

VSB Preferred School Size Working Group

WORKING GROUP MEETING #6

JANUARY 21, 2021

Indigenous Acknowledgement



Objectives

- Confirm accuracy of PSSWG Final Report
- Gather feedback on PSSWG process
- Confirm next steps

Proposed Agenda

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| 3:45 – 3:50 | Welcome, introductions, agenda and ground rules |
| 3:50 – 4:00 | PSSWG Final Report |
| 4:00 – 4:15 | Elementary and secondary discussion groups |
| 4:15 – 4:30 | Report back and confirmation of Final Report |
| 4:30 – 4:40 | Process evaluation |
| 4:40 – 4:45 | Summary and next steps |



- Everyone has wisdom
- We need everyone's wisdom for the wisest results
- Everyone will hear and be heard
- There are no wrong answers

- Help each other to stay focused on task and on topic
- Please don't use chat box during presentation

PSSWG Final Report – Discussion

Key Questions:

- Is the report accurate to what we discussed?
- Anything missing that we talked about during our meetings?

Overall
Purpose of
PSSWG
Process

Mandate: LRFP Recommendation – That the District establish guidelines on preferred student population (enrolment) size with the goal of determining appropriate ranges of school size to inform planning decisions.

Purpose: To review, consider and discuss educational and fiscal criteria, examine current practices and draft guidelines for preferred school population sizes for VSB elementary and secondary schools.

Overall Purpose of PSSWG Process

Purpose (continued)

It is anticipated that preferred school size (student enrolment) guidelines will facilitate effective future, evidence-informed and transparent planning decisions including:

- Adjusting school catchment areas
- Location of district programs
- Prioritization of capital requests for seismic projects
- New schools
- School additions, and
- Balancing capacity with enrolment which could involve school consolidation

Date	Meeting	Focus
February 10	PSSWG Meeting #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro, overview, process agreements, base case, research, etc.
March 9	PSSWG Meeting #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Organization and Staffing Considerations Student Programs and Services
October 8	PSSWG Meeting #3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and other considerations
November 16	PSSWG Meeting #4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seismic Mitigation Program Considerations Preliminary Guidelines
November 19-25	Focus Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPAC, IUOE/CUPE, VSTA, VEPVPA, VASSA
December 10	PSSWG Meeting #5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm findings
January 21, 2021	PSSWG Meeting #6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm accuracy of PSSWG Final Report
TBD 2021	Presentation of PSSWG Report to FPC	

Preferred School Size Working Group – Meeting Schedule

Summary of PSSWG Process

Multi-stakeholder working group

Information presentations

Large group and sub-group discussions

Presentations and meeting summaries shared

Focus group sessions with additional stakeholders

Focus group findings shared

Draft Final Report

Meeting evaluations



Small Group Discussions

Is the report accurate
to the process and
our discussions?

Anything missing?

Process Evaluation

What worked?

Suggestions for improvement

Information provided at PSSWG meetings

Opportunities for input during PSSWG meetings

- Large group
- Elementary/Secondary discussion groups

Transparency

Facilitation of sessions

Effectiveness of Focus Groups

Overall effectiveness of process design (to meet objectives)

Other?

Next Steps



Finalize PSSWG Report

PSSWG Report to Senior Management Team

PSSWG Report submitted to FPC with staff report in 2021 (TBD)