

Opportunities and Challenges – Evergreen Engagement November 5, 2009

Proposed accommodation for the students in grades 5 and 6 from the residential district of Evergreen

1. Designate students to Woodlands School (GR5-GR7) and Woodman School (GR7-GR9)

Opportunities:

- more staff
- keep enrolment up
- more funding for school
- keep same age group kids together

Challenges:

- changing schools too many times – (4)
- K-4 at Woodlands has approximately 2 classes for each grade – then 8 classes of 5 & 6 would be added
- classroom size – (2)
- overcrowded school
- buses
- My daughter is in Gr. 3 at Eugene Costs right now so that would be yet another transition for her!!
- Could Midnapore School be an alternative site as their bussed students from Bridlewood will have their own school opening Sept/10?

Comments: Can we provide parent option to choose option?

2. Designate student to Woodman School (GR5-GR9)

Opportunities:

- less transition – (2)
- not too many transitioning stages
- Could PLP be moved to accommodate space?

Challenges:

- young children with teenagers – (2) – as Woodman is an off campus at lunchtime i.e. students are allowed to go off school premises at lunchtime – does this mean that Gr. 5-6 would be the same? Would probably feel more comfortable if Woodman did not allow students off campus
- mix of pre & post pubescent kids (5-9)
- changes the dynamic of Woodman Jr. High
- Woodman School at capacity

Comments: Does Janet Johnstone enter in the equation?