

Boundary Review - Quadra  
May 9, 2019

Will late immersion French be at Lansdowne?  
Yes, they will continue to offer Late Immersion

But we're not hearing the same thing about Central.

Simon: Central will continue to have late French Immersion for catchment families.

So which cohort of schools will be able to access that?

Colin: That depends on a review of boundaries. We'll have a clearer idea once the boundaries have been voted on in June.

Was there any change from proposal 2 to 3 around grandfathering siblings?

Colin: No. But we can discuss that further.

There's no change to the Quadra French Immersion catchment?

Simon Cloverdale and Quadra will feed Quadra for French Immersion.

Since Cloverdale is a traditional school, and people who go there feel it is a "better choice", I'm wondering when Cloverdale disappears, if those parents will choose French Immersion since that is also considered a "better choice".

Simon: The same number of families who are eligible to register for Cloverdale/Quadra will have to register at these schools - whether that is French or English. So it shouldn't change.

Have you considered that this might put pressure on the French Immersion program?

Simon - I don't think it will, but that's a very good question.

What will the impact of the shifting of the moving of the Tillicum boundary on childcare at Burnside-Gorge services:

Marilyn - both Tillicum and Quadra use the Burnside-Gorge childcare services.

Jeff - My understanding is that the services offered will remain the same.

So if students are moving from Tillicum to Quadra, will Burnside-Gorge have space at Quadra for them?

Marilyn - with half our boundary being moved out of our catchment, that will leave more space for students moving in

I think many people are interested in the idea of grandfathering siblings. It will be hard on siblings to be separated in different schools.

I would like to see the outcome numbers of this, to see that we actually will see our numbers decrease in the Quadra catchment.

Colin - on page 31, it tells us the number of SD61.... At Tillidum, the number is done to 380 possible in catchment students.

The ideal size for a school is 375 is what I'm hearing. ??

Colin - yes, 350-375 is a great size for an elementary school

What about all the schools that closed down?

The only one that is outstanding is Lampson. We need to do a review of Macaulay and Vic West to see if opening Lampson is useful. Also, the district gets revenue for that school. If we open it, it will cost \$1M in teachers, etc. Could we just use this money for extra support at the existing school.

Do we have time if we want to open Lampson?

Yes, the lease is a 6 month one. We have time to repurpose it for 20/21. The projections for Macaulay and Vic West are that their populations are not going to grow. They will hold steady.

How long has Lampson been closed for?

Since about 2009 - about 8 years.

I think it's too bad we didn't have the foresight years ago to see this, so Quadra wouldn't have these portables, and Tillicum wouldn't have these portables.

I don't think anyone could have predicted what was going to happen - too many factors come into play to estimate that.

A while ago, you used to be able to shop around for schools. It's so different now. I feel for these kids that are going to moving schools.

Is there any way for the students that have gone from k-5 to continue on to Colquitz?

And can we bring the border down from Jutland? Lansdowne is a lot further away than Colquitz. Is there going to be a grandfathering clause?

There has to be something that can be done for the kids that have been planning on going to a certain middle school for years, and now can't.

Colin: As things are, Colquitz is at absolute capacity. If we decide to split the Colquitz and send half the students to Glanford, we could take more students from Colquitz.

Will you take into consideration each individual child? There is a lot of pressure on our child, who is an only child, to be separated from his peers.

I want to suggest, that the kids who are in Tillicum in 2020, can choose to go to the new catchment or the old one for the middle school.

How are you taking the feedback?

(I'm taking the feedback!!)

Also please write down your feedback and email.

Grandfathering is something I've heard across the district.... And when you split up siblings, it makes it really hard for parents to be involved in two schools. You will allow families to stay together and stay a part of that school community.

Colin: I think we'll be able to keep families together in many situations. But for instance, in the Tillicum area, it would be very difficult to change the boundary and grandfather students in.

Unless you take longer to let the current students pass through the school, over several years.

What would be the process for assessing the possibility of grandfathering? Do you have numbers?

We don't have access to numbers of siblings not yet in school. We also can't predict what families will choose when they have a choice.

When are we going to know if this passes and what the exact boundaries will be?

Colin: It will be the board that ultimately decides. The school district will make their recommendation to the board by the end of June.

Audrey: During the consultative process, putting an end time on it, starts being told what to do rather than listening to people. The Board could push the decision back to 21/22, if they decided they needed to. But families need time, because this is a huge change for them. The board doesn't really want to continue this, because it's been going on 3 years already. But we need to get this right, because it's so important. Let's let this process be as full as it can, so they can hear it all. Tell the district your individual stories, so they can hear everything. The district needs to hear your stories so they can advise the trustees in June.

Heather: I still want this done by 20/21, because there is so much pressure at Quadra. We've had classes in the library, no gym... etc. We can't keep growing like this. It's a big problem. There's going to be an emergency that happens. I want to get this right, but I don't want it to take any longer.

Colin: Families at quite a few schools are going to say the same thing.

Colin: I'd prefer a decision personally in the fall, but I believe that families need to know this at the beginning of summer.

Audrey: If we get it wrong, because we don't tell all our stories. We have to make sure that we do this in a way that makes it have room for all students. The first priority is re-enrolling students.

Heather: My first comment was, we need to see numbers to see that this will work. I don't want the numbers to be back up in two years, because we guessed wrong.

Colin: We provide all the information to the board to make a good decision in a timely manner, but they decide.

Colin: We hope that even though you are a relatively small number, that you are speaking for a larger number of people in your communities.

So what if, in 2020, people had a choice to stay or change to their new catchment? That way in 6 years, everyone will have had a chance to choose, and there will be less of a cost to the kids.

Colin: Where there is space, we will allow families to choose to go to those schools.

Thank you.

→ Grandfather siblings,  
and keep cohorts of  
kids together, through  
middle school!

→ Fix your capacity  
calculation - don't  
include portables.

Please grandfather kids  
so they don't need  
to ~~live~~ lose all their  
friends

Please Please



My son goes to Tillamook  
We live in Burnside  
Gorge. Absolutely every  
friend his has will go  
to Colquitz except him  
Heartbreaking. We

live  
on Washington Ave going  
to Leansdowne would  
kill him. Starting middle  
school with no friends.  
He is an only child.  
He needs his friends.



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## Boundary Review Team:

I attended this meeting at Quadra tonight as an active PAC Parent at Doncaster. I wanted to learn more about the process in person AND in preparation for the targeted meeting at Doncaster next week.

The concern at Doncaster is the separation of the Doncaster English Students from their middle school cohorts to Mt. Doug.

I would like to see the numbers of Doncaster-catchment students in English every year. From my understanding, it is a very low number by the time students get to Grade 8. And from information I was given, approx. 10 Grade 8 students choose Mt. Doug as their secondary school.

The information in the review states Mt. Doug is SIGNIFICANTLY under



Support that claim.

In fact, based on some numbers I have found, Reynolds appears to be at a lower percentage to capacity than Mt. Doug.

We are looking forward to more info next week.

