



Glenwood Elementary
Site Committee Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2010 (3rd Mtg.)
3:15 p.m.- 4:25 p.m.

- 1) Composition/intent of the site committee in attendance:
- Charlene Hyra, President (PAC)
 - Amy McDiarmid, Treasurer, SPC, (PAC)
 - Melinda Hamilton, Secretary/Parent, (CUPE)
 - Ron Knelsen , Teacher (LTA)
 - Ian Gladman, Principal
 - Charlie Etchell, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 - Lanny Gregory, District Principal
 - Alice Boyd, Executive Assistant

Timeline

- January 19, 2010 – March 23, 2010
- Community Meeting with Trustees – **March 17, 2010**
- Public Board Meeting – **March 23, 2010 (decision)**

Future meeting dates:

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 – CONFIRMED for 3:15 p.m.



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3. Glenwood was on the seismic 5 year upgrade list, were they on the top of that list?

At one point it was the annex only; not the school. It was considered for approval; however, the projects are continually re-evaluated. Other schools where required teaching space was considered for seismic upgrade became a priority, although these did not proceed. At present Langley School District has no further approvals for seismic upgrade.

Further clarification –

A consultant, Karen Wagner was brought in regarding seismic upgrades at Glenwood a few years back; did this involve the main building?

Having no one on staff with the experience or skill set required to run the projects Karen Wagner P.Eng., was contracted (2006) by the prior Director of Facilities as a project manager to organize and run the seismic projects for the district. She was not a consultant but a contracted manager. Since there have been organizational changes and a temporary postponement of seismic projects we no longer required Mrs. Wagner's services. Although many buildings in the district would benefit from a seismic upgrade the priorities set forth by the Ministry relate to specific sections of buildings referred to a "blocks". Each block was assessed and given a designation (through the existing criteria) to guide further investigation for the need of a seismic project. This criteria identified the old annex at Glenwood as a higher priority in comparison to other buildings in the district including the newer school building at Glenwood.

Questions received on Thurs. Feb. 11, 2010 via email from Michelle Hancock, PAC Alternate

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Please provide a schedule of a typical day for each grade at Noel Booth, including time for P.E., Library, and all services provided.

Attached is the summary of the required areas of study and recommended time allotments. Time allotments are recommended, by grade level, and vary from classroom to classroom. A typical week, in all schools, includes these required areas of studies.

Further request -

Would like gym schedule, library and computer schedule at Noel Booth.

See attached schedules.

Further Questions from PAC – February 22, 2010

- 1) Can we please get copies of Noel's Booth's current & past 2 yrs budgets?

See attached.

- 2) In the identified student information that you supplied for us from our Site Committee #1 meeting – you gave us the breakdown per grade of the students – however they are all listed as Category A .We are aware from our own students that they do not all fit into one category as far as needs are concerned for special assistance and funding. Can you please supply the level of assistance required for each child in the grade breakdowns? Ie: the four grade 4 students – are they all requiring full time help or 2 are full time 2 are low incidence 32 hrs etc.

Breakdown by grade and category would compromise the privacy of individual students. Glenwood has 22 identified students, 16 are high incidence and 6 low incidence.

- 3) The extra \$60,900.00 given to Glenwood to help cover the small size & challenging configurations is also given to Wix Brown. What is their \$60,900.00 for?

This funding provides a side by side teacher (.36) and additional Resource/LA teaching support.

- 4) From what we can see from the information provided Noel Booth does not have a Librarian, French specialist, science specialist or art specialist. Why doesn't team teaching figure into the advantages of Glenwood?

Noel Booth teachers do platoon to meet the needs of individual and groups of students, particularly in Literacy. There is broad expertise on staff in areas such as Fine Arts and French.

- 5) You have stated that class sizes would not just be made larger to accommodate us at Noel Booth: therefore, how many Glenwood Teachers will be moving over with the students?

The assignment of teachers in any school is based on the collective agreement which considers factors such as qualifications and seniority. If Glenwood were to be closed and amalgamated with Noel Booth, there would be teaching positions at Noel Booth to which Glenwood teachers could apply.

- 6) Can you please provide the cost savings that you proposed would be saved upon the closure of Murrayville, Bradshaw, South Carvolth, & Aldergrove Elementary from the recommendation for review pkgs.

Review packages were provided to the Committee with cost savings outlined in each package.

- 7) Can you please provide documents of the actual savings from these closures? We assuming this could be done by comparing the budgets of those receiving schools vs the closed schools previous budget.

This comparison would not generate an accurate number. The savings are reflected in reduction of building operation and maintenance costs, administration and support staff and efficiency in the terms of classroom assignments.

- 8) The two divisions of late French Immersion shown at Noel Booth have only 22 students in each - under capacity by 14 students. If we are to believe that we must maximize our resources to benefit all students in our district, why is this allowed to exist when there is another French Immersion school in Brookwood just a few blocks away? Including this program, you show a potential 17 divisions at NB - is that correct? Is this program under consideration to move out of Noel Booth?

There is one Early Immersion school in Brookwood (Belmont) K-7 and one Late French Immersion School (Noel Booth) 6 and 7. Enrolment is very strong at Belmont and stable at Noel Booth. There is no plan to move the Noel Booth program.

- 9) What is the annual budget of the Hannah Centre and how many children does it serve?

The budget is attached. The program serves 10 students.

- 10) Does the budget item "Administration" exclude the portion of time our principal teaches, which we understand to be .4 of his time?

No it does not exclude the principals' time.

- 12). Could you please clarify why your grids show different class maximum sizes. For example, your Glenwood & Noel Booth (Separate) 2010 Projections shows Max Class Size as 22/24/30, while the combined mock up projections show Max Class Size as 22/23/29? Please explain.

This relates to the calculation of district averages using the Baragard System.