



# Avondale Public School Boundary Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2017

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Bayview MS

<b>Presenter</b>	Linda Curtis, Superintendent of Education - LN12
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Objective of Meeting:	To share the proposed boundary changes for the new Avondale school with the local community and get their feedback.	
Comments/Questions:	<p>Linda Curtis welcomed everyone and introduced Ward 12 Trustee Alexander Brown.</p> <p>Trustee Brown thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the community's patience during the Avondale build. He highlighted the additional funding recently received from the Ministry toward building a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the new school. A Local Feasibility Team (Trustee Brown, Linda Curtis, Peter Naperstkow, Principals and other Central staff) have met numerous times to determine the boundary changes which are now being shared with the community.</p> <p>This process is necessary because of overcrowding in the area due to residential development and intensification in Willowdale. Local politicians have indicated that development in North York far exceeds projections. The Ministry currently provides no resources to the TDSB to address this growth. As well, they control how TDSB uses funds gained through the selling of our school properties. While TCDSB currently receives levies charged to new developments, the TDSB does not because the Ministry has a rule about surplus space that prevents the TDSB from being eligible to do so. Although there is no surplus space in Willowdale schools, the TDSB has surplus space in other parts of the City. This puts areas in need of additions and or new schools at risk, specifically Willowdale.</p> <p>A meeting was planned this week to discuss Willowdale growth and the Ministry's funding regulations. Unfortunately the Minister of Education cancelled the meeting. It is hoped the meeting will be rescheduled in June and parents are encouraged to get involved in this discussion. Trustee Brown will be sending out details in the near future.</p>	

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	<p>Also in attendance tonight --</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Naperstkow, Educational Planning Officer</li> <li>• Jeff Latto, Sr. Manager – Capital Projects</li> <li>• Sandra Gatti, Sr. Advisor - Strategy and Planning</li> <li>• Michael Byrne and Dayna Neiman, Avondale PS/EA</li> <li>• Tim Sullivan and Dayna Neiman, Bayview MS</li> <li>• Michelle Mayers and Brian D’Andrade, Cummer Valley MS</li> <li>• Jeanette Lang and Katia Robles, McKee PS</li> <li>• Thane Jovanovich, Hollywood PS</li> </ul> <p>The evening began with Superintendent Curtis sharing a detailed presentation (attached to minutes) about the process and proposal, followed by a Q &amp; A session. Community members then had an opportunity to visit school stations and provide feedback.</p> <p><b><u>QUESTIONS &amp; ANSWERS</u></b></p> <p>Q. From a self-identified Avondale Alt Elm parent – The community was surprised by the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor announcement. This seemed like a last minute surprise decision. We are concerned that this is being thrown on Avondale school rather than considering other options and concerns such as the student population growing to over 800 in a small subdivision. We worry about the families who live on Avondale and the impact the larger school will have on traffic. Does it make sense to turn Avondale from a ‘small homey feeling school’ into a ‘mega-school’?</p> <p>A. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor was part of the original plan but funds weren’t available at the time; however the Ministry approved the site plan and footings to be put in place for future growth. Over the last year the need became clear and there was a slim opportunity available to look at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the new building. Because the plans were already in place, the data demonstrating need was available, and the infrastructure already embedded in the new school, permission/funding was granted for the third floor while the construction was ongoing. This made sense financially and was much more preferable to the students moving into the new school and then having to move out again to construct a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.</p> <p>A Traffic study was required initially as part of the proposal for the new school. The</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>P20170503-Avondale PSPresentationV16-fin</p> </div>

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	<p>traffic study was conducted and Councillor Filion was involved. He is also very supportive of students walking to the school so new walking paths will be identified along with an extended drop-off area.</p> <p>The culture of the school was taken into account as the building was designed. Principal Byrne spoke to the strong progression plan in place for the first 5 years at the new school. Staff and parents will work together to build on the existing school culture. The goal is to engage staff as the school community grows so the culture of a small school remains, regardless of enrolment.</p> <p>Q. Related to Willowdale growth – How do you ensure that the people enrolling in the school actually live in the catchment area? And how do you regulate enrolment – specifically, multiple families living in one dwelling?</p> <p>A. To confirm that students live within a school boundary, documentation is required upon enrolment. As students move, we allow the student to remain until the end of the school year and then transfer to their new local school. We have also conducted enrolment audits at McKee the past 2 years, and are doing so again this year, requiring families to provide updated residence confirmation. We will be doing the same at Hollywood PS this year. As a result of the enrolment audits, approximately 20-25 students have had to transfer schools, so the process is effective.</p> <p>As a school board, we accept all children, but we recognize that multiple families may be living in single family dwellings. TDSB requires specific documentation as proof of address; however, the City is responsible for managing the number of families living in a dwelling.</p> <p>Q. Hollywood PS has grown, almost doubled – and while the proposed plan shortens the boundary to address Hollywood growth, the projection is still 150%. Hollywood faces problems currently with parking, drop-off, etc. Everyone seems to be addressing other schools but not solving the problem at Hollywood.</p> <p>A. Hollywood is a site where we are going to make a case to the Ministry that we need an addition or a replacement new school. Enrolment pressures will continue but we</p>	

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	<p>are hoping Trustee Brown will be successful in getting the Educational Development Charges to provide the funding for this. Each school board is allowed to submit 8 proposals a year – we are hoping that Hollywood will be one of them.</p> <p>Q. Do you expect the boundary will change again in the next few years?</p> <p>A. We hope not but if we don't get the funding from the Ministry to build new school(s) or additions, 5-7 years from now we'll have to review the plans and determine next steps. It's not ideal but it may happen.</p> <p>Q. How can you ensure with the sudden growth of Avondale, you will provide good educational quality?</p> <p>A. The growth isn't going to happen all at once. Due to grand parenting the growth will be phased in over 5 years. It's going to be a beautiful building, large childcare, huge gym, library and auditorium available to the community. Teachers will be moving with the students and we'll hire new teachers as well as we grow.</p> <p>Q. Based on the projected enrolment for Bayview, how will the new (gr 6-8) pathways affect the enrolment here? We already have portables -- Is there capacity for these additional students?</p> <p>A. Portables are here because the building currently holds 3 schools. When Avondale moves to their new school, it will be a healthy enrolment number here. However, one of the next steps is to look at Bayview &amp; Elkhorn because the Canadian Tire lands are being developed and enrolment will likely increase. Future plans may change for Bayview but the additional students coming via the re-direction can be accommodated.</p> <p><b>FEEDBACK</b>  <i>(Feedback can also be shared by email at <a href="mailto:accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca">accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca</a> until May 19<sup>th</sup>.)</i></p> <p>Boundary Room - "Love the grandparenting"</p> <p>Avondale Room - Concern for school changing from McKee to Avondale</p>	

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	<p>Hollywood Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent from Greenfield - Too dangerous for JK students to cross huge traffic Sheppard Avenue every day – more safe to walk to McKee – almost same distance.</li> <li>- New boundary is only 4 streets less. With condo building in Sheppard area, kids in Hollywood are still overcrowded. How to deal with our Hollywood problems?</li> <li>- Concern about siblings – Optional Attendance is not a guarantee. Families need to make plans around information that is concrete.</li> </ul>	
Next Steps:	<p>A second public meeting will be held on Thursday May 11, 2017 at McKee PS where the same information will be shared and feedback gathered.</p> <p>Staff’s final recommended option will be sent home by letter with students, and posted on school and TDSB websites, prior to end of May.</p> <p>The proposal will be presented and reviewed by the Planning and Priorities Committee on June 14, 2017 (members of the public can make a delegation to this committee – forms were available).</p> <p>Trustees will vote on the Boundary Changes at the June 21, 2017 Board meeting. The community will be informed of the decision in writing.</p>	
Adjournment	9:00 pm	