

CATCHMENT CONSULTATION Q&A

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Time: 6:30 - 9 pm
Venue: Huband Park Elementary School

1. How does the district enforce or verify in boundary students? Some live out of boundary but use friends or families addresses.
We use current address information and require a document with their name and current address (Hydro bill, etc...). This is based on the ministry's requirements. However, we are not an enforcement agency and we trust people to provide us with honest and accurate information.
2. Will children with learning supports be considered in this decision?
As is our practice, student individual needs are considered, and specific needs are dealt with on a case by case basis.
3. Could you open a Grade 11-12 Senior Secondary school?
We could but remember this would mean we would need to find placements for all of the grade 8, 9 and 10 students currently attending the school. It may or may not solve the problem. Also, the grade 10-12 years are all part of the comprehensive graduation program.
4. How much money does the district have in reserves?
2.4 million dollars.
5. Modular's are \$300,000? Who is the contractor?
There are several contractors. It all depends on who is awarded the contract.

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6. Will students be bussed to their new schools?
Only if they are outside of the walking limits established by the district. If a student needs to be bussed it will be provided.
7. Could the District buy St. Joseph's Hospital?
It would be cost prohibitive and would not help the current enrolment pressures. It actually is not for sale at this time.
8. Can there be a voluntary monthly fee to raise more funds to have more resources?
No. This runs counter to the governments mandate that public school is paid for through the taxation system, not privately funded.
9. Why did Huband not get Kindergarten modular?
They did in 2018. The ministry would not pay for a modular for 2019 and most elementary schools are currently using their multi-purpose rooms as classrooms, therefore the decision was made to turn the multi-purpose room into a classroom.
10. How many schools in the District are not on city services?
Denman, Hornby, Royston, Huband, Tsolum and Miracle Beach.
11. What are the programs of choice (including numbers of student and location of each) and how realistic is it to change locations to meet low enrolment in some schools?
Programs of Choice include: Early French Immersion at Robb Road (475) and Puntledge (351), Late French Immersion at Puntledge (58), French Immersion at Isfeld (411), Enter1 at Aspen (26), Enter2 at Highland (26), Montessori at Queneesh (181), FAe at NIDES/Navigate (137), Indigenous K at Puntledge (17).

Changing locations for these programs is an option, however it would face several challenges.
12. Could Huband get some porta potties?
This solution would not pass ministry requirements.