



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY MEETING - Morrin School General Comments Thursday, February 12, 2009

If student enrolment continues to decline and funding is continuously reduced and the school Board has to make a decision about the future of Morrin School, what is your preferred option for educating your children?

- Video conferencing for times when subjects are desired by only a few kids.
- I would consider temporarily relocating to facilitate my child going to a stronger school setting. Could education funding support that??
- My preferred option would be the video conferencing if there was no other option.
- Combine grades.
- Keep the school as is as much as possible.
- Use video conferencing and or DLP if necessary.
- V/C.
- I would bus to a bigger center.
- Travelling teachers.
- Video conferencing.
- Get after MLA – Rural students matter – it shouldn't be all about money.
- The status quo is great!! Would go to great lengths to maintain it.
- Keep the school first, video conference second.
- Combined classes are better than busing students.
- Depending on the solution – we are – as all families in our area – in the position of going to another school division. All we ask is the students “our children” be put first and given as good of an education as anyone – anywhere! Isn't that the Alberta advantage?
- My child stay in Morrin and attend combined classes.
- Travelling teachers instead of students I think would be a great option.
- Educate them here – with combined classes/video conferencing if necessary.
- Community involvement for sports, fine arts with less red tape/hoops to go through.
- Keep the RAP and Green Programs! Career Counsellor very good!!
- Allow options for students to be rezoned to allow skill or trade options to avoid if funding is reduced the education is not at risk.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Maintain trades and sports to help attract enrolment.
- 4 day school week with longer days.
- Video education seems popular but do we have documented outcomes of this style of education??
- I choose this school for my children because my husband went here and I want my children to grow up in a small community.
- I do not think that we are close enough to any other school to move students to another school.
- Thanks for the forum and opportunity. Allowing students the opportunity for 1 credit courses is key. Having safety courses, H2S and other oil patch qualifications might be a way to increase community usage.
- Informative evening.
- My group had a very positive first reaction to the suggestion of a four day school week but longer each day, and save one day/week transportation costs.
- Great meeting.
- In the future, this meeting was great. Appreciate the information, muchly informative. Thank-you.
- The mobile units are great and much needed.
- I like the idea of having a teacher that is hired to teach a subject to more than one school. Also the idea of video conferencing where they have a teacher that is well suited to do the job and is trained properly.
- If classes have to be combined I thought it worked well to have there own teacher for core subjects and combined for other subjects like Art, Phys. Ed. Social, Health, etc.
- Whatever choices are made – the students are the top priority NOT the dollar. It’s sad that a gov’t would make school boards have to have these meetings!
- Thank you for involving us in the process.
- Many students play guitar, or drums as well as other musical instruments. Form a music class where maybe you hire a local music teacher for 2 hours twice a week.
- RAP program and portable trades bus is excellent. Thank you.
- Very good meeting full of information that myself was not aware of. Thank you.