

2010 October 28

**TO:** Trustees  
**FROM:** District Management Team  
**RE:** Garibaldi Annex

**1. Original Motion May 2008**

On May 5, 2008 the Board of Trustees passed the following motion:

The Board of Trustees approves Option C (the Modified Save Garibaldi Working Group Proposal) as an acceptable alternative to closing Garibaldi Annex;

AND THAT the Board of Trustees approves the establishment of a joint community, school and district committee to support and promote the educational programs, particularly the need of an early learning component, at Garibaldi Annex and to monitor growth in enrolment over the next three years;

AND THAT if the projected growth of 36 new students to the district is not achieved by September 2010, Garibaldi Annex will be closed effective June 30, 2011.

Option C - Modified Save Garibaldi Working Group Proposal				
Projected Enrolment				
	Proposed Garibaldi	Current Other Schools	Current Garibaldi	District Change
<b>Enrolment</b>				
Regular K - 4 Program	71.00	24.00	41.00	6.00
Distributed Learning Program	119.00	89.00	-	30.00
Total Students	190.00	113.00	41.00	36.00
Total FTE Students	184.00	110.50	37.50	36.00

a) Year 3 (2010/11)

b) It is estimated that 80% of the additional students in the regular program would relocate from other VSB schools.

c) Existing VLN Elementary program currently at Van Horne Elementary School.

## 2. Update June 2010

In a memo to trustees dated June 17, 2010, it was proposed that the targets for 36 new students to the district at Garibaldi would be calculated as follows:

- Regular & Home Learners – September 2010
- Less Regular & Home Learners at Garibaldi – September 2007
- Less Regular & Home Learners that were in other VSB schools – September 2007

It was also recommended that enrolment changes related to VLN Elementary Program would not be counted with respect to this target. These recommendations for the calculation of additional students to the district were presented to the Board of Trustees in June 2010.

## 3. Status September 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

<u>Enrolment</u>	
Total Regular and Home Learners as of September 2010	98.00
Less Regular and Home Learners at Garibaldi as of September 2007	41.00
Less Regular and Home Learners that were in other VSB Schools as of September 2007	<u>14.00</u>
<b>Total Growth in Student Population</b>	<b>43.00</b>

## 4. Staff Recommendation

In accordance with the Board Motion of May 2008, the school has met the target of increasing its enrollment by 36 students between September 2007 and September 2010.

- 1) That the Board of Trustees receives the report on student enrollment at Garibaldi Annex and confirm that as per the May 2008 motion, the school will not close effective June 30, 2011.

## **5. Further Consideration**

There has been a significant decline in overall enrollment and available resources within the district since the May 2008 motion approving Option C (the Modified Save Garibaldi Working Group Proposal). The Board currently is in the process of considering closures of other schools with low enrollment, where there is a prediction of further decline. As with the schools on the closure consideration list, Garibaldi continues to be a site where enrollment is low and where facility usage is sub-optimal. If the district had not already committed to a 3-year plan for Garibaldi Annex, it is likely that the school would now be on the list for consideration of possible school closures. In December, the Superintendent will bring forward recommendations for Garibaldi Annex in the context of current conditions.

2010 October 18

**TO:** Trustees  
**FROM:** District Management Team  
**RE:** **Appendix: Calculation of Students New to the District in Garibaldi Annex Regular and Home Learners Program**

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The following information provides detailed information as to the students currently attending Garibaldi Annex Regular and Home Learners program.

### **Regular Program**

The significant information below relates to Grades 3 and 4 students as these students potentially were already attending Garibaldi in 2007.

Of the 60 students in K-4 Regular program in September 2010:

- There are 18 Kindergarten students.
  
- Of the 11 Grade 1 students (*began school 2009*)
  - o 10 were at Garibaldi Annex for Kindergarten
  - o **1 entered from VLN – Elementary**
  
- Of the 10 Grade 2 students (*began school 2008*)
  - o 9 were at Garibaldi Annex for Kindergarten and Grade 1
  - o **1 entered from VLN – Elementary**
  - o **1 entered from another VSB school**
  
- Of the 16 students in Grade 3 in September 2010
  - o 10 were at Garibaldi Annex in 2007
  - o 3 entered from other VSB schools after 2007 2 entered from VSB – DL elementary after 2007
  - o 1 entered from out of district school
  
- Of the 5 students in Grade 4 in September 2010
  - o 4 were at Garibaldi in 2007
  - o 1 entered from another VSB school after 2007

## Home Learners

As the program was introduced in 2008, *none* of the following students were at Garibaldi Annex in 2007, and all are considered to be 'new' to the school.

- Of the 38 students in K-7 Home Learners program in September 2010
  - o 12 are registered in Kindergarten (no prior school registration)
  
  - o Breakdown of students in Grades 1-7
    - 11 have been registered in Home Learners since Kindergarten
    - **8 students entered from other VSB schools**
    - 3 entered from out of district schools (1 private; 2 public)
    - 2 entered from Vancouver area private school programs (Wondertree Learning)
    - 2 entered at Grade 1, with no prior Kindergarten registration

## Summary

Of students currently attending Regular and Home Learners programs, the following may be considered to be 'new' to the district.

Regular program Kindergarten	18
Regular program Grade 1	10
Regular program Grade 2	8
Regular program Grade 3	1
<u>Regular program Grade 4</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>37</b>
<u>Home Learners</u>	<u>30 *</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

**Note:** \*includes all students who entered in K, all current K, 3 OOD, 2 private, and 2 without previous registration