

KITCHEN TABLE TALK FEEDBACK
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 – CHRISTINA LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUBLIC
TABLE 1

TOPIC 1 – Variety of Course Selection

- Technology used to deliver courses – some like them online, some questions about funding
- Sharing a specialist teacher – seems easier rather than offering it only once every four semesters

TOPIC 2 – Declining Enrolment

- School closure? Beaverdell?
- Not an appetite to close Beaverdell at all
- Midway/Greewood merge?
- Much more appetite to merge Midway into Greenwood – makes sense
- K-12 in one school?
- Long bus rides
- Where is the money to build a new school?
- Where would it be?
- This doesn't seem to be a good idea to most people – brings up the bussing issues

TOPIC 3 – GFSS Declining Enrolment

- 7s in the high school – some for and some against, some will be ready and some kids won't
- Some talk about 6-8 at Perley – some of the educational benefits if that, but does it save money
- Concerns around taking 6/7 away makes it too small and easier to close later. Why not try to create a sports academy and attract kids for a specific specialty school.

TOPIC 4 – Community Use of School

- Can school buses be used for community?
- Other ways to generate income such as daycare on site?
- If we rent out space be sure to include staff/admin in the conversation of how these spaces will be managed

TOPIC 5 – All Day Kindergarten

- All day K – do we do it? Jump on board? Or do we hold off?
- Not sure really how it would look without curriculum
- There is no room so would need to be changes to structures (Hutton/Perley) to accommodate this

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TOPIC 1 – Variety of Course Selection

- Important to keep as many courses as possible!
- Keep in kids in full enroll
- How do teachers feel about itinerancy
- Important to keep itinerant specialists i.e. Ab Ed
- Online classes sound like a good idea
- Is Distance Ed possible

TOPIC 2 – Declining Enrolment

- Greenwood/Midway schools merge
- How do we think about closing another school

TOPIC 3 – GFSS Declining Enrolment

- Would grade 7s have same delivery of course
- Will it destroy school cultures in elementaries
- Fear if you take something away, when will you get it back or more is taken
- Concern grade 7s with grade 12s
 - Have different lunch times
 - Younger kids exposed to more things
- Would need a lot to
- Make GFSS 6, 7, 8 school and 9, 10, 11, 12 school (two schools in one building)
- What about buddy systems we have in elementary

TOPIC 4 – Community Use of School

- What school
- What about Family/Ministry Services in GFSS
- Concerns about what students see

TOPIC 5 – All Day Kindergarten

- Can children handle full day kindergarten???

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TOPIC 1 – Variety of Course Selection

- Share teacher, make sure all students that want it get it
- Do not do if it would not allow all students who want it
- Ideas great
- Investigate what other Districts challenges are that are using video conferencing

TOPIC 2 – Declining Enrolment

- Long day – no to Beaverdell closing, too long of a day
- No. 2 a better option
- Status quo awesome idea
- Hard to talk about other schools

TOPIC 3 – GFSS Declining Enrolment

- Close off, rent to appropriate agencies
- Grade 7s are just not ready
- Things that in GFSS don't happen at CLES
- Leave it as is
- Bring more kids to CLES from G.F. offer that option to G. F. parents
- Status quo maybe middle school as second choice

TOPIC 4 – Community Use of School

- Yes

TOPIC 5 – All Day Kindergarten

- Since Hutton and Perley in same community primary intermediate not so bad
- No bussing
- Friendships of student in the District have developed from after school activities and District Track Meet and Terry Fox Run. Not much rivalry with students as there maybe was at one time.
- Have learned to make friends through these avenues