

Public Information and Feedback Meeting

January 17, 2017

Old Crofton Elementary
School Closure

1658 Robert Street
Crofton, BC



Cowichan Valley School District



Meeting Purpose

- * The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive feedback from the public on the proposed closure.
- * Although Old Crofton Elementary School has been vacant since the Spring of 2009, a review of the Board's minutes and bylaws reveals that the school has not been formally closed by the Board.
- * Comments can be submitted through the district website.

Motions of the Board

At the Open Meeting of the Board on January 3, 2017 the following motions were adopted by the Board:

“That the Board of Education gives notice of intent to close the Old Crofton Elementary Facility and immediately commences the consultation process required under Policy 2445- School Closure.”

“That the Board of Education waives the Policy 2445 – School Closure requirement of a consultation period of no less than 90 days in regards to the decision to close the Old Crofton Elementary Facility.”

Public Information Meeting Requirements

At the public information meeting the Superintendent of schools will make available to the public the following facts and information:

- * Educational effectiveness, including educational program or course implications for affected students
- * Capacity or usage of the school
- * Present the three to five year enrolment projections
- * Number of students affected at the school and surrounding schools
- * Effect on the current catchment area of affected and surrounding schools
- * Number of children in the catchment area that do not attend the school
- * Number of students attending the school from outside the catchment area
- * Assessment of the projected student population growth in the catchment area
- * Impact on district provided transportation
- * Condition of the facility and the need for capital expenditures to keep building operational
- * Other financial considerations
- * Options considered as alternatives to the proposed closure
- * Impact on the community
- * Implementation plans including the proposed effective date of the closure
- * Date of the meeting that the Board will make a decision on closure of the school

History of Old Crofton Elementary

- * Historical records indicate that the Old Crofton Elementary opened in 1948.
- * In the decades to follow the school received multiple additions to the original structure.
- * The school operated until the Spring of 2009, at which time the new Crofton Elementary School opened. The Old Crofton Elementary School has been vacant since that time.

Effect on Students

- * Since the Spring of 2009, there have not been any students attending education programs at the Old Crofton Elementary location.
- * Enrolment in the north zone of the District is not expected to grown substantially in the next five years.
- * There is capacity in surrounding schools to accommodate any anticipated growth

Condition of Facility

- * The Facility Condition Index for Old Crofton Elementary School is rated at 0.92, meaning that repair and replacement requirements are 92% of the value of the building.
- * Future capital work on the building is estimated at \$2.8 million.
- * Annual operating costs for lighting and grounds maintenance are estimated at \$2,300. The building has been closed since February 2009 and does not incur costs for water, sewer, furnace oil and propane, and is not heated.

Implementation and Decision of the Board

- * The public consultation period on the closure of Old Crofton Elementary will end on January 31, 2017.
- * The earliest opportunity for the Board to make a decision on the closure of Old Crofton Elementary is at the February 7, 2017 Open Board Meeting.
- * As no students currently attend Old Crofton Elementary there is not a requirement to relocate students. The closure would be effective upon the decision of the Board.

Feedback for Board Consideration

- * Opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the proposed closure of the Old Crofton Elementary School.