

NCDSB Board Review Public Meeting

October 16, 2013 in Temagami

Public Comments

Annet - noted 26 minute calculations already provided and any calculations would be determined by the Transportation Commission. She asked if Lathford is on St. Paul School board. She noted that he did not want to be misled by time savings or minutes that don't add on bus and he believes the decision would be by the Transportation Commission.

Gay - has a daughter in French Immersion (FI) at ECCS and wants to know if St. Paul has this program. Glenn explained FI program only available at ECCS and that NCDSB can't afford to offer the program in both schools.

Kai - has a son attending ECCS and has concerns about students in 2 residences. She has concerns about moving her child from ECCS to St. Paul as her son has food stability after experiencing several pheasants in the past. Her son needs extra help and is receiving it at ECCS.

Glenn noted that one recommendation could be a "grandfathering" class for all current students to remain at their respective schools.

Denis - is concerned about the psychological effect a change in schools would have on their child who is currently in grade 7 and going into

Patrick - noted that the "Grandfather" clause would apply for all current students attending each school. His oldest child is in FI program in Grade 6 and he has 2 other children that attend ECCS. They have a good rapport with the school and the Teachers. He noted that changes can impact the life of students.

Annette - noted that this is not logical to her regarding the bringing in piggybacking number of students. The JK numbers are not being more students to either school. Declining enrolment felt by all schools and boards in the region. This doesn't make sense to bring the argument of numbers to her as JK numbers may not change over the options to send students elsewhere. Those parents that chose to send their kids to Catholic schools created issues in local community and this is bleeding out of the community because these students leave Temagami; potentially affecting public board decision to close schools. She doesn't feel the Temagami Board Review will help St. Paul's numbers. She feels the Board Review process puts parents "in the middle" of issues: 1 Faith Based learning, 2 Two residents issues and 3 board review process.

Annette noted when this is being considered by BRC, please remember that there could be more families moving into the area (including Main River and Bear Head areas). This process is not necessary for the community.

Someone asked a question if the 2nd Public Meeting in Cobalt will be any different - answer is no.

Kai asked what extra help or special