

To: Board of Education

From: Acting Deputy Superintendent

Laurie Meston

Re: EASTERN SCHOOLS CATCHMENT CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Date: January 11, 2012

(Public Board Meeting)

**Decision** 

### BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

With the continued growth in Eastern Maple Ridge, School District No. 42 is proposing changing catchment boundaries for schools in the east. These proposed adjustments went out for consultation to the public from November 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 until January 11<sup>th</sup> 2012.

There were two ways that the public had an opportunity to provide the district feedback during this consultation process. These proposed catchment changes were available online and the public had the ability to post their comments to our website. Also, School District No. 42 had two feedback forums, one December 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 and the other on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

During these feedback forums a comprehensive overview of the following topics were covered:

- A description of the issues that SD42 is facing
- What we have already done to address the issues
- What we learned from the first forum (shared at the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting)
- What options we are considering proposing to the Board on January 11, 2012 (shared at the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting)

Attendees at the meeting were also given opportunities to share their ideas, concerns and questions.

Further background information is available in the attached "Report on Catchment Changes" and the minutes of both feedback forums. These will also be included on the SD42 website. Website feedback is also available on the SD42 website.

### **RECOMMENDATION 1:**

To realign the catchments of Blue Mountain Elementary, Alexander Robinson Elementary, Webster's Corners Elementary, Kanaka Creek Elementary, Albion Elementary and Whonnock Elementary (See Attached Maps)

#### **RECOMMENDATION #2:**

That grandfathering of siblings for students who previously lived in the Albion and Alexander Robinson catchment areas be allowed. This grandfathering opportunity would be for siblings born by January 2012 and who are currently identified on a district list.

### **RECOMMENDATION #3:**

That the acceptance criteria for prioritizing placements for all registrations be changed to the following:

\*Note Changes in BOLD

## Acceptance Criteria For Prioritizing Placements For All Registrations

- 1. IN catchment with siblings already attending catchment school (proof of residence required) or displaced catchment siblings on district list
- 2. IN catchment (proof of residence required)
- 3. OUT of catchment with siblings
- 4. IN catchment daycare (dropped down from #3)
- 5. OUT of catchment without siblings
- 6. OUT of district with siblings (Out of district students should register at the District Education Office)
- 7. OUT of district without siblings

#### **RECOMMENDATION #4:**

That subdivisions not yet built in the Albion, AR, and KC catchment areas be reassigned to another "catchment area" where there is room.

Attachment

Report on catchment changes 2012

## Report On Eastern Schools Catchment Changes 2012

#### **Identifying the Issues:**

- Albion elementary was built for 450 students currently 555 students attend. (123 % Capacity)
- Alexander Robinson elementary was built for 475 students currently 544 attend. (115% Capacity)
- Kanaka Creek elementary was built for 575 students currently 591 attend. (103% Capacity)
- These schools are above capacity. presently there are no empty classrooms and portables are onsite.
- Building continues to occur in the area. Many of the homes have pre school and school age children.
- The AL, KC, and AR sites cannot accommodate any more portables.
- The infrastructure at these schools is maximized.
- Although the school district does own a piece of property on 104th, the Ministry of Education has not agreed to fund a new school at this time.
- The east end of the district has schools that are above capacity and schools that are below capacity.
- Filling all of our east end schools strengthens the "argument" for why we require a new school in the east.

## **Analyzing Capacity and Utilization: East**

Schools	Design Capacity	2011-12	%
Albion	450	555	123%
Alexander Rob.	475	544	115%
Blue Mountain	300	215	72%
Kanaka Creek	575	591	103%
Webster's Corner	250	161	64%
Whonnock	250	228	91%
Total	2300	2294	95%
Difference between capaci	ty and utilization	+6	

### What SD42 has done to address the issues to date:

- We have not placed any new international education students at Albion, Alexander Robinson and Kanaka Creek.
- There are no daycare or strong start programs housed in these three schools
- We have not knowingly allowed any out of catchment students or students with daycare in catchment to attend Albion.
- We have not allowed students new to these catchments to attend the school even if they live
  across the street. (Bussing has been provided to Webster's Corner for students in the Albion
  area and to Blue Mountain for students in the Kanaka Creek and Alexander Robinson areas).
- We modified the Albion catchment boundary for the 2010/11 school year and gave notice that we may have to make more changes
- Placed 2 additional portables on the Albion site (for a total of 5), 2 portables on the KC site (for a total of 2) and 1 additional portable on the Alexander Robinson site (for a total of 2). There is no space to add any additional portables and the infrastructure of these schools will not allow additional students.
- We have met with teachers at Albion to discuss ways to deal with overcrowding
- Lobbied the government to provide money to build a new school on the site that SD42 owns on 104 Avenue.

#### What will happen if the catchment boundaries are not changed:

- The infrastructure of these 3 schools will not continue to hold students will not be safe.
- Fewer and fewer opportunities will be available for students to access the gym, library, playground, etc.
- Rationale for who gets to attend these schools will not be clear and will lead to further parent anger and upset
- The issues will be compounded over time. Making the problem worse than it is now.
- We would be remiss in our responsibility, as our duty to children is to ensure that they have optimal education opportunities in a safe environment
- Other schools in the east Blue Mountain and Webster's Corner will continue to not be fully utilized which will weaken our proposal for a new school on 104<sup>th</sup> avenue.

#### **Process used for the Consultation Process:**

- November 30th 2011 Draft catchments presented to Board of Education
- November 30th until January 11th, 2011 Draft catchments posted on website. District website open for public input
- Information re: draft catchments and information on the input meeting on December 8th, sent to schools and distributed to parents.
- December 8th 2011 and January 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 Meetings held at THSS to provide information and gather feedback from parents about the proposed catchment changes.
  - \* see attachments.
- Advertising done in major papers regarding the two feedback forums.
- Updates posted at the top of the Catchment Changes page to reflect that a second feedback forum held on December 5th.

#### Major themes from the Parent feedback forums and the website

• The major theme coming from both forums and the website was that the district should enable siblings to remain together. Parents indicated that they had bought houses in the Albion Elementary catchment area "in good faith" and that they shouldn't now have to have their children attend separate schools.

- Other major ideas/themes included:
  - The concern from parents, particularly in the AR catchment (north of Dewdney primarily but some from parents living west of 240<sup>th</sup>), is that they will now need to send their children to BM elementary which will require driving at least 10 minutes rather than walking 2 5 minutes to AR.
  - Parents who do not have siblings already attending AL or AR were very concerned that they have lived in the AL or AR catchment for a number of years, paid taxes, knowing that their children would attend AL or AR and now find that their children will have to go to WC or BM. They would like to see their children "grandfathered" whether they have siblings or not. \*This was particularly concerning to families who live in the subdivision just east of Jackson.
  - Parents were concerned that some families are getting into Albion and/or AR using a relative or friend's address and recommendations were made that SD42 should be more stringent on what we require for identification of catchment areas when families are registering.

#### Given the major concern regarding siblings of students already attending AL and AR

- The following actions were initiated in order to gather more information to assist in making recommendations:
  - A survey was sent out from Albion and Alexander Robinson to all parents requesting them to complete the survey if they were being affected by the catchment changes. The survey asked them to indicate how many younger siblings they had. This would assist us in understanding how big an impact "grandfathering" these students would make.
  - Surveys were collected prior to Christmas and reviewed. Concern arose that perhaps not all of the families who would be impacted had returned a survey. Therefore, during the Christmas holidays, all students who are living in the affected catchment change area were identified using the Baragar program and younger siblings were identified.
  - The sibling data has been included in the following chart:

#### **Grandfathering of Siblings Data**

Number of Siblings by Year

School	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Albion	5	8	2	2	1	18
Alexander Robinson	5	5	2	0	1	13

<u>Other proposed recommendations/actions</u> (many of which were based on information received from the forums and the website feedback)

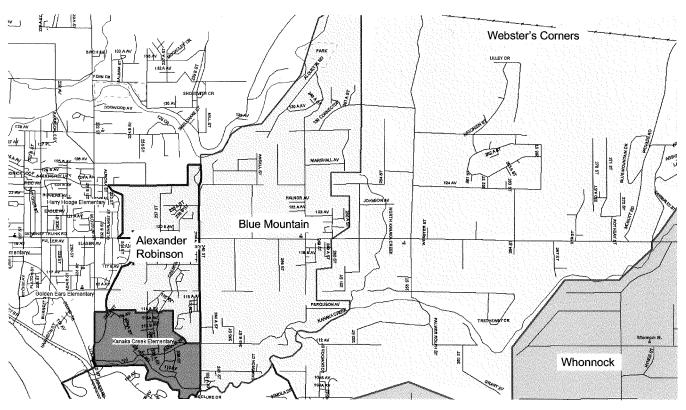
- Analyze the demographic information further to see whether it is viable to keep the area north of Dewdney Trunk Road between 232<sup>nd</sup> street and 240<sup>th</sup> street in the Alexander Robinson catchment area rather than the Blue Mountain catchment area.
- Based on the above sibling data it is proposed that a grandfathering clause be developed to allow the siblings of students who are currently attending AL and AR, who live in the displaced catchment areas, to attend those schools. This clause would only be for those siblings who have been born as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- Review the list of the students identified in the Grandfathering of Siblings data (on previous page), and ensure that all students who meet the criteria for the proposed grandfathering clause are included. This will then be used as the "official" list of students who will be allowed to be "grandfathered".
- Propose Modification of the "Acceptance Criteria For Prioritizing Placements For All Registrations":
  - Include displaced catchment siblings on district list along with in catchment with siblings as the #1 criteria for registration.
  - Move in catchment with daycare from the #3 criteria to #4 (below out of catchment with siblings)
- Identify subdivisions not yet built in the Albion, AR, and KC catchment areas and consider assigning them to another "catchment area" in the east where there is room.
- Increase the "address requirements" for registration in crowded schools require documentation that is difficult to forge.
- Continue to lobby the Ministry of Education for money to build a new school on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave.

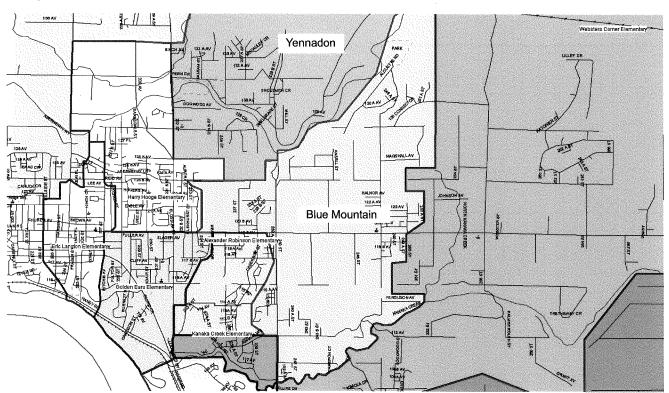
#### **Closing Thoughts**

Although this has been an emotional process for those parents who have been affected by the proposed catchment changes, we were impressed with the respectful way which parents shared their concerns. Some excellent suggestions were made which hopefully have resulted in proposed recommendations that will address the school district concerns and make it easier for families to remain together.

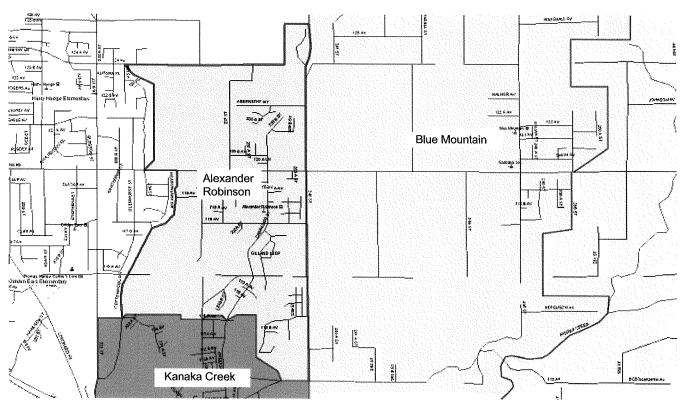
It is important to note once again that students who are currently in each school are not impacted by any of these proposed changes. The new catchments which the Board of Education decides on will be in place for the 2012 kindergarten registration.

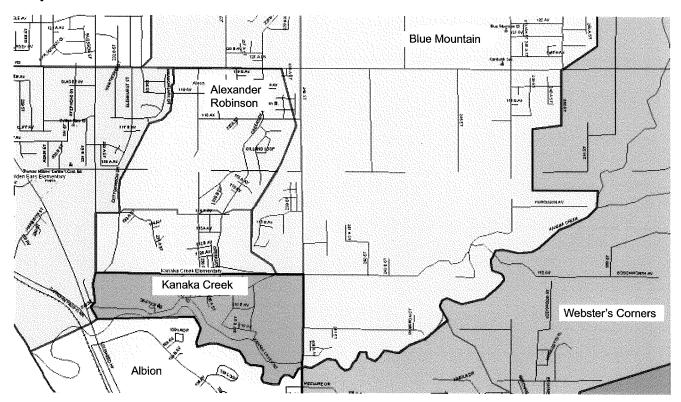
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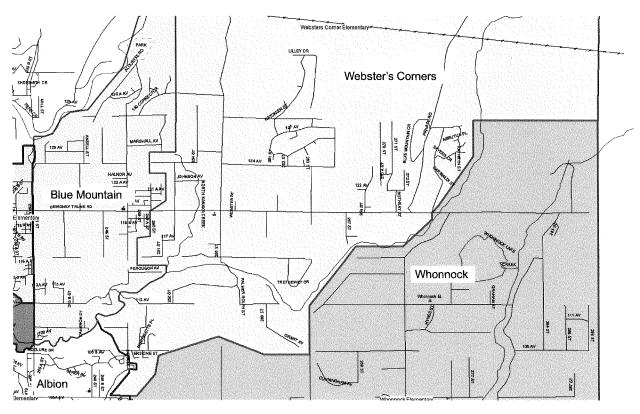


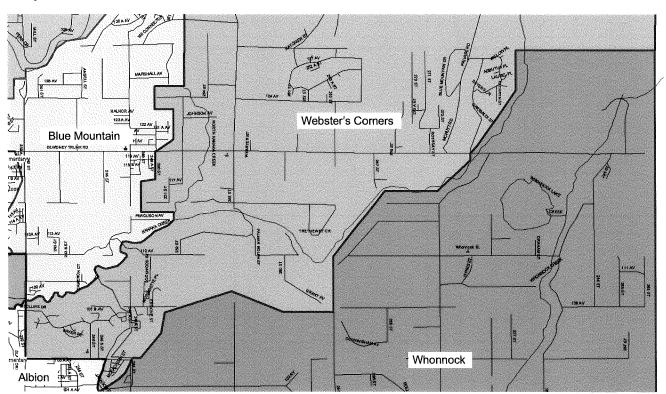
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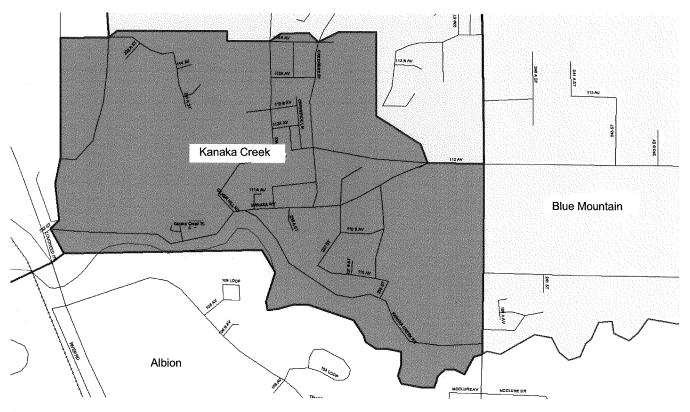


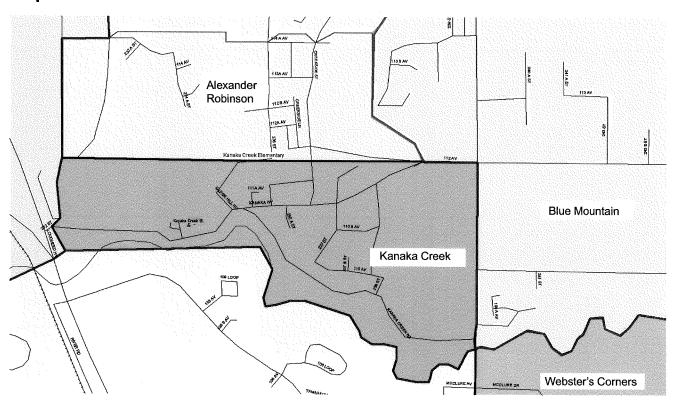
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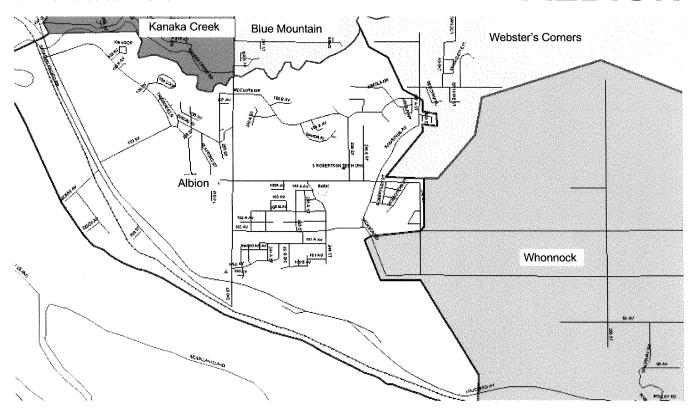


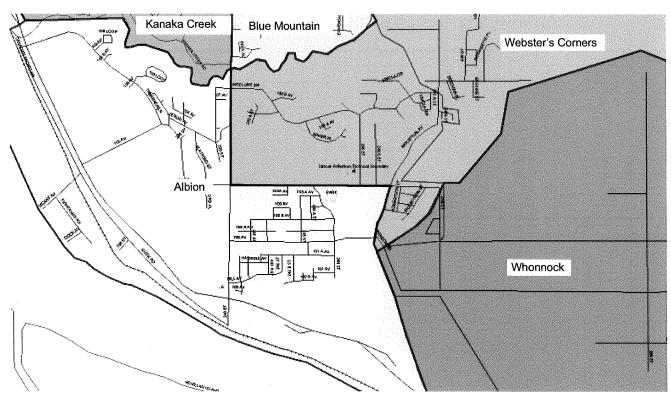
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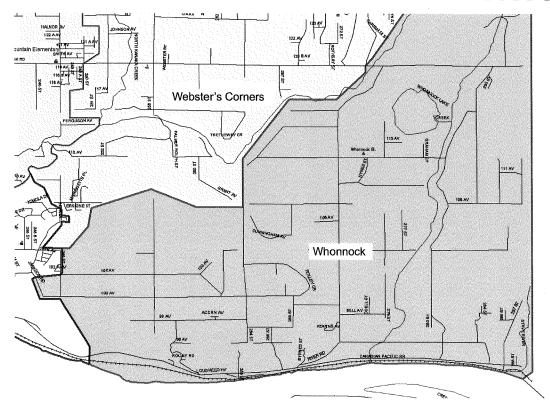


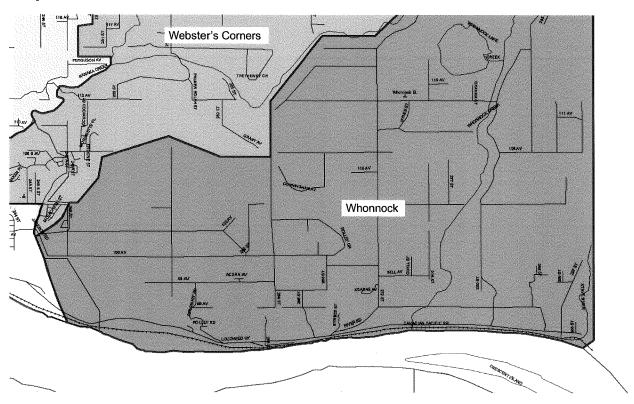
# **ALBION**





# **WHONNOCK**





Catchment Review Public Meeting Thomas Haney Centre December 8, 2011

- Laurie welcomed all who attended and said the purpose of the meeting was to give parents an opportunity for input and to work together to get ideas on what works or doesn't work.
- Laurie apologized on behalf of the Superintendent and the trustees who weren't able to attend the meeting as they were at a trustee academy. She indicated they will be attending the next catchment review meeting on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- Laurie reminded everyone that catchment review is a draft proposal.
- The district can't always do what people want but we want to seek input and make the best decisions possible. We need to maintain safety and learning conditions in all of our schools.
- The district tried to figure out different ways of doing things before sharing the proposed catchments, which delayed information getting out to the public. We were also waiting for a second announcement from the Ministry regarding new schools. We were not one of the districts chosen by the Ministry for funding this year. We own property on 104<sup>th</sup> but didn't get funding. We used recycled portables to save money in the hope to get more money from the Ministry. We are still hoping for a school on that site.
- A PowerPoint presentation gave an overview of which schools are above capacity, as well as demonstrating how the Baragar system is used as a tool in developing catchment.
- The Ministry looks at the district as a whole for capacity and we have some schools that aren't near
  the cap. We need to fill Blue Mountain and Webster's Corners to have a better chance of getting
  another school.
- Identification requirements at the time of registration will be tightened up so we know people are using their correct address. Some people forwarding BC Hydro bills to a neighbour's to get in catchment. We may need to verify addresses with additional forms of identification such as a driver's license.
- All parents are welcome to post comments on the website, but be sure to include your name and school as it helps to validate concerns.
- We haven't allowed new students in Albion catchment to attend the school, even if they live across the street. Courtesy bussing is offered.
- Albion catchment was modified last year we changed some things that had been suggested. But gave notice that there may be more changes.
- It is acknowledged that the major concern is displaced siblings, which is significant.
- Kanaka Creek catchment was reduced so more families from out of catchment could attend as a district program.
- How do you grandfather? How do you keep track of who gets grandfathered?
- Courtesy bussing to Webster's Corners and Blue Mountain will be offered. There are often two
  people on the bus to monitor children. We've done it safely for many years.
- We have an open boundary policy. Last year we accommodated over 100 Kindergarten students in schools other than their catchment schools.
- At the Board Inauguration on Wednesday night, at which Mayor Daykin was in attendance, the new Board Chair, Mike Murray, said in his acceptance speech and his number one priority is lobbying government as he understands community concerns.
- You can only register at your catchment school. Last year we were able to accommodate most first choices.

- Families who used to live in catchment but chose to move out of catchment would not be grandfathered.
- Feedback from today's meeting will be taken to the Board.
- A form will be going home for parents to complete, either on paper and possibly online, to help determine how many students would be involved with grandfathering. Laurie will talk to the Principals of Albion and Alexander Robinson. We will try to have these results by the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The public is invited to all Public Board meetings. The next one is January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- One option is to ask Trustees if they are interested in modifying the acceptance criteria. We will take away feedback from this meeting and indicate the issue of keeping siblings together was paramount.
- We would like to do a 5-year plan for catchment review to give families more notice.
- Possibility for priority 1 acceptance criteria: In catchment with siblings already attending the school & displaced students.

## Parent comments/suggestions/concerns:

- There are a small number of us here due to short notice, but each one of us may represent another 15 families who feel the same way.
- Only a couple of people saw the newspaper ad about tonight's meeting.
- Some parents may not even know about catchment changes—information should be posted at Strongstart Centres, daycares, library, leisure centre, etc.
- The number of families impacted by catchment changes in the McClure Drive/Maple Crest area is enormous.
- Webster's Corners is too great a distance for my daughter going into kindergarten. Do I leave her at the end of the driveway for the bus while I drive other children to school? This is very unsettling.
- Why are Albion families forced to do a giant leap to Webster's Corners and not Blue Mountain or Whonnock? We're being picked on. It's a huge distance to Webster's Corners.
- Road conditions are horrible on back roads to Webster's Corners.
- Solve our problem.
- It takes a lot to settle kids in school. There is disruption to moving children socially, emotionally. We need to know what we can do.
- Difficult to read the streets online in Baragar.
- You build Webster's Corners in the 'boonies' how can you expect that to be at full capacity? (Response: the district has no control over the city and development).
- A lot of us are feeling we are not being treated as fairly as someone who has never lived in the area. We're being punished for doing our homework to ensure our children are kept in Albion. There has to be something like grandfathering. The thought that someone can rent a basement suite 2 days before kindergarten registration and get in first is shameful. When trustees make decisions, they look to you so they understand. Daycare should not be an issue. Siblings should have priority.
- For families who haven't moved in yet why not bus them.
- In some cases, Albion Elementary is being show cased by the realtor as the school the children would attend.
- Catchment changes are worse than school closure.
- The universal bell poses an added issue in picking up children from different schools.
- Children born as of December 31, 2011 should be grandfathered.
- What more can we do? (LM: Come to January 5th meeting trustees will be there).

- The only way to work this out is having students automatically grandfathered in.
- Stop accepting new enrolment for families who don't already have kids in the school. They'll be able to send their whole family to same school. Designate catchments for subdivisions not yet built.
- I was told last year not to rely on school bussing as it was being phased out (LM: this is not true)
- I understand why a new school can't be built. It's Ministry stuff. Is there something school board can do on a public level to advertise to let developers know if you buy here, what your school will be?
- Should you have to prove when you moved into the area?
- Would I have to walk my child to Albion to get the bus? (LM: Buses will pick up from a number of spots. Don't have to go to AL, but some people do. You would be given a form to fill in, and the bussing supervisor will contact you).
- The concern I have is that all that bussing costs money. I would like to see it spread into school. We only have one pot, and money is spent on buses, not in the classroom.
- Parents have a right to be afraid you may have apprehension, but come to Blue Mountain. Kids adjust to the bus.
- Should we write letters to the trustees? (LM: discourages this, it would inundate them. David & Laurie will present tonight's input to the Board. It would have more impact if you attend the next meeting)
- Does the Ministry make an announcement every year re: school funding (DV: No, there were no funding announcements for 2 years)
- We live on McClure. Some families around us go to St. Pats, some to Kanaka Creek, some to Meadowridge. How many siblings are we talking about grandfathering?
- Will number of students who are eligible to be grandfathered in be known for the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting? (*LM*: *I'll try my best*).
- Will catchment review be settled on January 11<sup>th</sup>? (DV: It has to be)
- Are you going to stagger registrations? (Registrations will be dated and timed at Blue Mountain if you are requesting Albion)
- Concerns re: bussing what if my child gets sick during the day?
- A new school needs to be built. Is there any external way for people in developing areas to get the school built rather than trying to fill other schools. We have MP, MLA's Can we utilize other people in Maple Ridge and make a stink so people hear. This would impact a huge amount of people.
- Will we still have to line up for registration? (LM: If the Board OK's grandfathering, then you would be #1. We may have room for all grandfathered students)
- Current catchment (Dec. 2011) with siblings (i.e. displaced children) already attending catchment school has to be priority #1.
- Were not told about catchment changes last year, our kindergarten child could have gone to another school.
- Disagree with siblings having the same priority as daycare.

### Post it Notes from the white board:

- Will a bus be guaranteed to drive kids to Webster's Corner?
- Do you know of a daycare that will drop off and pick up at Webster's Corners at Albion?....Didn't think so!
- What about families that walk to Albion and have no car to go to Webster's during the day (sick child, helping at the school, PAC.....)

- Why not move the <u>alternate</u> "year round" school to a less populated area? If it's what people want they will drive there
- Why give preferences to daycares in the catchment than to siblings.....
- Why force families who currently walk to school to have to drive to a new school?
- Will siblings take priority over in catchment daycare?
- Displaced students need to be prioritized. It's unfair & unjust not to do so or to expect parents to disrupt the older child.
- Why are siblings that are no longer in a catchment for the school that the older siblings currently attend, not given priority over daycares?
- How are we supposed to have 2 kids at 2 different schools at the same time?
- How will we as a family deal with having to drive all the way to Webster's Corners (so out of the way)
   and what kind of before and after school care is available.
- Will any of these schools change to year round?
- Why is there no new school being built on 104<sup>th</sup>?
- What is the "choice" program at Kanaka?
- Why is it that kids who live near Albion now have to go all the way to Webster's Corners.
- I think it is wrong to split up families between two different schools. Siblings should automatically be enrolled in a school that we were in the catchment for at the time we purchased our house. It is impossible to send two kids to two different schools when we only have one vehicle and one school is not within walking distance. And no, we can't send a 5 year old on a bus by themselves.

# Catchment Review Meetings

Current Catchment	January 5, 2012	December 8, 2011
Area School	Parents Attending	Parents Attending
Albion	19	10
Alexander Robinson	7	2
Alouette	1	
Blue Mountain	1	
Kanaka Creek		1
Yennadon	1	
Other	3	
Total	32	13

## Minutes with Supporting Information Catchment Review Public Forum January 5, 2012 6:30 p.m. THSS Room 2031



## Attending on behalf of SD #42:

Mike Murray, Board Chair
Eleanor Palis, Vice-Chair
Susan Carr, Trustee
Kathy Marshall, Trustee
Dave Rempel, Trustee
Jan Unwin, Superintendent
Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer
Laurie Meston, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Director of Instruction,
Early Learning & Elementary Education
David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction, K – 12 Education
Lynne Lloyd, Recorder

### Regrets:

Ken Clarkson, Trustee Sarah Nelson, Trustee

Superintendent, Jan Unwin welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked how many parents were in attendance at the December 8, 2011 meeting? A show of hands indicated about half the people had attended the first session.

Superintendent Unwin then invited the Board Chair, Mike Murray, to introduce the trustees who were there to listen to comments and questions in order to make an informed decision when senior staff presented options at the January 11, 2012 Board Meeting.

Board Chair Murray thanked all for coming noting the situation was difficult and challenging. The Board is interested in what the community has to say. He then introduced Board members that were in attendance and noted regrets from those who were unable to attend.

Superintendent Unwin noted the capacity problem is in the east. There are more people that live there than schools' can handle. The District has seen these demographics coming for some time and is on the list with the Ministry to receive a new school but approval has not been received yet. The District has taken measures to show the Ministry of Education that we are trying to be responsible to ensure another school is built in the east. The last Board of Education had to close two schools. The Ministry's priority is to give rapidly growing districts approval for new schools. We offer choice programs so kids can get drawn across the district, such as Montessori, French Immersion and Environmental School, and provide bussing for students, etc. With our open catchment policy, many students in the east attend schools in other areas. We will continue to face this issue until a new school is approved and built. We are trying to manage our enrolment.

We want your help with solutions. For those who attended the previous meeting, they will notice that some of the things Director Vandergugten and Deputy Superintendent Meston heard were potentially good options.

Superintendent Unwin introduced Laurie Meston, Acting Deputy Superintendent and David Vandergugten, Direction of Instruction K-12.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Meston welcomed everyone, especially those here for a second time. Parents were advised to hold their questions until later and she reminded everyone that this is a draft proposal – that the District is here to hear from you and your suggestions, not tell you what we're going to do.

### A Power Point Presentation

**Power point: What Do We Know?** (SLIDE showing enrolment and capacity)
When enrolment exceeds capacity more strain is put on the infrastructure – gym was

When enrolment exceeds capacity more strain is put on the infrastructure – gym, washrooms, library, and parking lot. Adding more portables adds more people and more strain on the infrastructure. The District provides courtesy bussing to students who are not outside 4 km walk limit policy.

The Ministry looks at regions. One of these regions is the east, which includes/combines Albion, Alexander Robinson, Whonnock, Kanaka Creek, Blue Mountain and Webster's Corners. The Ministry sees we have space at Blue Mountain and Webster's Corners, and asks why are we not filling that space? There is there is a lot of development in Albion, and we must do our due diligence to fill schools.

(SLIDE: What have we done to manage space/enrollment?)

No new International students in Albion, Alexander Robinson and Kanaka Creek, no daycare or StrongStart programs housed in these schools

We modified Albion catchment boundary in the 2010/11 school year and gave notice there would more changes. We were hoping to get funding from the Ministry for a new school.

Deputy Superintendent Meston also met several times with Albion staff about overcrowding. Their concern was overcrowding, mainly in the hallways and at recess. They felt the school was really beyond capacity. Some maintenance was done at the school to make teachers feel a little more comfortable. We went back to 28 in intermediate classes, 21 in primary and 18 or 19 in Kindergarten to provide more space. We had to have a balance between safety and also being able to accommodate.

What did we learn at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting? That the sibling issue is a very large concern. A survey went to schools to determine the number of pre-kindergarten children, because grandfathering was a big issue. Another concern was bussing young children. How do we manage this? How do we track this, how do we know how many are out there, etc. The District was surprised as to how many this would actually affect – it was a small number. We feel fairly confident that we may provide the Trustees an option to be able to grandfather siblings.

Concerns about students having to be driven to school who could previously walk to school particularly in the north of Dewdney area. This is more of an issue with Alexander Robinson than Albion. We're reviewing Baragar numbers to see if we need to take all of that piece out.

What are possible options that have resulted from this feedback? Developing a grandfather clause up to 2016 with listed students. Designate any new subdivisions (still in the planning stages) in Albion or Alexander Robinson catchment as either Webster's Corners or Blue Mountain catchment. It will be challenging for new families who move in who can see the school from their house. The District would do their best to ensure real estate agents are aware of this.

Proof of residency: We are looking further into extra clarification of proof of residency documentation.

SLIDE: What will happen if we do nothing?

Infrastructure will not continue to hold. Students will not be safe. If we do not change catchment now, we could have more and more students on waitlists. Last year in September there were 55 students on the waitlist, which went up to 70.

Director Vandergugten explained that decisions are made through detailed data retrieved from Baragar which is up to date, which also contains information about Pre-Kindergarten students as it is connected to the birth registry.

Superintendent Unwin added this issue is pervasive throughout BC. The School Act stipulates students are entitled to go to any school they wish in a district as long as there is space. Once you are in that school, that school belongs to you. The Ministry cannot afford to build new schools each time demographics change. We have to look at it in a strategic, entire district, way.

Director Vandergugten added we can filter students in Baragar to find a variety of criteria - how many French Immersion, how many K/5's live in a certain area. After the December meeting we review the numbers even further and run scenarios. A lot of students in Albion catchment attend other schools. That is why we try to balance and offer choice programs. We are currently having dialogue about Grade 7's moving to a high school – there is a lot of room at Garibaldi Secondary.

#### **QUESTION PERIOD:**

Deputy Director Meston went over the 'ground rules' for questions – Respectful dialogue, listening and not interrupting, put up your hand if you have a question.

- A request was made that the Trustees come to the front for question period, but Superintendent Unwin clarified that their job tonight was to listen and the intention was not to become part of a back and forth conversation.
- Another parent thanked the District for immediately getting the survey out, adding that it showed exactly what they were trying to say. She further emphasized that potential splitting up children to go different schools was worse than a school closing. With school closing, friends, teachers stay together.

- The Albion philosophy is family. My children that go there now know the staff; Pre-K daughter knows the school. To move the children would be emotionally upsetting. Do I drop two kids at Albion while I drive to Webster's Corners? It doesn't work to split up families.
- How many Kindergarten spaces would be available at Alexander Robinson?

  LM: 72 or 62 if we do 3 K's and a K/1. At Albion we can do 3 classes for sure. Maybe 3 ½.

  Looking at 60 as a soft cap, but we may be able to go up to 66. The challenge is the district has to meet averages set by the Ministry. The K average is 19. We could go up to 22, but we cannot go over the district average of 19, so we try to cap at 18. After the first week in September we look at all K classes to determine if the average is 19 or less. If it is over 19 the Ministry will not accept our submission.
- You say the district would be looking into new developments and telling people who buy that they may not be in catchment.

  LM: It's a consideration.
- Question from a concerned parent who currently has a K at Albion. The other child, Gr. 5, will be moving into district from Vancouver to attend Gr. 6 at Albion September 2012. They were told the Gr. 6 may not get in next year. She acknowledged most of the crowd here tonight was talking about Kindergartners and looking at who gets grandfathered. If we keep grandfathering in, can her child get in? She further said she was the one parent (who wasn't a senior) who went to city council meetings and opposed city developments. We all should be lobbying together at the right place. This is not the place to have the fight.

LM: You would have priority 1 in the registration criteria – in catchment with sibling.

• We've lived in Albion catchment for 8 years and moved a minute away, to stay in catchment. My son is starting K in 2012. In the morning I'll have to drive east, then west to work. Adds more time to the drive every day. I'm not comfortable with the bus. That's not an option for us. Can we get the east kids into schools in the west?

LM: Yes - We have an open boundary policy, as long as there is room.

• We are within walking distance to school with a new K starting school in 2012. (No siblings, Albion catchment). We have a poor bus system. It will take 3 hours to get to school. It's a safety issue. Will teachers wait around 3 hours until we can get there? We moved houses to stay in catchment and all of a sudden the District changes the plan. We are now in changed catchment to go to Webster's Corners.

LM: This is something we have to look into

• We have a son in GR 1. Where do the previous in catchment students who are now 'out of catchment with siblings' (displaced) fall? My daycare is in Albion.
LM: Right now we have a priority for registration. Where would the displaced catchment fall – Would displaced students register at their new catchment school, or do we add an additional catchment criteria 1a to allow them to register at old catchment school. We are wrestling with this and want to make it as easy as possible.

Superintendent Unwin added that this shows the thinking that has gone into this process and the complexity of it. We understand it is more impactful in a negative way to split children and move students from a school than having new children who have never been in the school to

automatically go there. They haven't attached. Should new kids automatically be going on a bus to a different school?

- Why don't we move schools that are far away and make them alternate schools? Instead of Kanaka, why isn't it Webster's Corners to free up space?
  LM: Kanaka Creek is designed as a year round school with air conditioning, and the smaller schools will not house the 605 Kanaka Creek students. Webster's Corners only houses 210 or so. It's something we're looking at how do we put choice programs in schools in order to draw people there.
- Son attends Alexander Robinson, with twin K's going into K for 2012. (Personal issues in family). Doesn't want more turmoil for son. Purposely bought in Alexander Robinson to keep it consistent. Now they are in new catchment (north of Dewdney) and have to drive to Blue Mountain when we're within walking distance to Alexander Robinson. When we're talking about the green aspect of things, why should we be driving?

  LM: This is prevalent on the website. We are trying to make Kanaka Creek catchment smaller so we can help the problem in the Albion area. We can't guarantee it, but we looking at whether we can keep north of Dewdney in Alexander Robinson

DV: We might have gone a little too deep with Alexander Robinson catchment change. Looking at logistics around this, it's a fine balancing act.

- Do you have estimates on 0-4 years old right now going to Albion in the old catchment? Director Vandergugten pulled up information in Baragar with number of students living in old catchment with the number of 1, 2, 3 year olds. He also pulled up # of students living in Albion catchment and % of children enrolled in Albion. In some cases only about ½ of students are going to catchment school. Choice programs have prevented some overcrowding.
- Last year, I got to Albion at 5:30 pm the day before registration to register. I have siblings in the school and hope grandfathering is top priority. And to the trustees: it's more than the logistics of driving to 2 schools. I can't support 2 PACs, 2 fundraisers, 2 Christmas concerts. It would be undue, additional stress on families.

  LM: We have prioritized siblings to register on the Monday to alleviate this. The regular students in catchment without siblings start Tuesday.
- Thank you again for work you have done. Is there any wriggle room, as a School Board, for a family with special needs/circumstances, who can't drive to a school 15 minutes away? LM: It's a difficult one. What one person thinks of as special needs may not be the same as somebody else. You get the different degrees. We may not be able to help with getting into a certain school, but help with transportation or something else. If special needs get priority then you discriminate against them as well. We have to look at the big picture.
- It worries me that money that would be going into schools, salaries, programming, etc. is going to bussing.

  LM: It's our concern as well. We have to find a way to way to bus students who can't get in to a

certain school because we're saying you can't go.

- The grandfathering clause should also be #1. We're in the catchment. The effect of splitting up families is the number one stressor for children. Suggest people who have lived in the area for a while should be grandfathered.
- Not all kids got in to Albion who wanted to get in. I live across the street from 3 different daycares, in those daycares, there are children who have never lived in the Albion area and had cell phones billed to friends or family members. I got my oldest child into French Immersion in Vancouver by lottery. I have a hard time for people who live in catchment who can't get in to their catchment school. Why can't there be a lottery process? It worked in Vancouver because demand exceeded spots. Children with siblings were higher priority. In the lottery it was a fair process.

LM: Lottery is challenging. It is an option that available at Kanaka Creek, but if the school is full we can't do it.

• (Letter submitted to the School District from Alexander Robinson area) Displaced siblings should have priority. Siblings/families need to be together. To move the older sibling would be distressing. It's not practical to leave an 8 year old at school for over ½ hour while travelling to the other school. It's not practical. We are putting the community's children at risk. Children who do well at school do well at life.

LM: Your letter will be included in package for the Board Meeting.

• Family who lives north of Dewdney, whose son won't start school until 2013, is worried about putting him on the bus. Is another year round school in the west part of the district going to happen?

LM: It's another option but we have to consider infrastructure.

• It's impossible to have kids in 2 different schools. When is decision going to be made about catchment and grandfathering?

LM: Options are going to the Board meeting next Wednesday (January 11th)

Superintendent Unwin advised that the Agenda for the public board meeting will be posted on Tuesday on the School District website under Board of Education. Mr. Marc Dalton, MLA BC Liberal party, was introduced as he arrived after the meeting started.

- You mentioned that the registration process was changed and that only people with siblings in the school can register the first day. Can you go to the school ahead of time to pick up form? *LM: No, they're numbered, dated, timed. We're working on an electronic registration system, but it would not be in place until September 2013*
- With catchment change, we could get into another school more west, with the first child getting in. What if it fills up before our 2<sup>nd</sup> child goes to school? We have one high school in the area where are all these kids going to go?
  - LM: This issue hasn't come up. There most likely will not be the same problem at high schools as there are currently more grade 12's than K's.
- I have a son in Gr. 1 at Alexander Robinson. Daughter going into K in 2013. We need to keep keeping children together. I disagree with someone renting a house in catchment area 2 days before registration. Why was the area 114A & 240 Street taken out of Alexander Robinson? Most of the kids in that area have been in Alexander Robinson a long time.

LM: There is a new subdivision going in there.

DV: We are trying to take a proactive approach, but we're still looking at it.

- Where is the home base for Environmental School kids?

  LM: the first 2 months was ALCO Park then the Malcolm Research Forest. They also use the James Best Centre.
- Can you not say they're at Websters Corners to increase #'s? Could you make a choice program at Websters Corners an additional year round school?

  LM: We can't do it this year. And what happens to Websters Corners kids? If you have ideas for choices let us know. The alternate calendar was tried at Davie Jones about 7 years ago. We ran both calendars at the school but it didn't work.

Superintendent Unwin added that students at Kanaka Creek went into the school with an alternate calendar from the start – we cannot just change the school makeup in other schools.

- What about moving Gr 7's to high schools so we don't have to bus K's.

  LM: Have talked about moving Gr 7's to high schools talked about at senior team, but it won't happen this year. It's on the table. We could be doing this as an option. It could be an option for some people
- Neighbours have no children going to Albion right now. Is there any way to grandfather people who moved into the area 5 years ago, to get in before people in new developments? How long do we grandfather?
- A parent expressed concern about the busses and pickup points where trucks could be speeding around. What guarantees can the District give them that children would be safe?
   LM: We've been bussing for many years now. Pick up would be at Albion and other busy areas. There are no guarantees we can't guarantee your child would be safe walking to Albion, but we have many safety measures in place.

Gladys Hewson said Blue Mountain would love to have more children register. Has the Board looked ahead? There's got to be a plan.

• How long is this catchment approved for?

LM: It goes to 2016. If not already born, they won't be grandfathered.

DV: We are anticipating new developments in some areas. We hear from the city.

Superintendent Unwin said we did the best with catchment with children we know who are born now. We are only looking at what we know today. This is a lookout to 2016. You are allowed to go to any school. We try to give reasonable choices under the circumstances.

- I've lived in Albion 10 years and moved 3 years ago, purposely staying in catchment. A lot of us did our homework.
- Are we going to be sitting back here 2 years from now? Who is making sure our council is approving development, and what the city is doing vs. what the community is doing. I appeal to Marc to ensure development is being supported by infrastructure.

Superintendent Unwin said the District has regular meetings with mayor and council and added Marc would comment in closing.

• There is no guarantee now that we can get into Albion. That's why we bought in Albion. Eight years ago we could get into Albion.

Superintendent Unwin advised that the city keeps building and building – it's not our problem. We've been lobbying for a year. We're in charge of this piece, Marc's in charge of that piece.

- There are many new developments in the east areas (3,000 homes) where it the planning to take care of today's problem today? The new school will be full before it opens.
- Is it feasible to build a new school and move entire schools to keep students together *Answer: What makes you think Blue Mountain students want to move?*
- Homes should be built where schools are.
- In other countries they build infrastructure before houses.

Marc Dalton thanked parents for coming out tonight and reiterated that it's a very important issue. He has had many meetings with the Ministry and the School Board and will be meeting with them again soon. There's no doubt another school in east Maple Ridge is needed, but a concern is the Ministry looks at overall district enrolment. We are hoping we can push this forward as a real priority.

Superintendent Unwin added that the Education Minister George Abbott came here in June and met with the Board of Education and Mayor. The issue was on front burner. As parents, we understand the level of anxiety you feel. It's a tough decision regardless which way we go and we want to put good information in front of the Board. Parents were reminded that the School District website is still available for feedback. Any possible changes prior to the Board meeting on Wednesday will be posted on the website under Board of Education > Meeting Agendas on Tuesday. Superintendent Unwin thanked everyone for coming and being thoughtful and respectful with their input. Thanks also went to Deputy Superintendent Meston and Director Vandergugten for compiling the information and continuing to adjust and adapt.

Meeting ended 8:30 pm.

Total number of parents attending: 32

From: Zetes-Zanatta, Lisa

Sent: January-03-12 2:58 PMTo: Ernie Daykin; Cheryl Ashlie; Corisa Bell;

Judy Dueck; Al Hogarth; Robert Masse; Michael Morden Cc:

'Albion Pac@sd42.ca'; 'Ron Lanzarotta@sd42.ca'; 'Luisa Bianchi@sd42.ca'; 'premier@gov.bc.ca';

'Minister.educ@gov.bc.ca' Subject: Albion area development

Dear Ministers, Mayor and Council.

I have attached the following link for your review. This link is the SD42 website where the catchment changes are being battled between parents and will be further battled in person this next Thursday evening. I invite our senior government leadership, elected council and mayor to attend this meeting.

I am deeply distressed by the ongoing need to battle at the community level for resources to educate our children due to the approvals for overbuilding in areas without proper infrastructure to support it. Now I understand the need to have people in place before the supports are put into place, I believe that the philosophy in Maple Ridge is that if you build it they will come, and they did! however we are beyond exceeding our demand at this point. As the only person who attended the council meeting to bring forward this issue and to oppose the new townhouse structures based on the current existing lack of class room space prior to this new development, I am saddened beyond belief that this fight now has to be fought by the parents of our communities.

This is the exact matter that I brought forward to council for consideration, however the lobby of the real estate developers won over a more pragmatic need to ensure that our children can go to school in their own neighborhood. The response from the city council and major that they have no ability to affect change in this area really upset me even more than the excessive overbuilding without necessary infrastructure as I know more than others that this is not true, and how much public opinion especially if lead by government can free up resources to support the community of citizens that our provincial, local and municipal governments are designed to support, represent and protect. (after all I work in healthcare so know the resources vs. services struggle all too well)

I urge you to attend the meeting on Thursday to develop a plan to free resources to build us a school to support a huge community that is growing daily. This should not be fought between the parents. I live in the current

and proposed catchment and will have to argue with parents why my children should be allowed to attend and why theirs should not, I had to line up for nearly 20 hours to get my child into a school in an area that I am a part of the catchment in. I do not feel that the parents should be on the front lines of this fight when in many cases it was not a fight of their making. They bought a home, they pay taxes, they did the research into where they wanted their child to attend, and then due to poor planning they are left to try to appeal to government on these issues.

A cohesive plan moving forward is needed, not more meetings that upset our community and turn people who live on the other side of the street into someone on the other side of the fence.

http://www.sd42.ca/catchment-changes

Lisa Zetes-Zanatta, MSc.

From: Ernie Daykin

January 04, 2012 3:22 PMTo: Zetes-Zanatta, Lisa; Cheryl Ashlie; Corisa
Bell; Judy Dueck; Al Hogarth; Robert Masse; Michael Morden Cc:

'Albion Pac@sd42.ca'; 'Ron Lanzarotta@sd42.ca';

<u>'Luisa Bianchi@sd42.ca</u>'; <u>'junwin@sd42.ca</u>'; <u>'Subject:</u> RE: Albion area development

Good afternoon Ms. Zetes-Zanatta,

Thank you for your email and comments regarding the proposed changes to catchment boundaries and Albion development.

All of Council does receive and read all emails forwarded to them.

Our Councils practise is for the Mayor to respond to your email and questions and forward to staff for direction and follow up where appropriate.

This is a difficult discussion with one simple answer or solution. One reality is that as a municipality, Maple Ridge is governed by the Community Charter and the Local Government Act.

As a municipality we are required to develop an Official Community Plan to designate and plan for residential growth as well as future school and park

sites. There is a plan is place and it was reviewed and updated in 2006. The District does have a good working relationship with the School District and at the outset of a new term I know we will be sitting down and talking about the growth areas in Maple Ridge. We as local governments have two very different roles and resources and there is a respectful acknowledgement of those differences.

The District has been working with School District to purchase school sites and yet that is not easy due to the requirements or constraints that the Ministry of Education places on School District 42 capital projects is not as easy as it sounds.

As far as attendance to open houses my practise as Mayor and for that matter Council ...we do not typically attend. I have found from my personal experience that our presence will very quickly politicize the discussion and can side track it. Folks put far too much emphasis on our words or attendance and it can be counter productive.

If you would like to discuss the municipal process, I would love to do that with you. If you would like to do that over a cup of coffee please let me know.

Best Regards,

Ernie Daykin,

Mayor,

District of Maple Ridge,

11995 Haney Place,

Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6A9

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Deep Roots

**Greater Heights** 

" Write on your heart that every day is the best day in the year!" Ralph Waldo Emerson.

From: Zetes-Zanatta, Lisa Sent: January-05-12 9:11 AMTo: 'Ernie Daykin'; 'Cheryl Ashlie'; 'Corisa
Bell'; 'Judy Dueck'; 'Al Hogarth'; 'Robert Masse'; 'Michael Morden'- <b>Cc:</b> Albion Pac; Ron Lanzarotta; Luisa Bianchi; Jan Unwin- <b>Subject:</b> RE: Albion area development
Dear Mayor Daykin,
Thank you for your response. I apologize for the delay in my reply but

Thank you for your response. I apologize for the delay in my reply but hospital matters through the night and early am have claimed my time. I have just had the chance to read your response. I am sorry to hear that you and council will be unable to join the group of concerned parents at this evenings meeting. While I appreciate your concern about politicizing the discussion, respectfully I believe that this is already a political matter in that political decisions have lead us to the situation we now find ourselves in.

I would welcome the opportunity to sit down and discuss this issue with yourself or other council members. I am in the hospital daily should you wish to sit down over a cup of bad cafeteria coffee and discuss this issue. I am quite concerned that we have come to this place and believe that action needs to be taken now, not over the space of years.

I would be happy to give you a tour of our surgical program while you are here and am sure that the patients would be happy to see local government taking an interest in their health care centre.

Thank you,

Lisa Zetes-Zanatta, MSc. 🗆 🔻

January 1, 2012

Board of Education School District 42

#### **RE: Proposed Catchment Changes for Alexander Robinson**

To whom it may concern,

We are parents of a family that will be directly impacted by the proposed changes to catchment for our children's school- Alexander Robinson. While we are aware of the need for change, our plead to you is to consider the NEED for siblings who would be displaced, to be prioritized in the registration process. Displaced siblings need to be prioritized along with the siblings for in catchment children.

This plea is not just coming from me (Laurie) as a parent, but as a professional (social worker) who works with children every day. I am keenly aware of the need for siblings to be together. I have reviewed numerous research articles on the impact of separating siblings and I have seen this impact in real life- it is detrimental to these children and affects them LIFE LONG!

To move the older sibling to the new school is not a solution. Such disruptions in children's lives affect their social and emotional well being. Again, I am aware of the research in this regard and have seen the impact in my work. To ask us to purposefully cause emotional and social harm to our child is asking us to be neglectful parents and we will not do that! We understand that children have to move schools for all kinds of reasons, but this is never without harm to their well-being. Research shows that children who do well in school (not just academically but socially and emotionally) do well in life. Disruptions, such as a change in school, impact their social and emotional well-being and therefore affect their ability to do well.

The practical side of having two children at two different schools is also concerning. Our daughter will be in grade 2 when our son enters kindergarten. Our daughter will be only 8 years old and having two children at two different schools will mean that we have to leave our child unattended for approximately ½ and hour every morning and afternoon. Under the CFCS Act, leaving a young child unattended puts that child at risk for harm due to the parent's neglect. The Ministry of Children and Family Development investigates reports where children have been left unattended! We understand that there are options to make alternate arrangements but because a number of people will be affected, this may prove to be difficult. Not all parents are as resourceful therefore other children will be at risk.

As you can see, we are quite concerned about the impact this change will have on our children, as well as other children in our neighbourhoods. We understand change is needed but we strongly believe we, as a community, have the obligation to take care of the children who are already in these impacted schools and have siblings who will be entering school in the next few years. When we enrolled our child into Alexander Robinson, we were not advised of catchment changes and thus could not make an informed decision about attending the possible new school. We are also aware that School District 42 promotes social responsibility, thus we should MODEL social responsibility by protecting the well-being of our children/ students and their siblings who are enrolled in the schools where catchment changes are proposed.



To: Board of Education

From: Acting Dep. Superintendent

Laurie Meston

Re: CATCHMENT REVIEW FRENCH IMMERSION

Date: January 11, 2012

(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

French Immersion catchments have traditionally been aligned with English schools. eg. if your English school was Maple Ridge Elementary, your French school was Eric Langton Elementary ("EL"). Significant growth in the East has forced us to re-examine this decision, as it appears that:

- The EL catchment has a significantly higher number of potential registrants than Laity View Elementary ("LV").
- An increased number of students in the east are choosing French Immersion
- EL is currently at full capacity;
- LV has space; and
- EL and LV students continue to attend MRSS.

In order to simplify the "catchments", the dividing line between the two catchments would be 224<sup>th</sup> street. Any students living West of 224<sup>th</sup> register at LV and any students living East of 224<sup>th</sup> register at EL. There will still be the opportunity for students to request an alternative school placement as long as there is room.

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1:**

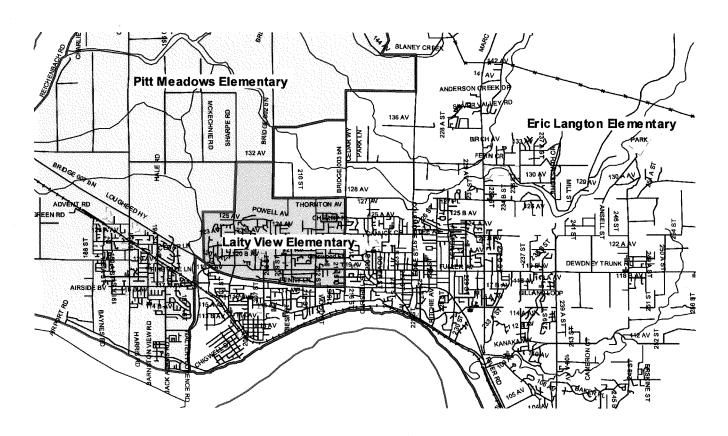
THAT the Board approve the realignment of the Laity View and Eric Langton Elementary French catchment areas so that the Laity View Elementary catchment increases and the Eric Langton Elementary catchment decreases.

#### RECOMMENDATION #2:

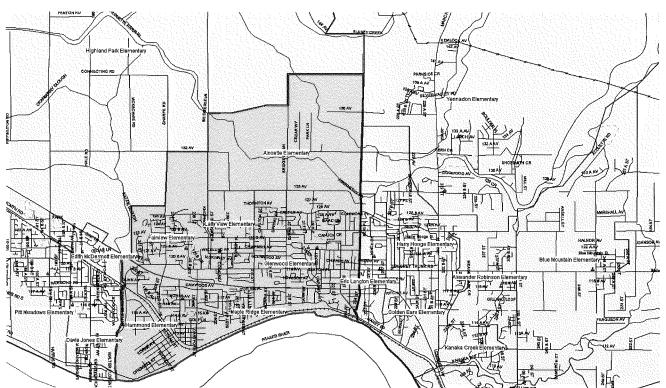
THAT the Board, approve the same grandfathering option as presented in the East Side Schools package for siblings of students who previously lived in the Eric Langton Elementary catchment and now live in the Laity View Elementary catchment.

## FRENCH IMMERSION

## Current



## **Proposed**





To: Board of Education

From: Secretary Treasurer

Wayne Jefferson

Re: APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING

<u>AUTHORITIES</u>

Date: January 11, 2012

(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board approve the signing authorities for 2011/2012 in the form attached.

Attachment

## BOARD OF EDUCATION No. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE PITT MEADOWS) SIGNING AUTHORITIES

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. All cheques of the corporation drawn on all its accounts be signed on its behalf by Mr. Mike Murray, Trustee and Chair, or Ms. Eleanor Palis, Trustee and Vice Chair, and counter-signed by Mr. Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer, or in his absence, Mr. Peter Bullock, Assistant Secretary Treasurer.
- 2. Mr. Wayne Jefferson, the Secretary Treasurer of the corporation, or in his absence Mr. Peter Bullock, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the corporation, to negotiate with, deposit with, or transfer to the Toronto Dominion Bank (but for credit of said corporation accounts only) all or any bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques, and orders for payment of money and other negotiable paper, and for the said purpose to endorse the same or any of them on behalf of the said corporation, either in writing or by rubber stamp.
- 3. Mr. Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer or in his absence, Mr. Peter Bullock, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the said corporation from time to time to arrange, settle, balance, and certify all books and accounts between the said corporation and the bank, and to receive all paid cheques and vouchers, unpaid and unaccepted bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.
- 4. Mr. Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer, or in his absence, Mr. Peter Bullock, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the said corporation, to obtain delivery from the said bank of all or any stocks, bonds, and other securities held by the said bank in safekeeping or otherwise for the account of the corporation and to give valid and binding receipts therefore.
- 5. This resolution be communicated to the said bank and remain in force until written notice to the contrary shall have been given to the manager for the time being at the branch of the bank at which the account of the said corporation is kept and receipt of such notice duly acknowledged in writing.
- 6. Mr. Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer, or in his absence, Mr. Peter Bullock, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, and Mr. Mike Murray, Trustee and Chair, or Ms. Eleanor Palis, Trustee and Vice Chair, be and they are hereby authorized on behalf of the said corporation to execute under the seal or otherwise, as may be required, and deliver to the Toronto Dominion Bank such documents as may be necessary in connection with borrowings by the corporation from the bank.

### AND FURTHERMORE:

1. That the Toronto Dominion Bank be, and it is hereby authorized and directed to pay any and all cheques of the Board of Education presented for payment bearing the facsimile signature of the following officers who have been duly authorized to sign cheques for and on behalf of the Board of Education No 42 (Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows);

Mr. Mike Murray, Trustee and Chair

Ms. Eleanor Palis, Trustee and Vice Chair

Mr. Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer

Mr. Peter Bullock, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

- 2. That such cheques shall have the same legal effect, may be dealt with to all intents and purposes and shall bind the Board of Education as fully and effectually as if signed in handwriting of and duly issued by such officer for and on behalf of the School Board, regardless of whosoever or by whomsoever the said facsimile signature shall have been mechanically affixed.
- 3. That the School Board shall provide the said bank with a certified copy of this Resolution and certified specimen of such facsimile signatures and that such Resolution may be acted upon by each branch of the said bank with which any dealings are had by the Board of Education until notice to the contrary or any change therein has been given in writing to the Manager or Acting Manager of such branch.

#### AND FINALLY:

That the Secretary Treasurer, and in his absence the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, together with the Chair of the Board and in his/her absence the Vice Chair of the Board be designated as the authorized signing officers with respect to any agreements, contract or legal documents duly approved by the Board.

<del>,</del>		
Mr. Mike Murray Chair of the Board	Ms. Eleanor Palis Vice Chair of the Board	
Date	Date	

## RECORD

## 2011-2012

Pursuant to provisions of 72 (1) of the *School Act*, the following report is a general statement of: (a) matters discussed; and (b) the general nature of decisions resolved at the following meetings from which persons other than Trustees or officers of the Board, or both were excluded:

### November 30, 2011

Call to Order
Motion of Exclusion
Correspondence
Ordering of Agenda
Confirmation of Minutes – November 9, 2011
Other Business
Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. Approved No correspondence Approved as circulated Approved as circulated

Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.