

Brent Kennedy Elementary
Questions for SD8 Reconfiguration Meeting
December 4, 2019

1. What would happen to Brent Kennedy if the grade 6 students went to Mt. Sentinel? Less student's means less funding... how would this change Brent Kennedy?

Support/Services follow students.

2. Was Brent Kennedy's portable, which is currently being used for the enrichment program, taken into account when calculating B.K.'s optimum capacity?

Yes, we aware of this space and confirm we are aware that Brent Kennedy is currently AT capacity and yet, still has some room.

3. Can a solution be to enforce catchment in the Winlaw area? If so, what would be the repercussions of this event?

It is possible. It might result in some out of catchment students (SD#20 from Playmor Junction) not being able to attend BK.

4. Can we get a proposal as to how a "middle school" at Mt. Sentinel would operate? What changes, if any would they like to implement for September? Would the grade 6 students be offered the opportunity to take the same programs as the grade 7 students.

BK parents have indicated they are interested in their children retaining the Winter ski program. In addition, parents advocated for a playground, dance, music, Basketball, and French and Russian language instruction. Other considerations included a different schedule, timetable, and combining 6/7 and 8/9 for programming. In addition, there are program connection possibilities ie with Trafalgar; larger cohort groups increase program opportunity potential.

5. Can we do a survey of all the parents in B.K. to see how they feel about making B.K. a K-5 school? And also, so they can express how they envision the future of our valley of schools?

Yes. That's what all of these meeting have been about. We will have held 24 different types of meetings in the Slocan prior to the Board of Education decision.

The formal information flyers have come via your school Principal and the Superintendent. You can remain caught up on all District news by watching our website and on ThoughtExchange:

<https://www.sd8.bc.ca/>

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#537341911/hub>

The Long-Range Facilities history and all up to date info can also be found on the SD 8 website at:

<https://www.sd8.bc.ca/about/planning/facilities-plan>

6. Can we get a cost comparison between implementing the K-5 solution, and putting up a portable in Winlaw?

There is no additional funding available for modular buildings, and the Ministry of Education does not support the purchase of portables, while there is excess capacity available. Quotes from Rob Fleming, Minister of Education:

- a. *"Students deserve to go to school in the best learning environments possible."*
 - b. *Its better "to give students more places to learn, play and grow under our new curriculum, rather than spending their days in portables."*
 - c. *"All students deserve to learn in safe and inspiring schools that give them the best chance to succeed."*
7. It was stated that a playground could be built at Mt. Sentinel by September, couldn't those funds be used to put up a portable at Winlaw?

See above.

8. Why is it necessary to come up with a 10 year facility plan? How does that process work?

It is necessary to ensure optimum learning and working environments and sustainable ongoing stability. The Long-Range Facilities history and all up to date info can also be found on the SD 8 website at:

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9. Why weren't parents given proper notice and clarification of meetings being held prior to Oct. 28/19 about "planning the future for the Valley of Schools"? How were the meetings titled?

All meetings have been posted on our website since last year. You should have also received Facilities Meetings notices from the Superintendent via your Principal in your emails. PAC should have also been informed. In addition to the recent meetings:

November 25 @BK,
December 2@Winlaw,
December 5@Trafalgar
... all of the following is posted on the SD 8 website:

2019-2020 Facilities Meetings Schedule

[See the Schedule](#)

Key References:

- [Letter from Minister of Education Regarding Long-Range Facilities Plans](#)
- [Ministry of Education Capital Planning](#)
- [FCI \(Facility Condition Index\) Definitions](#)
- [Operating Capacity Definitions](#)

2019-2020 Presentation & Consultation Meetings

- [Nelson Family of Schools - Dec 5, 2019](#)
- [Nelson Family of Schools - Nov 7, 2019](#)
- [Creston Family of Schools - Nov 6, 2019](#)
- [Crawford Bay Family of Schools - Oct 30, 2019](#)
- [Salmo Family of Schools - Oct 29, 2019](#)
- [Slocan Valley Family of Schools - Oct 28, 2019](#)
- [Kaslo Family of Schools - Oct 22, 2019](#)

Presentation at October 1, 2019 Open Board Meeting

- [Presentation on VFA Facility Condition Assessments & Baragar Enrolment Projections](#)
- [SD8 VFA Facility Condition Assessments - Summary List Report](#)
- [SD8 Baragar Long-range Enrolment Projections By School](#)
- [VFA - FCI & RI Definitions](#)
- [VFA - Facility Requirement Priorities Definition](#)

2018-2019 Presentation & Consultation Meetings

- [Crawford Bay Family of Schools - January 28, 2019](#)
- [Kaslo Family of Schools - February 4, 2019 \(updated Feb 12, 2019\)](#)
- [Nelson Family of Schools - February 5, 2019](#)
- [Slocan Valley Family of Schools - February 6, 2019 \(updated Feb 12, 2019\)](#)
- [Creston Family of Schools - February 11, 2019 \(updated Feb 12, 2019\)](#)
- [Salmo Family of Schools - February 13, 2019](#)

10. How can we support Mt. Sentinel to improve it, to draw students to it and in turn increase its capacity?

We need to know first, what your concerns are so we can address them, and then, please, give us your ideas. In writing is always best.

11. Are we able to form a committee from each school to participate in meetings with the Board?

In order to be more aware of what's happening and so the committee can relay information to PACs. All Board meetings are open to the public and all agendas and minutes are posted on our website. The Superintendent, Dr. Perkins; Slocan Family of Schools Trustee, Sharon Nazaroff; and Board Chair, Lenora Trenaman; and Trustees Sheri Walsh and Bill Maslechko; have also come to your meetings in the past, and are available to invite at any time. DPAC is available for all to listen in (you have two reps). See website link:

https://www.sd8.bc.ca/sites/default/files/SD8-DPAC_Mtg_Schedule-2019-20.pdf

12. Why is there such urgency behind changing B.K. and Winlaw to K-5 in September 2020?

This decision has not been made to date. It is a consideration the Board of Education will likely debate as it has been suggested by Slocan Valley parents.