

guide

Area IV Accommodation Challenge Spanish Bilingual Program

Open House
January 20, 2014

The purpose of this open house is to:

- Pursue relevant information
- Seek feedback from others
- Ask questions
- Check out your assumptions

Stations to review:

- Student Accommodation Planning Process, Engagement History, Decision and rationale
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Transportation
- Spanish Language Program Specialist
- Tell us what you think? - Sticky wall to share your thoughts with others.
- Feedback form – make sure that you complete this form and leave it at the sign-in table.

Please note that all information displayed will be on the CBE website and connected to your schools website January 21, 2014.

http://www.cbe.ab.ca/Schools/ceop/pp12-13/westgate_french_immersion_spanish.asp

Timeline-History:

May 6, 2010– Parent Meeting regarding space concerns at Westgate School, CBE recommends moving grades 5 & 6 French and Spanish students to Bishop Pinkham.

May 13, 2010 – Parent Council Meeting, parents do not want their students in a junior high setting.

November 19, 2010 – Parent Meeting, CBE designates grade 6 only to Bishop Pinkham School, knowing that this would just delay the inevitable over crowding at Westgate School within two years.

September 2012 – Westgate School is at capacity

December 3, 2012 - Parent Meeting, parents review 4 scenarios and provide input for additional scenarios.

December 4-14, 2012 – Scenarios available for comment on Thoughtstream

January 9, 2013 – Open House – scenario feedback available for review and additional input and prioritizing

February 27, 2013 –Open House – 3 scenarios presented for review by parents

April 8, 2013 - Letter to parents – Move grade 5 students to Bishop Pinkham, short term solution for one year and long term solution to be announced in the 2013-2014 school year. Although a specific school site was not identified, parents were made aware that there were 3 available schools that did not house students during the 2012-2013 school year.

January 2014 – Eugene Coste School is the new location for Spanish Bilingual K-6 for Area IV. Westgate School will become K-6 over the next two years. Bishop Pinkham will revert back to French Immersion, Spanish Bilingual and Regular program over the next two years.

Administrative Decision:

School	Change for 2014	Change for 2015
Westgate School	K-5 French Immersion	K-6 French Immersion
Eugene Coste School	K-5 Spanish Bilingual Program	K-6 Spanish Bilingual Program
Bishop Pinkham School	Regular Program Grade 7-9 French Immersion Grade 6-9 Spanish Bilingual Grade 6-9	Regular Program Grade 7-9 French Immersion Grade 7-9 Spanish Bilingual Grade 7-9

This administrative decision was made because it:

- Addresses the capacity issue at Westgate and Bishop Pinkham Schools.
- Provides a stand-alone K-6 continuum for both French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs
- Provides an opportunity for both alternative language programs to expand
- Addresses parent desire to have students continue at Bishop Pinkham School
 - French and Spanish stay together at Bishop Pinkham Gr.7-9 and transition to E.P. Scarlett High School
- No regular program or school will close to make room for these changes
- Long term solution to address high space utilization rates in all CBE schools.