

Facilities Town Hall Meeting

November 6, 2014

Group feedback – Raw

Option 4: Mildred Hall Dual Track

Questions:

- Can two programs be run in the same school and be kept separate at the same time? (with two principals and two sets of staff)

Comments:

- The number of students reflected on your charts are inaccurate as far as how many kids attend J.H Sissons from the neighbourhood
- Fact: Kids who live in the J.H Sissons neighbourhood do go there.
- If people wanted strictly a middle school, they would already be going there now

Pros:

- Fewer renovation costs
- Mildred Hall is newer and nicer than Sissons
- Retain middle school
- Cost savings, but what does that look like, and what does that give us?
- Dual track could have potential benefits
- French Immersion would still be a neighbourhood school that is centrally located
- Middle school would increase their enrollment

Cons:

- Loss of enrollment at YK1 due to lack of K – 8 option
- Splitting of a lot of families
- Losing J.H Sissons
- Loss of leadership opportunities from molder to younger students (as mentorship)
- Overloading William Macdonald School
- Loss of full 100% French Immersion
- Too many kids being disrupted by this option
- Extra space needed at Mildred Hall within three years
- Lose option of K – 8 or 6 -8
- Losing a French Immersion school
- Going from five to four schools means that all schools increase capacity
- Complete loss of PK – 8 option
- Lose competition between current middle schools, such as Junior Cager and Spike It
- Don't have a choice to transfer students for personal reasons, bullying, etc

- Living in an environment with various ages
- Hugely concerned about Mildred Hall School kids if you put Sissons kids in the mix
- Mildred Hall has no voice
- The culture of Mildred Hall School would change and so would J.H Sissons culture. The cultures would be obliterated
- Close J.H Sissons and some kids will go to another school
- The mixture would dilute French Immersion. The F.I program would be compromised
- Mildred Hall School would be close to capacity at 87 %