

Facilities Town Hall Meeting

November 6, 2014
Group feedback – Raw

Option 2: Recommendation 7

Questions:

1. Would lowering the enrolment in one school (ie: RLN) affect the overall funding of the school and hence, result in less programming at that school? Fewer resources?
2. If students moved from RLN, would they all move at the same time?
3. By moving RLN IF/PIF do we risk losing students?
4. Students and bus system around the city
 - a. On time?
 - b. Extra cost to parents
5. Willing to take the chance that YK1 students transfer to YCS?
6. If YK1 owns the facilities, why is YK1 being required to give up a facility?
 - a. What happens if we say, “No?”

Pro:

1. JHS remains 100% French Immersion
2. Middle school environment will provide specialized programming, no competition between schools.
3. This option maintains neighbourhood schools
4. Retain our facilities until GNWT sorts out issues with JK, lawsuit, capital funding and new election
5. Retain PK to 5 French Immersion
6. Programs consolidated at WMS
7. Keeping JHS keeps a community school
8. Keeps an immersion culture at PK-5

Con:

1. Siblings separated – removal from YK1 to YCS?
2. Doesn't address the facilities – repairs
3. WMS has three programs (English, French Immersion, IF/PIF)
4. Loss of students at YK1 – people want PK-8 that is not downtown
5. Cost to parents for additional student travel – catchment areas
6. Doesn't change – shifts numbers around
7. We don't have the money for this option – YK1 is under-utilized – by what standard?

Comments:

1. This option does not help with ECE's request
2. Fear that families from RLN will move to St. Joe's so they can have whole family in a K-8 school.
 - a. St. Joe's is already at capacity
 - b. Large families may have as many as three schools to drop kids off at.
3. Consolidating Intensive/Post-Intensive French to WMS may not benefit the program.
 - a. No exposure to program

4. JHS still needs renovations.
 - a. Where does the money come from?
5. Families choose RLN so they can have a K-8 option with the whole family in one school.
6. Too many parents here are focused on their own convenience (ie: dropping off kids etc.) rather than focusing on what's best educationally for all students.
7. Middle school is not popular based on current numbers.
8. Studies show girls in middle schools have lower self-esteem than those girls in K-8 schools.
9. The more times a student changes schools the lower the academic performance
10. No requirement to give up a school
11. Eliminates the need to lobby for more space in the future.