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June 4th, 2024 – Transition Planning at Gatestone

Attendance:

Gerry Smith, Superintendent of Student Achievement, FOS 1, HWDSB

Gatestone: Meagan Wilson- principal, Kristy Luker: vice-principal, Lisa Dunstall, Jen Nighswander, Katie Benedict - teachers

Shannen Koostachin: Tricia Nelson-principal, Chris Hollingsworth: vice-principal

Karolina Grochowska: EA to Superintendent Smith, HWDSB

Purpose of Transition Committee:

- Represent the school community.
- Ad hoc in nature and designed.
- Final decision made by Superintendent.

Background

Boundary review commenced in October 2023:

- Trustees changed boundary based on map.
- Existing JK to 5 are to move from Shannen Koostachin to Gatestone.
- Current 6 and 7 students may remain at Shannen Koostachin.
- All current out of catchment students may continue to attend Gatestone.
- New boundary to start September 2024.





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Traffic Safety

• Active and Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) and Daily School Route (DSR)– have been in contact with them. They spoke with School Council, and we indicated that if they will only visit the school once to come in September.

The work of the DSR project and the putting up of signs will hopefully increase walking and biking and minimize car traffic.

• Transportation planning (Bussing): there will be 2 communications in August to communicate with parents (stops and bus times).

Portables

- They will arrive in Summer 2024
- Classes in Portables TBD

Welcome to Gatestone: Student Assembly on May 28th, 2024 with student ambassadors.

Welcome Night at the school: June 6, 2024.

Transition Planning in Schools: school to school sharing, special education staff to share information.

Next Steps:

• School to school student transition underway.

