

WYOMING AREA ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE WORKING MEETING

Monday February 29, 2016 @ Wyoming Public School at 6:00 pm

5. Presentation and Examination of School Accommodation Options

Pros and Cons for Wyoming Area ARC Options

Please note that this is an incomplete list. The ARC Committee can discuss any of these points and add items as well. Individual members of the Committee should be prepared to choose which option(s) they would still like to consider at the next working meeting and which option(s) they would not consider.

| Status quo | | |
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| Item No. | Pros | Cons |
| 5.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * each school maintains their present identity * no risk of either school building being left vacant * each school continues to be a hub for their local community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On-going financial implications of unfunded pupil spaces and the ability to offer program and maintain buildings remains. Impacts students across the district as loss of funds will result in funding cuts to program. * Combined cost for Facility Work as outlined by the Ministry of Education should be 4.6M over the next 10 years * Loss of top-up funding in next three years for both schools combined will be 104K annually * An extra transition for students at grade 4 |
| | Additional Items from Working Meeting * It is a gentle way to start school career | Additional Items from Working Meeting *Older students don't get the experience of mentoring younger students |

| LCCVI as a 7-12 School | | |
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| Item No. | Pros | Cons |
| 5.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * greater utilization percentage in LCCVI * opportunities for cross panel dialogue among teaching staff * Follows similar model to WDSS and RDHS * Allows for use of science labs, gyms, track and other facilities at LCCVI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * less utilization percentage in feeder schools which may cause more elementary school closures than planned * Potential community and economic loss of elementary school in areas not already indicated as potential ARC's by |

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| | * Would reduce need to update Wyoming and/or South Plympton PS due to decreased pupil needs | LKDSB * program/timetable options for secondary students remains unchanged * may result in additional busing costs based on current bused percentages and elementary walk distance * Would make the school set up different than AMSS - Extra transition for students attending AMSS * Issue of moving FI 7/8's from Hillcrest and Sir John Moore |
| | Additional Items from Working Meeting *Transition to grade 9 would be easier. | Additional Items from Working Meeting *Do not like the concept of mixing grade 7 with grade 12 students. Concerns about maturity level. |

| Consolidation at South Plympton PS and closure of Wyoming PS | | |
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| Item No. | Pros | Cons |
| 5.3 | *South Plympton remains open * Potential Savings to LKDSB to offset funding cuts from Ministry of Education | *Wyoming PS closes * The larger school with more student spaces according to the Ministry closes which would mean increased construction costs to accommodate students * Wyoming has a lower FCI * Wyoming PS is located closer to present residential areas of community * All students at present would need to be bussed |
| | Additional Items from Working Meeting *Wyoming is more profitable for sale *Keep kids separate from the town. No safety issue of loitering and going up town for lunch. *South Plympton has room for parking lot expansion. *More toilet facilities. *Newer library labs. *Wider hallways, simpler layout. *Large tarmac for tricycles and basketball that does not need expansion or repair. *Best Start is already set up. | Additional Items from Working Meeting *Students aren't adding to local economy and experiencing independence. *Teachers are excited about possible teaching opportunities/field trips within the town of Wyoming (examples would be Post Office, Fire Department) *ALLP is already at Wyoming *Every child would have to be bussed |

**LKDSB Initial Staff Report Recommendation
Consolidation at Wyoming PS and closure of South Plympton PS**

| Item No. | Pros | Cons |
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| 5.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Wyoming remains open *Wyoming PS is a larger school with more student spaces according to the Ministry and would accommodate students with less needed construction * Wyoming PS is located closer to present residential areas of community * reduced bussing needs * Savings to LKDSB to offset funding cuts from Ministry of Education * Wyoming has a lower FCI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * South Plympton closes * Timelines of consolidation is a concern |
| | <p>Additional Items from Working Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Students add to the local economy and experience independence. *Teachers are excited about possible teaching opportunities/field trips within the town of Wyoming (examples would be Post Office, Fire Department) *ALLP is already at Wyoming *Every child would not have to be bussed | <p>Additional Items from Working Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Wyoming is more profitable for sale * Safety issue of loitering and going up town for lunch. *South Plympton has room for parking lot expansion. *More toilet facilities at South Plympton *Newer library labs at South Plympton *Wider hallways, simpler layout, and larger tarmac that does not need expansion or repair at South Plympton *Best Start would have to set up *Parking is a concern/drop off safety *Digging into green space |