

# School District 63 (Saanich) White Road Property Open House

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Saanich Schools Education Centre

# Overview of Open House

- Introductory Comments (7:00)
- Presentation and Questions and Answers (7:10)
- Activity 1 - Planning Values and Principles (7:30)
- Activity 2 - Idea Generation (8:00)
- Questions, Next Steps and Closing Remarks (8:45)
- Adjourn (9:00)

# The White Road Property

- The property is a 1.73 acre lot located at the intersection of White Road and Veyaness Road
- Donated to the predecessor of SD63 in 1873 by Mr. William Turgoose to hold and use for public school purposes in the district
- The property has been long vacant



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# Consultation Approach

The overall question to the community:

*What should the School Board do with the White Road property so that the educational needs of our students and community are best served and the wishes of the donor are respected?*

A detailed consultation plan is available on the district website

# How could the property be used by the Board of Education?

- The property is not suitable for a neighbourhood school site given its location and relatively small size
- Through this consultation process we will seek input regarding potential alternative educational use of the property within the school district

# If there is not a suitable public school use?

- It may not be possible to both “hold” and “use for public school purposes”
- Continuing to hold the property means:
  - public school purposes are not being supported as intended, and
  - SD63 assumes cost and risk inconsistent with its educational mandate

# School Board Policy 2480

When a property is no longer required to serve the needs of the district and will not be required for future educational purposes, then the board shall dispose of the property by sale or lease through a public process.



# Benefits of Selling the Site

- Proceeds could be used to enhance educational facilities, equipment or other resources for students
- Proceeds could be used to create a legacy consistent with the wishes of the donor
- Future use of the property consistent with Central Saanich Community Plan

# Current SD63 Facilities

- 8 elementary schools, 3 middle schools and 3 secondary schools
- 2 individual learning centers (alternative learning and continuing education)
- 2 distance education schools - K-8 and 9-12
- Children's Development Centre
- Space for StrongStart and childcare in elementary schools
- Some locations are leased or have shared use through community partnership

# Funding for Facility Enhancement

- The Ministry of Education funds basic capital requirements.
- Capital funding is generally not provided for program enhancements or the renewal of playgrounds, educational equipment and technology, space for performance arts, athletic facilities/playfields, or outdoor educational spaces at schools.

# Consultation Timeline

- Open House - March 16
- Community Survey Distributed - March 17
- Community Survey Closes - March 31
- Final Public Consultation Meeting - June 21
- Final Report presented to Board - October

This timeline will be revised if necessary

# Final Public Consultation Meeting - June 21

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Present the options considered and the recommended option
- Receive feedback from the community on the recommendation(s) to be included in the final report to the board

A comment form will be available both at the meeting and on-line to collect feedback

# Consultation Communications

- The consultation in-box will be open until July 5 - [whiteroad@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:whiteroad@sd63.bc.ca)
- The consultation webpage will be populated through-out the process - <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/leadership-governance/white-road-consultation>
- We can be contacted anytime to discuss the consultation process

Questions before we begin  
the working session?

# Activity 1 - Planning Values and Principles

- There are hand outs on each table with the preliminary planning values and principles that will guide the process
- At each table, discuss if revisions or additions should be made to these values and principles
- Each table will report out in 15 minutes



## Activity 2 - Idea Generation

For the next 20 minutes post your ideas on each of the following boards:

- How could the property be used if it were retained by the Board of Education?
- If the property were sold, what would be the preferred future use of the property?
- If the property were sold, how should the Board of Education use the proceeds to support the educational needs of students and the community?

## Activity 2 - Idea Generation, cont.

Table Discussion: At your tables please discuss the themes you observe on each of the idea boards.

Each table will report out in 15 minutes.

- Questions and Closing Remarks
- Next Steps

*Thank you for your involvement*

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