

The Binbrook New School Boundary Review

Advisory Panel #2

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Bellmoore Elementary School

Present:

Chair: Paul Denomme, Superintendent of Equity and Student Achievement, Family of Schools 1

Trustees: Amanda Fehrman and Kathy Archer

David Anderson- Senior Manager, Facility Services

Ellen Warling- Manager, Planning, Accommodation and Rentals

Lisa Kiriakopoulos- Manager, Parent Engagement and Early Years

Robert Fex- Senior Planner

Lorraine Valmadrid- Research Officer

Karolina Grochowska- Executive Assistant to Superintendent Denomme

Bellmoore: Principal: Suzana Milinovich, Vice-Principal: Julie Boulton

Shannen Koostachin: Principal: Maria Marino and Vice-Principal: Chris Hollingsworth

Representative from Bellmoore Elementary School: Ami Bhensdadia, Nadira Stoddart, and Raman Rakkar

Representative from Shannen Koostachin Elementary School: Kylie Gallagher, Holly Bint, and Stephanie Welton

Regrets:

Matthew Gerard- Associate Director

Allison Reynolds- Manager, Corporate Communications

Sally Landon- Manager, Research and Analytics

Carly Holmstead- Public Relations Officer

Shannen Koostachin: Vice-Principal: Heather Pyke

Bellmoore: Vice-Principal: Camine Chiappetta

Representative from Shannen Koostachin Elementary School: Javaria Ahsa

Meeting Start Time: 5:05 PM

Land Acknowledgement- Principal Milinovich

Agenda Review

The Superintendent commenced the presentation by outlining the agenda. The Advisory Panel's mandate is to provide feedback and advice through discussions and inquiries on HWDSB recommendations and information. Today's meeting focuses on reviewing feedback from the first advisory meeting and community input, evaluating new options, and preparing for the upcoming public meeting. Members are expected to respect the consensus decision-making model, acknowledge diverse views, balance advocacy with understanding, and communicate positively addressing issues, not individuals. Trust, integrity, and creating a safe, inclusive environment are essential. Recording is not permitted; minutes and slides will be shared afterward. Observers may attend public meetings and advisory sessions for observation. Further, the timeline highlights were provided:

- December 2, 2025- Public Meeting
- January 6, 2026- Advisory Panel Meeting#3
- January-February 2026- Report to Finance and Facilities and Board of Trustees for final decision
- April- June 2026- Transition Committee
- September 2027- Planned School Opening

Community members can provide feedback online at engagehwdsb.ca/binbrook, where they can review presentations, notes, and boundary review documents. They may also comment on maps publicly or contact the board directly through private messages.

Lorraine Valmadrid- Research Officer, provided an overview of the feedback that has been received through the Engage website. About fifteen comments were received through Engage, with most families emphasizing the importance of keeping siblings together and minimizing school moves to reduce social, emotional, and academic impacts—especially for students with special education needs. Many suggested grandparenting current students, particularly Grades 7 and 8, so they can graduate at their existing schools. Feedback supported boundaries placing students north of Binbrook Rd at Bellmoore and south at the new school, though one alternative suggestion was rejected as it would reduce new school enrollment.

In addition to the received feedback, Manager Warling discussed the before and after school care and bell times and transportation. A before and after-school program (BASP) is planned for the new school, which will help reduce current waitlists of about twenty students for both kindergarten and grades 1–6 at Bellmoore and Shannen Koostachin. The new school will increase capacity for care spaces in the Binbrook community. Bell times and transportation will be discussed once an option is finalized, with changes focused on setting the new school’s bell time and communicating feedback to transportation services. Manager Warling reviewed the Binbrook Boundary Review: Enrolment- Status Quo Vs Options. Enrolment projections for the options presented are based on 2025 actual numbers. Each school graph compares status quo projections with Option 1 against the building’s on-the-ground (OTG) capacity, shown as a red line. Bars represent yearly enrolment, with light yellow for status quo English and dark yellow for Option 1 English track. OTG capacity includes only the built space and excludes portapaks or portables. Finally, Manager Warling presented four options before participants completed the evaluation criteria matrix for all of them.

Option 1

2027-2028 Changes:

- *All Bellmoore students north of Binbrook Rd in its existing boundary remain at Bellmoore.*
- *Existing Bellmoore students in holding area remain at Bellmoore.*
- *All existing Bellmoore students south of Binbrook Rd (excluding existing holding area students) attend new school*
- *All new holding area students attend new school*
- *Shannen Koostachin students in holding area are assigned to new school.*
- *Legacy families wishing to remain at current school will not be provided transportation.*

Option 2

2027-2028 Changes:

- All Bellmoore students north of Binbrook Rd in its existing boundary remain at Bellmoore.
- Existing Bellmoore students in holding area remain at Bellmoore.
- All new students south of Binbrook Rd attend new school.
- Shannen Koostachin students in holding area are assigned to new school.
- Legacy families wishing to remain at current school will not be provided transportation.

Option 3

2027-2028 Changes:

- All Bellmoore students north of Binbrook Rd in its existing boundary are assigned to Bellmoore.
- All existing and new Bellmoore students south of Binbrook Rd (including holding area students) attend new school.
- Shannen Koostachin students in holding area assigned to new school.
- Legacy families wishing to remain at current school will not be provided transportation.

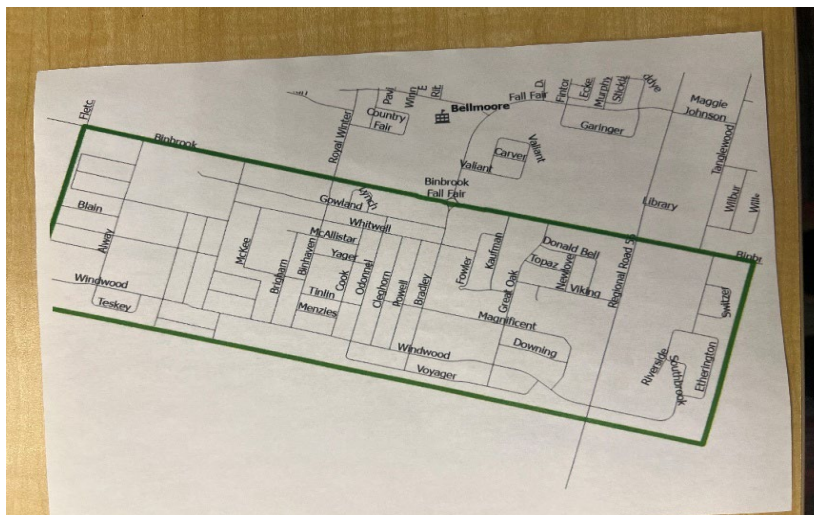
Option 4

2027-2028 Changes:

- All Bellmoore students north of Binbrook Rd in its existing boundary area assigned to Bellmoore.
- All existing Bellmoore students south of Binbrook Rd (except grade 7&8 legacy students) and new students south of Binbrook Rd assigned to the new school
- Legacy grade 7&8 Bellmoore students south of Binbrook Rd attend Bellmoore.
- Shannen Koostachin students in holding area assigned to new school except grade 7&8 legacy students.
- Legacy families wishing to remain at current school will not be provided transportation.

Outcome:

After the discussions and completing the Evaluation Criteria Matrix for Options 1, 2, 3, and 4, the Advisory Panel has selected Options 2 and 4 to present at the Public Meeting on December 2, 2025.



An enlarge picture of the holding area from the Binbrook II Boundary Review, Advisory Panel Meeting #2, November 18, 2025, presentation.

Next Steps:

Manager Warling provided an overview of the next steps. The Advisory Panel has selected two options—Option 2 and Option 4—to present to the public.

A public open house will be held at Bellmoore ES on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The session will begin with a brief introduction and a short presentation outlining the two selected options. Following the presentation, details about the school and the proposed options will be displayed on boards throughout the room. Staff will be available to answer questions and collect feedback.

Advisory representatives from both schools will assist by listening to concerns, directing attendees to the appropriate staff for answers, and gathering feedback. Community members can provide input in three ways:

- Directly on the display boards during the open house
- Through discussions with Research Department members
- Via the Engage website

The final Advisory Meeting will take place on January 6, 2026. At that time, the Research Department will present feedback collected from the Engage website and the public meeting. Based on this information, the Advisory Panel will determine the preferred option to recommend to the Finance and Facilities Committee and subsequently to the Board of Trustees.

The Superintendent thanked all participants for attending.

Meeting End Time: 6:42 PM.