



A Public Engagement session was held at Central Memorial School on April 28, 2016, to provide information on schools impacted by new school openings and to collect feedback on the opportunities for using additional space in schools to best meet the learning needs of students, families, and the community. Approximately 40 people attended this engagement and were asked to provide feedback on opportunities developed in collaboration with system principals.

Early Learning:

- School Age Childcare services on site @ schools
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- Consider full day kindergarten in low enrolment school

Other Opportunities:

- Please change the registration priority for incoming younger siblings to give priority to those who have older siblings in the feeder schools in addition to the elementary school. So, if a kid has a brother or a sister in the feeder junior high or senior high they should have priority on the waiting list for kindergarten
- Adult programs
- Filling/using extra space in schools – consider partnering with community associations and renting space for community preschools. Integrates entire families and affordable early childhood options
- Use school age childcare - help families, use space well and contribute to fundraising to help lower enrollment numbers
- Child care before/after good use of space
- Consider community pre-schools as potential tenants / renters/most of their kids are destined for those elementary schools
  - Ditto
- Both adult learning, and before and after care services are valuable uses
- Adult learning – Wildwood
- Childcare services
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- Please never sell a school again (like the King Edward). Neighbourhoods change and the school that was vacant yesterday may be needed again in 10 years. During a school's low-enrollment phase. Consider putting out RFP's for groups to operate daycares in under-utilized schools.

Community Schools:

- Increase local/community involvement in schools – schools can't be just a place to send kids during the day.
- We are happy to have Wildwood reduce a bit in size. Please let us stay a decent sized school – not to bring in so much new programming to make us busting at the seams again.
- Agree!
- Wildwood – could we create a combined art room/science lab?

- At what point do too many alternative programming take away from our community schools? Parents made to feel that choosing community school is inadequate, when in fact they should and can be awesome.
- Need to celebrate the uniqueness of the community schools too!
- Community schools important
- Leave wildwood as a small community school – Agree!
- Minimal disruption for existing students and siblings
- Small Community school...Engage the community!
- Allow students to finish their grades in a school once they have started there
- Create uniqueness in the Community schools to encourage local residents to send their kids there.
- Why do kids from Quarry Park (CBE) have to go to Mountain Park (Lake McKenzie – full) when within walking distance is Riverbend Elementary? – Look at boundaries
- Changing Boundaries
- Celebrate the community schools. Too much alternative programming belittles community schools encourage involvement of community expertise (parents) in school in specialized volunteer opportunities
- Consider amalgamating Rosscarrock English with Wildwood English in Area IV
- More schools for Calgary students, Great!! But not at the expense of the wider systems

Language and Non – Language Alternative Programs:

- All Boys program Junior High to Grade 9
- Consider moving Spanish bilingual program to Rosscarrock if Glenmeadows not available
- All boys program - let's keep these boys with their peers until Gr. 10. Will be much more mature and capable of the adjustment
- Minimum disruption – plan for the all boys program to go to Grade 9 – there is a private All boys school that currently is K-9
- All boys pulls from all areas of the City – we come from Dover to ABP
- All boys Program needs a junior high K-9. Many boys are on the spectrum of autism, Sir James Loughheed program knows this, works with them and creates an environment for success! 2016/2017 please!
- All boys Junior High please!
- What a great opportunity – expanding the all-boys school to Grade 9
- All boys program – please continue this fantastic program to jr. High and over Sr. high
- All Boys Program, please find a way to extend this program to grade 9.
- This program is responsible for my sons' academic growth. They are happy, and their grades have improved. It would be a loss not to have an All Boys Junior High. My children are on the spectrum. The all boys school understands this and it has benefitted my children. My eldest needs an all boys school. Next year he is in grade 7
- All boys school to grade 9
- As enrollment drops in Area IV because new schools are opening, consider opening Junior High all boys Program in one of the older schools

- “All Boys Program”, promote it and expand it to grade 9 for 2016/2017
- Science schooling for all Calgary Students, where one lives (area) should not allow better access to a better education! It's not equal.
- Since the all-boys Program has no borders – and if the program expanded to Grade 9 – it would/could improve the enrollment for Area 4....if we stayed here – we could move
- All boys program K-9 please!
- Science school full. On the waiting list for the waiting list.
- Science school needs to be expanded. Can not get on the waitlist.
- Juno Beach – Very sad at the change...room to be loss of the Junior High program. Another 7-12 program needed.
- Computer Lab
- Too much uncertainty because a Spanish bilingual program needs a home and resource
- (Boys school) ABP – we should include 7,8 & 9. The girls school allows it why not boys?
- All boys 7-9 please
- Juno beach being 7-12 is fantastic, need more schools like it.
- Another science school please in south, disappointed my son is 14th on waiting list.
- All boys school k-9 please. My boys are flourishing there!
- Science school waitlist and process seems bit unfair and not representative of who should go to a “science” school.
- More spaces for TLC Junior High (7/8/9)
- Science program – Our son is on the waiting list. The chances of him getting in are practically NIL. It seems unfair that Children in our City receive different levels of quality education and opportunities. Consider saving a certain percentage of openings for children outside the area. I shouldn't have to move so that my son could go to this school.
- Also please consider opening a science school for all children to have a chance to get in regardless where they live in Calgary!
- Put in maker space classrooms and time with extra classroom space
- Robotics – maker – 3D printing.
- More Language options
- 3 people questioning the plan @ Glenmeadows
- Moving Spanish bilingual to Wildwood would be interesting (my kids would be too old), but we would have considered that.
- The boundaries for WM Reid school should be expanded to include a couple of areas that are currently excluded, but which are in easy biking distance for kids:
  - Area south of 26 Ave between Crowchild Trail and 20 St, and north of 33 Avenue;
  - Area south of 50 Ave and North of Glenmore Trail (Where Central Memorial High School is located) I know WM Reid is already packed, but the boundaries should be re-drawn so kids don't have to cross highways to get to French Immersion when there is an FI school within easy biking distance.
- There is a Catholic school board site next door to the Wm Reid school site. Could the CBE work something out with the CCSD so that the CBE can build a brand new school for Wm Reid on the Old St. Patrick's School site? That way Wm Reid could continue operating during construction. Wm Reid is PACKED and, sadly, there are kids on the waiting list who did not get into Grade 1 for

2016/17. We have an old drafty school and desperately need a new one large enough to accommodate French Immersion interest in Central Calgary. A larger school would allow us to return to K-6 perhaps

- Now that Marda loop area is filled with young families again, could we move the valuable alternative High school program to another area or to Central Memorial? Then Clinton Ford School could be converted back into an elementary school. Area IV needs another French Immersion Elementary school option. Opening one at Clinton Ford school could allow the CBE to re-draw F1 boundaries and relieve pressure off of West gate and WM Reid
- Do not dismantle the Elbow Park portables beside Earl Grey School – place an Immersion or bilingual program there (because William Reid is too full)
- All boys program needs a junior high, this is one of Calgary's best kept secrets. So happy my sons go there!
- ABP – did you know...we take kids from the entire city? We could grow dramatically if we included K-9
- Need better advertising of smaller alternative programs (ie. All boys, all girls, Juno Beach etc.)
- All boys program is fantastic. Please make a Junior high as well
- Extending Boys and Girls programmes geographically and grade wise
- Consolidated K-6 program in Area IV (all in one building)
- Boys program expand K-9
  - Second that
  - Us too

#### High School:

- Rather than focusing on the new schools in the peripheral areas of the city. Think to balance the enrollments at the high school level by changing the boundaries. Western, Ernest Manning, EP Scarlett, Wisewood – Very full/crowded. Central – Struggling population
- Consideration needs to be given to balancing the population in existing High schools. Many high schools in area IV are overcrowded while Central's population remains low. This affects sports teams, school spirit & options offered.
- Increase population of Central – Consider Lynn Wood and Ogden and Mahogany, keep cohorts together

#### Other Comments:

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- As an Albertan I am very willing to pay a provincial sales tax. We need a provincial government that is brave enough to implement a PST. Schools are worth paying for and the money has come from somewhere
- No showing of Riverbend – Sherwood – Central  
Lynnwood – Sherwood – Western  
Ogden – Sherwood – Western

- I second this