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Western Middlesex Attendance Area Review

May 15, 2019

SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS

Start Time	Time Allotted (min)	Name of Presenter (s)	Organization/ Individual	Key Message	Power Point Presentation
6:05	5	Kristin and Alice Walls Oxbow PS	Individual	Rural students should not be removed from their existing small community school in favour of new subdivisions being built. In the event that the school board proceeds with the plan to remove rural students, all rural students who began school at Oxbow should be grandfathered and allowed to finish school at Oxbow.	
6:10	10	Todd Schaus Parkview PS	School Council, Parkview	Summary and overview of the Parkview WMAAR report highlighting feedback and input from the community and our recommendation to the Trustees.	✓
6:20	5	Kristyn Hick Oxbow PS	Individual	I am requesting that the Board reconsider the boundary changes for the rural students of Oxbow Public School. We live in a rural area just north of Oxbow and our son would be attending Oxbow in a couple of years. The proposed changes would see him go to East Williams. The reasons I object to this change are as follows: (1) Physical Distance from our Home (2) East Williams is not our Community School (2) High School Considerations (Medway vs. NMDHS/Strathroy) If the proposed boundaries stay as they are we will be sending our children to St. Patrick's in Lucan.	
6:25	5	Sylvia Karachun Oxbow PS	Individual	Removing the Holding Zones.	
6:30	5	Adam Winkler	Individual	We need to find a common ground to make it fair for our children and be apart of the Ilderton community and not bused to another town when the school is 5min down the road. More time on a bus is less time learning, playing and being with family.	

6:35	5	Ashley Roberts Oxbow PS	Individual	<p>We are currently building in Timberwalk subdivision on violet court. We have 3 small children; ages 4.5 & 2. We chose Ilderton because we love the small community & town environment when we are in Ilderton. Our children participate in Ilderton hockey & skating during the winter and Ilderton blastball & soccer during the summer. And now, as a parent, I find myself faced with a difficult situation. I have to try and explain to them why they cannot attend Oxbow P.S with their friends in the fall. We will be living in Ilderton & be expected to bus them out of town because of the current holding zones as they are. As a parent this poses challenges for work/ life balance in our home. We rely heavily on before and after school programs that accommodate myself & husbands work schedules. As a member of the Ilderton community, it offends me that we will pay Ilderton taxes, participate in community events & be a part of this close-knit community. However, my family is not valued enough as part of the community to attend the community school where we reside. I am requesting the board re-examine & change the holding zones so Ilderton families can attend their local community school, Oxbow Public School.</p>	
6:40	5	Josh Morgan Oxbow PS	Individual	To lift the holding zone so the kids in Timberwalk can go to Oxbow.	
6:45	5	Kerri Dixon Oxbow PS	Individual	The solution proposed by Senior Administration for Timberwalk in Ilderton is creating a major divide in our community. The families in the Oxbow catchment strongly feel it is detrimental to keep the urban and rural kids of Ilderton attending the local school Oxbow.	✓
6:50	5	Suzanne Glavin Oxbow PS	Individual	<p>We are requesting that Thames Valley Trustees re-examine their decision in regards to the holding zone for the Timberwalk and Clear Skies developments. This decision needs to be solely based on what's best for the children of this community. It should not revolve around artificially propping up another school's attendance levels. We live, play, volunteer and socialize in this community. Our children deserve nothing less than to attend the school in our community. Ilderton, like many small towns, only thrives with the support and inclusivity of everyone within it. This holding zone only exists to separate and divide our town. Based on the data included in the recent Watson Report, there is clear evidence provided that Oxbow can accommodate the children of these subdivisions. Status quo may be the easy decision, but it is not the correct decision. Every child in Ilderton deserves to attend the same school as their neighbours.</p>	

6:55	5	Nicholas Massé Oxbow PS	Individual	Unite the community.	
7:00	5	James Mather Oxbow PS	Middlesex Centre Family Medical Clinic	A Family Physician's perspective on the importance of a cohesive community to the physical and emotional/mental health of children. A discussion on the social determinants of health and a challenge to board members to look for solutions which support the well being of our communities children.	
7:05	5	Kyle Pratt Oxbow PS	Individual	Stable Population can be accommodated at Oxbow	
7:10	10	Kendra Bloomfield and Ryan Alary Valleyview PS	School Council, Valleyview	The potential long term viability & planning for Valleyview Public School, as representatives of Valleyview School Council. We would also like to speak to some concerns raised after viewing the Question & Answer period during the presentation of the Final Report by Senior Administration to the Board of Trustees.	
7:20	5	Beth Cake Oxbow PS	Individual	Allowing all existing students and the designated holding zone students to attend Oxbow. I will be speaking about putting students needs first as well as Oxbow's ability to accommodate the predicted students.	✓