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MEMORANDUM

To: SD 43 CE Steering Committee
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Re: School District 43 Open House Input for Moody, Coronation, Victoria Park & Parkland
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Participants at the October 29, 2013 Open House shared the following input with trustees. If participants agreed with a statement they indicated this by adding a “plus” sign to the comment.

Moody Elementary – Ideas and Opportunities

- Larger daycare space (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Supportive of a new school
- A new school on the Moody Middle site (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Sharing facilities with Moody Middle (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Improved programming
- Joint use – community centre
- NLC services ie: dance schools
- Enhanced Library – City – Community
- Before and after school care space (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Sell the old Elementary school site to get a new school (this was echoed by many participants)
- New school same site
- K-8 friendly opportunities and role models (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Arts and culture opportunities
- Non-profit
- Space for learning outdoors in green spaces (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Pedestrian overpass over St. John’s (this was echoed by over a dozen other participants)
- French and Spanish immersion in area (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Green areas on the school grounds
- Specific focus on school program
- Positive program draw for current catchment area
- Art and music programs (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Community school facilities connected to school
- Collaboration with City staff and elected members
- Collaboration with all sports groups and field users
- Build on Coronation
- Green spaces for the community
- House another sports field (indoors) on this site for 10+ under age group
- Plans that blend with existing neighbourhood use
- Re-open Coronation Park

- Retain small elementary and re-open Coronation
- New elementary school on middle school site provides better opportunities to access green space
- Sell elementary school site to fund new school on middle school site

Moody Elementary – Issues and Concerns

- Loss of community space
- Daycare space
- Loosing space and office for Air Cadets
- Loosing a school on the site
- Sentimentality for the existing school. Four generations have attended school
- Longer distance for ECE students if moved
- Density in area – more practical to stay in area
- Safety issues for students, proximity to Evergreen
- No development overlooking site
- K-5 being on the same grounds as middle school
- Seismic issues at existing school (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Worried about loosing respect for heritage of neighbourhood
- Preference for a new elementary school on the existing middle school site – close to Klahanie
- The community is changing ensure that decisions are based on good and current information
- It is a community in transition be responsive to that
- Existing school to close to skytrain station. Moody Middle is a better site for a new elementary
- There is no grass currently. So have to play soccer on dirt field
- Loss of school could mean loss of traffic calming measures. It is already becoming a busy shortcut from Como Lake
- Population and resource drain at Moody
- Share specific plans on options under consider for land management for specific properties. If land sales are under consideration identify this up front rather than springing it on community and saying they were consulted. If land purchases are being considered share comparative price analysis and other research from plans.
- There needs to be more information and transparency about money, land, and benefit to community and students this would contribute to trust
- No disposition of public lands as land sales are irreversible
- Preserving public lands and public use of land that is highly valued by community especially with increasing density is important (this was echoed by several other participants)
- There is no French immersion in area

Victoria Park – Ideas and Opportunities

- Sell for housing – generate revenue for new elementary school
- Arts, music, dance
- Sell to the City as a park and set money aside for School District (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Exchange with City for school site on Burke Mountain for new school

Coronation – Ideas and Opportunities

- Look at Port Moody's OCP?? High density is predicted – have we taken that into account?
- Supportive of medium density development right beside Evergreen Line (this was echoed by over a dozen other participants)
- Sell it (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Live work tower with school first two floors and a pre-school on third (this was echoed by several other participants)
- Two towers – one for senior – create a community of care “cradle to grave”
- Indoor recreation facility – partial site (this was echoed by several other participants) Subdivide the other part of site
- Build international student housing
- Low rise (5 storey max) type housing include dog park

Coronation – Issues and Concerns

- Traffic? Balmoral only access
- Against Towers
- Keep as school property for future growth
- City of Port Coquitlam has backed off with plans for towers and high density
- Why save a school site when room elsewhere?
- With forecasted population increase will eliminating Coronation leave the District short of space?
- Has the Coronation site been geotechnically surveyed? Concerned about stability and density use

Parkland – Ideas and Opportunities

- Use the space for CRU's (commercial retail units) and retain title
- Subdivide property into residential lots and put money generated into capital improvements
- Light commercial or residential use through sale
- Release land in manner that yields the richest economic return
- Sell it!!
- Create community garden for students

Parkland – Issues and Concerns

- Property owners need to understand community use, noise and stray balls
- Laneway extension should not continue to Poirier (avoid traffic hazard)
- Last lot on east must have access to garage on through west side of property
- (Individual shared perspective) majority of neighbourhood residents oppose land sale
- Large community use of fields (soccer) requires street parking – building new houses will reduce limited street parking
- New residential construction would take away current parking on Poirier from field users