

Long Term Facilities Plan Willoughby Slope Spring 2015 Consultation

School District #35 (Langley)
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Overview

- Staff Report
- Content of Report
- Recommendations
- Next Steps
- Questions

Guiding Principles

1. That the consultation process be one of integrity where honesty and transparency are of utmost importance.
2. That trust between communities and the District be developed and maintained throughout the process.
3. That the District listen to communities and sincerely reflect on feedback and ideas.
4. That the District value and honour community members and treat them with respect.

Background Information

- Commitment to consultation
 - Capacity and configuration
- District committee
 - Networking, brainstorming, synthesizing, collating, planning
- Format of the consultation

Timeline

- Documented in the staff report
 - March 30th – June 16th
 - Community consultation
 - Unions
 - DPAC
 - Ministry of Education

Community Meetings

- March 31st
 - Smaller group meeting
 - Brainstormed for the larger community meeting
 - Provided feedback to the district committee

Community Meetings

- May 11th
 - Two meetings
 - Provide information
 - Answer questions
 - Clarify next steps
 - 77 attendees signed in
 - Parents
 - Administrators
 - District staff

Community Meetings

- June 8th
 - Smaller group meeting
 - Appendix IX in the Staff Report
 - Feedback on
 - The process
 - Content received to date
 - Staff recommendations

Options Considered

- Previously shared with the Board
 - Grade 6 school
 - Shifts at R.E. Mountain
 - K-6 configuration
 - Transporting students elsewhere

September 2015

- No change to configuration of schools
 - Previously announced to the community

Two Options for Consideration

Change in Configuration

- K-6 Elementary Schools, 7-8 Middle School and 9-12 Secondary School
 - Space pressures in the elementary schools
 - 2016-2017 school year
 - Lynn Fripps and Richard Bulpitt require portables

Change in Configuration

- Beyond the 2016-2017 school year
 - Redrawing of school catchments on the Willoughby slope
 - Elementary schools and potentially middle schools*

Remain in Current Configuration

- 2016-2017 school year
 - Portables at Richard Bulpitt Elementary
 - Possibly at Lynn Fripps

Richard Bulpitt Elementary

Fastest growing elementary school

- Yorkson Creek Middle School
 - Accommodate within the existing facility
- R.E. Mountain Secondary School
 - Maintain current timetable and use of portables

Remain in Current Configuration

- Beyond the 2016-2017 school year
 - Redrawing of school catchments on the Willoughby slope
 - Elementary schools and potentially middle schools*
 - Yorkson Creek Middle School
 - Additional classroom space required
 - Within the school
 - Explore options with the Township of Langley
 - Explore options onsite

R.E. Mountain Secondary School

- 16 portables on site
 - Short term
 - Maintaining the schedule
 - Fall planning with the District committee

Factors for Consideration

- Waiting the potential announcement of a new school
 - Timeline for planning
- Ongoing discussions with the Township of Langley

Ministry Update

- Continuing to work on a Project Definition Report for the Ministry
- May 11th letter from the Ministry of Education (Appendix IV)

Community Feedback

- 21 emails
- Support to maintain the current configuration
- Appreciation for the process
- Catchment changes
 - Cause for concern
 - Grandfathering of students
- Desire for stability

Staff Recommendation

- Remain in the current configuration
 - For as long as practicable

Next Steps

- Two parts
 - Configuration
 - Catchments

Next Steps: Configuration

- K-5, 6-8, 9-12
 - Use of space in schools
 - Need for portables
 - Educational planning
 - Explorations classes, for example, at YCMS

Next Steps: Catchments

- October 2015
 - Small community meeting
- November – January
 - Committee work
- February 2016
 - Draft catchments to Board of Education
- March – April
 - Community consultation
- May 2016
 - Proposed catchments to the Board of Education
- Effective 2017 – 2018 school year

Recommendations

RECOMMENDED MOTION #1:

- That the Board of Education approves that staff work with the community, schools and the Township of Langley to maintain the current configuration of schools (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) on the Willoughby slope.

RECOMMENDED MOTION #2:

- That the Board of Education requests that staff begin the process, as outlined in the “Willoughby Slope Spring 2015 Consultation” report, of re-drawing school catchment boundaries on the Willoughby slope for the 2017-2018 school year.