

Meeting of School District 2010 Community Meetings

Information from Roundtable Activities

Concerns If Schools...

CLOSED?

- Childcare available for younger ate
- Lost curriculum / academics
- Unclear method / approach to make up
- Lost opportunity to engage students in Olympics
- Additional time may be lost if Paralympics affects closure
- Unclear what additional programs / facilities will be available
- Quality of time learning vs. quality of time spent in building
- Move regular holidays
- Add days; don't nickel / dime minutes onto days
- Do we loose curriculum? or How do we maintain instructional time?
- Transportation – Will we be able to transport our children around? i.e. not necessarily to Olympic related events.
- Working parents – added costs i.e. childcare activities.
- Aboriginal students.
- Community groups need to be consulted to provide day camps, etc.
- Working parents – if work at Whistler - would you be able to take time off of work? What if employer says no?

OPEN? (i.e. in school)

- Current academic curriculum
- Build-in / integrate Olympics
- Possible build in field trips / athlete visits
- Consider developing credit system for student volunteers
- Olympic related curriculum
- Transportation
- Would strangers be entering the schools – (if parts of schools were rented out?)
- How much Olympic coverage would or could be permitted?
- Absenteeism – what is tolerated?

Key Questions:

- Timing to decision; how much more parent engagement
- What will survey actually be canvassing
- What are “time” actually being decided – Olympics (17 days) + (14 days) Paralympics
- Need more info / program for opportunity to engage students while in school. (between Boards & VANOC).
- How are teachers / union being engaged?
- Could we consider partial closure? i.e. 1 week on 1 week off or 3 day week.
- School security – if school remains open
- What involvement can ...
- 15 years old – take part in?
- 12 years old – take part in?
- Can a minor legally be employed i.e. with parent permission?

Communicate

- Engage PAC & direct communication to school through PAC meetings
- On-going public session
- Electronic distribution through school secretary/office manager.
- SD48 website
- School PAC & newsletters

Timetable Scheduling

- shift Spring Break
- don't add minutes – add larger blocks of time
- ProD Days
- Definitely not added at end of the year
- Wouldn't like to see time added for say only a month or a few weeks.