

update

May 14, 2014

IAP2 LEVEL INVOLVE

We will involve you by obtaining your feedback on the process that we will use to gather parent and community feedback on this issue.

By involve we mean we will work directly with the public to ensure that your concerns are directly reflected in the process developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the process.

Enrolment Pressure at Tuscany Schools

School Council Meetings – April 2 & 10, 2014

Update #1

The following information is a summary of the feedback collected at school council meetings earlier this month. All information regarding this issue can be found at: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/Schools/ceop/pp13-14/tuscany-enrolment-pressures.asp>

Issue

Tuscany School is at capacity and Twelve Mile Coulee School will be over capacity by September 2015.

A new k-4 school has been announced for Tuscany. It is hoped that this school will be ready for 2016.

A temporary solution is required to accommodate all Twelve Mile Coulee School students until the new elementary school is ready.

Gather Information

Approximately 50 parents from Twelve Mile Coulee and Tuscany Schools provided feedback on a process to engage the community on this issue. (Verbatim feedback is attached.)

Ideas suggestet from school council meetings

Ideas suggested by stakeholders	What we heard	Consideration/Analysis
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online survey 2. Open House 3. Focus Group, start with an online survey which can invite them to attend the open house for further information. Invite them to the focus group while they are at the open house. 	<p>Online survey has come to the top of parent ideas on how to start this engagement.</p> <p>The next step as an open house is possible.</p> <p>Focus groups provide an opportunity to check the pulse of the community.</p>
	Flyer drop off door to door	Could be considered if school council members are able to organize
	Link survey to the Tuscany Sun newsletter	This is very possible, timing of publication is a consideration
	In person survey at BBQ on June 13, 2014	Possible, would require school council support
	Town Hall meeting open to everyone so people can ask questions about clearly communicated options.	Town Hall format meetings are generally not considered as many stakeholders are intimidated by others with strong points of view and not all voices are able to be heard.
	Targetted email to affected parents	It is possible to use current school email lists to distribute information to affected parents with children currently attending school. Challenge is connecting with parents whose children are not yet in school.
	Strategic communication plan	An important part of this work
Community mail out to reach those without children in school., post flyers at Starbucks, Sobeyes & Daycares	A good way to connect with more families. Cost will need to be consider	

How would you like to start this engagement process?	Engagement Technique	Dots assigned
	Focus Group	17
	World Café	4
	Open House	21
	Online Survey	49
	Other	20

Community Engagement Plan & Timeline

May/June 2014 – Survey to the community

Fall 2014 – Open House

Prior to winter break – Decision announced

Decision Making |

Any decisions regarding accommodation changes will be made by the Area Director and the Director of Planning & Transportation..