



Memorandum

vancouver school board



Item 2

December 16, 2016

TO: Management Coordinating --Committee I

FROM: Rob Schindel, Director of Instruction

RE: **Adult Education Enrollment and Program Capacity Update**

INTRODUCTION:

This report is provided for information. No action is required.

Connection to the VBE Strategic Plan:

Goal #1: Engage our learners through innovative teaching and learning practices.

Objective: Provide increased opportunities to connect students to their learning.

BACKGROUND:

The Vancouver School District offers credit programs for adults who wish to undertake academic upgrading, improve their English language skills or pursue a graduation diploma. Presently, the program consists of the following:

- three adult education centres including Gathering Place, Main Street at Gladstone, and South Hill
- two youth programs which include Kiwassa and RAIL (Roberts Alternative Individualized Learning)

Over several years, the following funding model changes have occurred which have impacted funding levels received from the Ministry of Education:

- From 2008-2012 the Education Guarantee provided funding for upgrading for academic, and elective courses as well as for Foundation courses.
- On July 1, 2010, new funding and audit rules including the 10/10 criteria were strictly enforced through the audit process.
- On July 1, 2012 the Education Guarantee changed and only academic and Foundation courses were eligible for ministry funding.
- On May 1, 2015, the Education Guarantee changed again and only the 26 Foundation courses continue to be eligible for ministry funding.

ANALYSIS

Table A below outlines the historical enrolment of the adult education program. It should be noted that international students and school aged students in youth programs are not included in the table below. In addition, for 2015/16, there were 57 FTE international fee paying students and 100 FTE fee paying graduated adults.

TABLE A—Historical AE FTE & HEADCOUNT ENROLMENT SUMMARY

	2013/14 Actual FTE	Head Count	2014/15 Actual FTE	Head Count	2015/16 Actual FTE	Head Count
School Age	322	1067	258	932	208	714
Non-Grad	720	2568	516	1909	367	1316
G.A.	703	3026	702	2908	237	1017
TOTAL	1,745	6661	1476	5749	812	3047

The projected enrollment for 2016/17 is 634 FTE which includes:

- 163 FTE school age students
- 286 FTE non-graduated adults over 19
- 185 FTE graduated adults

TABLE B--Enrollment by Site-as of December 14, 2016

Site	School Age FTE	School Age Headcount	Non-Grad Adults FTE	Non-Grad Adults Headcount	Graduated Adults FTE	Graduated Adults Headcount
Gathering Place	0.625	3	10.375	58	2.125	9
Main Street	35.375	157	65.75	285	48.375	247
South Hill	54.750	226	74.5	357	70.875	361
TOTAL	90.75	386	150.625	700	121.375	617

The total ministry funded enrollment up to December, 2016 is 362.75 FTE.

In addition, adult education enrolled fee paying students including:

- 42 FTE and 70 headcount for international students
- 60.125 FTE and 349 headcount for graduated adults not funded by the ministry

AE Youth Programs

TABLE C—Youth (under 19) Enrolment for September and November Terms in Adult Education

	Youth Headcount 2014/15	Youth Headcount 2015/16	Youth Headcount 2016/17	Youth Program Headcount 2014/15	Youth Program Headcount 2015/16	Youth Program Headcount 2016/17
DEEC	21	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
HASTINGS	59	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kiwassa	n/a	n/a	n/a	18	20	14
Collingwood	n/a	n/a	n/a	16	n/a	n/a
GP	50	9	3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rail	n/a	n/a	n/a	23	16	15
MSEC	232	252	157	n/a	n/a	n/a
SHEC	432	392	226	n/a	n/a	n/a
SH Youth	n/a	n/a	n/a	36	n/a	n/a
SUB TOTAL	794	653	386	93	36	29
TOTAL	886	691				

Enrollment in the youth programs has declined from 93 students in 2014/15 when four programs were offered; 36 students in 2015/16 with two programs offered and 29 students in 2016/17 with two programs offered.

Adult Education Site Capacity

TABLE D—AE Operating Capacity by Site as of September 30th

Site	Maximum Blocks Available	Total Blocks Operating	Current Operating Capacity
Main Street	26	19	73%
South Hill	54	30	56%
TOTAL	80	49	61%

Note: Gathering Place has not been included in Table D as it is currently offering only a self-paced course program and a youth program.

CONCLUSION

The adult education program continues to offer a variety of opportunities for adult learners to complete graduation requirements or upgrading including self-paced, and structured course offerings. In addition, two youth programs are offered for school aged students who are under the age of 19 and enrollment has continually declined over the past three years.

Adult Education enrollment continues to decline for ministry funded students from 1745 FTE in 2013/14 to 812 FTE in 2015/16. The projected enrollment for 2016/17 is 634 FTE representing a decline of 22% compared to the previous year.

Based on program enrollment as of September 30th, 2016, operational capacity is currently under-utilized.