

## **Opportunities and Challenges**

### **Eugene Coste School & Haysboro School**

### **from Open House on November 16, 2009**

#### Opportunities:

- To go to Woodman for grade 6 instead of Haysboro for one year then to Woodman (less of an impact on the child)
- All Haysboro community kids together

#### Challenges:

- Transportation to and from school
- Integration of regular (non-combined) classes into Haysboro's combined class program (x2)
- Will there be a building assessment (Eugene Coste) – independent building inspection? Cost to maintain, etc?
- When Braeside and Cederbrae elementary levels are too low where will they go?
- What are the CBE staff facility needs going forward? Where will the Area V admin staff go?
- Vacant building & lot still requires maintenance!
- Community should be involved not just parents!
- Despite the union rules, will some Eugene Coste teachers move to Haysboro to make student transition easier?
- Projected enrolment if Evergreen grade 5 & 6 stayed
- An empty school still costs money, Eugene Coste could have a wing closed and still be viable for future needs
- Since we are located on the most eastern boundary of Haysboro, concern for a young student being required to walk to school in the winter months when cold as both parents work – no option to ensure child gets to/from school safely during these periods.
- Transportation. We live a walking distance of 20-30 minutes and this would be a great challenge when it is very cold.
- We live across from Eugene Coste School, concerned about community in the future.
- I live in south Haysboro close to Eugene Coste School. I have two children, work full time and depend fully on daycare from 7:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. My daycare will not be able to bring my children to Haysboro School. Because we live within the no-bus zone (approx. 2 km) apparently my children should walk to school which is not safe or possible in cold weather. This challenge could be resolved with a bus stop (pick up at 96<sup>th</sup> Ave.). Please can you find a way to get my children on a bus otherwise they will have to register in a different school program.
- I use a dayhome in Haysboro and we have transportation issues. My child has been at this dayhome for six years and they are a member of the family. She will not be able to walk the kids, and we are facing losing a valued member of our family. Even if the current grade 4s could go to Woodman, she cannot get them

there. Please consider some sort of option for her livelihood and our children's well-being.

Comments:

- In order to minimize the impact of change/transition to a new school for my child for only one year (grade 6), would like to suggest that since Woodman may be offering grade 5/6 for the Evergreen students, to allow my child to attend grade 6 at Woodman as well. Thereby eliminating the need to have to move to Haysboro for only one year. Note: Woodman is our designated junior high.
- What about out of district students (other than Haysboro) who currently attend Eugene Coste? How will they be handled so that they can remain with their friends?

Questions:

- Are there going to be split classes next year for grade 4/5 kids, and if so how would the integration of the regular program from Eugene Coste work?
- Will there be busing for kids who are close to the red line (boundary)?
- Please can you organize a bus pick up at Elbow Drive and 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue? (we are willing to pay for bus service – thank you)
- I have heard talk about smoking done by Woodman students in the area. How would you protect the younger children from that?