Minutes
Riverview School, Rainy River
February 24, 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 first of two public consultation meetings 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.

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.

The next steps will be to gather feedback from the communities involved through public meetings, flyer distribution, school newsletters, and newspaper advertisements. All information will be also be posted on the Board's website and Facebook page, and the schools' websites.

4. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next School Attendance Zone Review Public Consultation is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Sturgeon Creek School.

The School Attendance Zone Review Committee will meet on March 24, 2015 to prepare a recommendation to the Board's Finance Committee for review/approval at the April 2015 Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



**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.

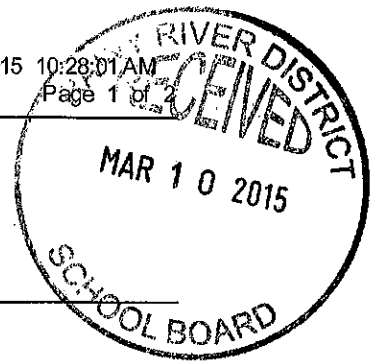
5. Written Feedback

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.



From: "Rob and Lori" [REDACTED] 10-03-2015 9:13:21...
Subject: Riverview/sturgeon Creek Boundary review
To: Sherri Belluz

Good Morning Committee members

As a parent who has been fighting for years now to get the boundary changed and allow my daughter to attend Riverview School am in full support of changing the boundary line to the municipal boundary. For years children from Pinewood have been bussed to Riverview without any problems. Why now? is my question. We live in Dawson township and pay taxes in Dawson so it is just fitting that the children in Dawson attend school in the hub of Dawson which is Rainy River. Part of our tax payers money goes to support amenities in Rainy River not Barwick. Like the library and other services. Also when Dawson need to amalgamate with other departments it amalgamates with Rainy River once again not Barwick. On a health care note families from Pinewood also have to doctor in Rainy River. Our family physicians are here and know us. Explain to me what would happen if my child needs medical treatment while at Sturgeon Creek School. the closest health center is Emo which doesn't have an active emergency department and she has no physician there. So do I have to drive to Barwick then back to Rainy to get medical attention for my child by a physician and facility she is accustomed to? How time efficient is that when the school she is currently in is just down the street from the hospital and we are both working in Rainy?

It is also my understanding that if the boundary would not be changed my daughter would have to go to Sturgeon Creek School and be on the bus at 735 instead of 814 approx. which she is on now to attend Riverview. Please explain to me how this adhere to your minimal bus time policies and how this is cost effective. She would have an even longer bus ride in the afternoon.

As per a written submission made in writing by Chantal and Jason Seguin. I do not believe that the committee should even take this letter into consideration as this family does not even reside in the outlined grey area. They are by far in the Riverview area. I would also be very disappointed in this school board if they take consideration of the Seguin Family that has a child just starting Jk in September and grant their wish of not changing the boundary over families that have been very proactive in moving this boundary line for years with the support of MPP Sarah Campbell. You as a board can come and tell my child and the other children involved that they must change school because of this. I surely wont be moving my child who is entering grade 7 next year. A child who has settled in her environment. I believe it would be easier to start a child in a new environment at a young age than change them at a pubescent age.

We are in full support of changing the boundary line. My husband and I both work in Rainy River. My daughter has grandparents she visits frequently in Rainy River for lunches. She has been able to spend time with her grandfather in the hospital at lunch time and will cherish this once he is no longer with us. We as parents have been able to attend school functions and involve ourselves with school activities that we would not be able to if she was bussed to Barwick. She would be that much further from home and her hub community.

I fee the committee would make a grave injustice to the people of Pinewood and the community of Rainy River if they decide not to move the boundary line.

Submitted for consideration

Rob and Lori Armstrong

March 11, 2015

To: Members of the School Attendance Zone Review Committee

Laura Mills Superintendant of Business RRDSB

Sheri Belluz Recording Secretary RRDSB

Lucinda Meyers Principal Riverview School

Karl Larson Parent Council Riverview School

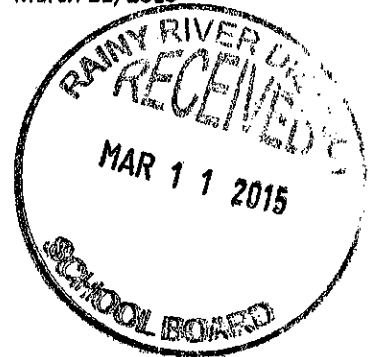
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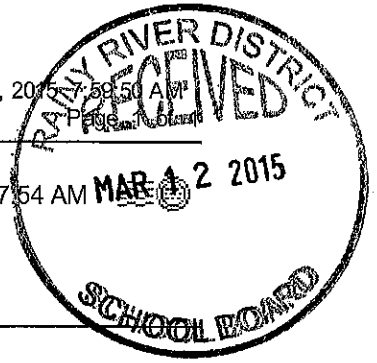
Diane McCormack Trustee RRDSB



I am writing this letter to make sure that my families input will be passed along to the Attendance Zone Committee created to review the recommendation to change the attendance zone between Riverview School and Sturgeon Creek School. Our family is in agreement with this proposal to have the line (which is very obscure and does not follow any road or township boundary lines), changed to the Morley Dilke/ Nelles Pattullo/ Forrester Road, which runs North and South and follows the boundary between Dawson and Morley townships. As to when the current boundary map was established, we have never received an answer to that question. I have submitted letters to the RRDSB and have made many phone calls to the Rainy River District Transportation Services Consortium since the year of 2012, when my family was required to start filling out forms for courtesy bussing to allow my children to ride the bus to the school they had always attended since JK. Previous to the consortiums request for this courtesy bussing, my eldest daughter Madison had attended Riverview for 9 years, Katelyn 5 years and Wyatt 1 year. Each year we submit forms and wait to see if they will be allowed on the bus to go to a school they have always attended, on a bus they have always ridden on, we have never changed our residence address nor asked for a change in bus service. For the first week of the school year my husband or I have had to drive our children to and from school on our own until they were given permission to ride the bus by the consortium. Even when Madison started High school and the bus was stopping to pick her up (as she is in the boundary for RRHS), my other 2 children were not allowed on the bus (which was NOT full) until permission was granted, every year this has caused a disruption and great amount of stress on our family. Our residence is in Dawson Township, my children have a 20 minute bus ride to school now, if they were to go to Sturgeon Creek it would be more like 45 minutes with all of the stops, this is not acceptable to us. Thank you for taking all of our submissions/ letters sent to the RRDSB under consideration.

Laurie & Troy Brown Parents of Madison, Katelyn and Wyatt, Taxpayers of Dawson Township [REDACTED]

Thursday, March 12, 2015 7:59:50 AM



From: [REDACTED] Tbaytel [REDACTED]

Thursday, March 12, 2015 5:37:54 AM

Subject: New boundary

To: [REDACTED] Sherri Belluz

I voice to change the boundary to facilitate a proper division. The new division would not separate the township of Dawson. In my opinion the township is affiliated with rainy river. Medical, fire, library and various other aspects are always joined with the town of rainy river. To divide the township does not make sense.

Also the busing for the families would keep transportation time at a minimum which makes the most sense and seems most cost effective

Dennis jodoin.

Sent from my iPad



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2015
Finance: 2015-09
File Code: R12

To: School Accommodation Review Committee

From: Laura Mills
Superintendent of Business

Re: **Information**

Background:

The role of the Committee is to review the option generated by administration, offer suggestions and revisions, and receive community feedback. The administration recommendation that has been out for community consultation is: to establish the new Riverview/Sturgeon Creek Attendance Zone to match the existing east boundary of the Grey Zone, which is the Morley Dilke Road/Forrester Road.

This administrative recommendation was made to eliminate the Grey Zone to provide transportation without special Board consideration to attend Riverview School as the location supports shorter ride times to Riverview School than to Sturgeon Creek School between 30 – 45 minutes.

Items to note from Committee Reference Criteria:

- Balance of overall enrolment in each school
 - There are no enrolment pressures at Riverview School or Sturgeon Creek School.
 - Presently, one family is impacted by the proposed new attendance line.
- Proximity to Schools
 - Grey Zone is closer in location to Riverview School.
 - Ride times to Riverview School are 30-45 minutes shorter than to Sturgeon Creek School from Grey Zone.
- Cost Effectiveness of transportation
 - New line will provide estimated annual savings of \$9,385 in transportation.

Consultation:

Communication on the consultation and recommendation was done through:

- School newsletters and flyers
- Newspaper advertising
- School and Board Website
- Letters to impacted families
- Community meetings

Two community meetings were held to present the recommendation and receive input in presentation or written form. These meetings were held:

Riverview School February 24, 2015

- Audience Attendance: 9

Sturgeon Creek School March 9, 2015

- Audience Attendance: 3

Summary of Feedback received:

Keep Existing Grey Zone (2 responses):

- For childcare arrangements
- For school continuity of child(ren)

Support for Option Recommended (3 responses):

- Follows municipal line and does not break up the Township
- Eliminates need for courtesy transportation to Riverview School
- Provides a shorter bus ride to Riverview School
- Aligns with Townships affiliated with Rainy River for medical, fire, and library

Action Items:

The Committee is to review the data and determine a recommended option by vote, and prepare a recommendation to the Finance Committee that is in the best interest of students.