



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

School District #35 (Langley)
Board of Education Meeting
January 24, 2017

BOARD MOTIONS...

“That the Board of Education supports the establishment of a District-wide middle school model as part of the Long Term Facilities Plan.”

“That the Board of Education approves that staff undertakes a consultation with the Brookswood, DW Poppy and Walnut Grove communities regarding the transition to a middle school model upon completion of the informational community meetings.”

TWO COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD...

DW Poppy Community

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Brookswood Community

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION...

Pre-meeting on middle school philosophy with panel including administrative, parent, teacher and student representatives

- DWP – 75 attendees
- Brookwood – 25 attendees

FORMAT OF THE MEETINGS...

Consultation meeting began with a meeting of all attendees providing information specific to each community followed by break-out sessions with specific school communities

- Traditional Welcome and Introductions
- Process
- Consultation Timeline
- Guiding Principles
- Long Term Facilities Plan
- Enrolment Projections and Capacity Utilization
- Facility Seismic Conditions
- Transportation
- Communications
- Break-out Sessions

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS...

Numbers of attendees at “How to transition” section of the meetings:

- **DWP – 150 attendees**
- **Brookwood – 40 attendees**

UNIQUE COMMUNITY CIRCUMSTANCES...

DW Poppy Community:

- Under enrolment throughout family of schools
- Desire of Coghlan community to align with the DW Poppy transition

UNIQUE COMMUNITY CIRCUMSTANCES...

Brookswood Community:

- Potential impact of future development

DW POPPY COMMUNITY THEMES...

Themes emerging from first DW Poppy community meeting:

- Community would like options (also at BSS consultation).
- Possible school closure?
- Impact on BCIT program at DW Poppy Secondary?
- Questions around feasibility of 6 to 12 at DW Poppy Secondary.
- Bussing implications of options?
- Funds for conversion (also at BSS consultation)?
- Benefits of K to 5 (also at BSS consultation)?
- Which community will proceed first with this model? Timeline of District implementation (also at BSS consultation)?

BROOKSWOOD COMMUNITY THEMES...

Themes emerging from first Brookswood community meeting:

- Impact on the secondary school if it becomes 9 to 12? Still viable at these numbers?
- What will be the potential catchment boundary changes associated with each option?
- Want to make sure that French Immersion is maintained.
- Impact on music program and daycare providers?
- Is the Fundamental Middle/Secondary site a possibility for Brookswood Middle?
- Is Glenwood elementary a possible school closure site if this process goes ahead?
- At this point not receptive to Brookswood secondary being converted to a 6 to 12 school.

TIMELINE: NOVEMBER 2016 – MAY 2017

Small Group Meeting to discuss proposed consultation plan/timeline

- Administrators and PAC representatives: November 23, 2016

Three community meetings planned for each area of the District

- Brookwood: January 17, February 22 and April 26, 2017
- DW Poppy: January 11, February 9 and April 19, 2017
- Fundamental: January 26, March 2 and May 8, 2017
- Walnut Grove: January 31, February 27 and May 2, 2017

Small Group Meeting to review feedback from all communities and discuss potential options/timeline for moving forward

- Administrators and PAC representatives: April 5, 2017

Final report to the Board of Education Regular Meeting on May 30, 2017