



Facilities Discussions

- Public Meeting
 - April 16, 2014
- École William McDonald Middle School



Background Information

- * This short presentation includes:
 - Outline of planning that is being undertaken
 - Background information related to:
 - ❖ Current programs offered at YK1 schools
 - ❖ Current and estimated facility utilization
 - ❖ Outline of the timeline for the project
 - Key questions for tonight's discussions



Facilities Committee

- * The Facilities Committee was established on February 11, 2014 as a result of a Board of Trustee's motion
- * The Committee is advisory to the Board
- * The purpose of the Committee is to:
 - Recommend grade configurations for YK1 schools
 - Present these options to YK1 stakeholders to gather input
 - Report back to the Board of Trustees with a report summarizing the results of the public meetings, along with any resulting recommendations based on stakeholders input.



Facilities Committee (cont.)

- * Committee composition includes:
 - Selected trustees
 - School representatives
 - Parent representatives
 - Senior District administrators

- * A final report to the Board is due during this school year



A Historical Note

- * This is not the first time the District has considered the issue of programming, school configurations and facility use
- * The issue has arisen in the past and been debated – for example when:
 - YCS required space to accommodate students displaced as a result of the fire at École St. Joseph School
 - The Commission scolaire francophone was first organized
 - YK1 Trustees made the decision to make École J.H. Sissons a French language school
 - Space was needed for Aurora College



An Additional Planning Consideration

- * On June 1, 2012, the Supreme Court of the NWT handed down its decision in the two cases relating to the French language schools in the NWT, École Alain St-Cyr in Yellowknife and École Boréale in Hay River.
- * The GNWT was ordered to provide building additions to both francophone schools for the start of school in September 2015.
- * The GNWT has appealed both the building additions in Yellowknife and Hay River and the order as it relates to the Directive regarding enrolment in French language schools and the obligation to provide additional space for preschool children.
- * As a result of the court's decision the GNWT (ECE) has requested that the Hay River Education Council and YK1 transfer schools to the GNWT so that it can use the schools to address the court's decision.



Timeline of Activities to Date

Since 2000: Periodic discussions regarding utilization & facilities

Fall 2013: ECE approached YK1 to transfer a school

Nov. 2013: YK1 declines to transfer a school without consultation

Feb. 2014: YK1 commits to Facilities discussions with stakeholders

Mar. 2014: Facilities Committee is formed

Apr 15, 2014: YK1 meets with staff to discuss facilities options



Existing School Programs

JHS

- Preschool-5 French Immersion
- 100% French Immersion school

NJM

- K-5 English
- Preschool-5 Montessori
- Enhanced Fine Arts

MHS

- Preschool-8 English
- Aboriginal language program



Existing School Programs

RLN

- Preschool-8 English
- 6 Intensive French
- 7-8 Post-Intensive French

WMS

- 6-8 English/French Immersion
- 6 Intensive French
- 7-8 Post-Intensive French

SJF

- 9-12 English/French Immersion/Post-Intensive French
- Drama/Music/CTS Programs



YK1 School Utilization

Enrolment (FTE)*

Community School	Current Grade Configuration	Capacity	2013-2014 Actual Enrolment (with user-pay Preschool)	Projected 2014-2015 (with user-pay Preschool)	Projected 2015-2016 (with user-pay Preschool)	Projected 2016-2017 with new Junior Kindergarten
J.H. Sissons	K-5	341	253 (74%)	262 (77%)	279 (82%)	300 (88%)
N.J. Macpherson (without portables)	K-5	374	275 (74%)	287 (77%)	284 (76%)	284 (76%)
(Including 3 portables)		443	275 (62%)	287 (65%)	284 (64%)	284 (64%)
Mildred Hall	K-8	473	253 (53%)	261 (55%)	279 (59%)	296 (63%)
Range Lake North	K-8	440	345 (78%)	344 (78%)	353 (80%)	347 (79%)
William McDonald	6-8	484	169 (35%)	162 (33%)	147 (30%)	165 (34%)
Total		2181	1295	1316	1342	1392
<i>Overall Utilization K-8 Schools</i>			59%	60%	62%	64%

- Note: all K-5 and K-8 schools have user-pay preschool programs run by YK1 or NWT Montessori Society

- 2016-2017 new Junior Kindergarten will be introduced to YK1

*Capacity and enrolments provided by ECE



Next Steps

Apr 16, 2014: YK1 meets with stakeholders to discuss facilities options

Apr. 24, 2014: Facilities Committee meets to review data from meeting

Late April 2014: YK1 posts an online survey for feedback

Early May 2014: YK1 has further meetings with stakeholders

2013-14 school year: Facilities Committee meets to review all data and make recommendation to Board for review

2013-14 school year: YK1 Board of Trustees will discuss outcomes with ECE



TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS

Today

* Four key questions will be discussed:

1. How can the District best provide programs and services based upon the needs of our students?
2. Should the District consider changing the grade configuration in its schools?
3. Could the District transfer a school facility to the GNWT and still meet its goals?
4. Are there ways to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the District's operations without harming programs and services offered to students?

Today (continued)

* Just a few considerations to guide the discussions tonight.
In your participation:

- Please silence or shut off any electronic communications devices
- Raise your hand to be recognized
- Please address the Chair with your comments
- Be respectful, courteous and constructive in your comments

This is an opportunity for you to provide your thoughts, comments and recommendations! We want to hear from you!



LET'S BEGIN OUR DISCUSSIONS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND FOR YOUR
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You can submit your comments to:
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