

**OKANAGAN MISSION AREA FOCUS GROUP
MAY 23, 2013
OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY SCHOOL**





OKANAGAN MISSION AREA FOCUS GROUP MEETING

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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FORMAT FOR TODAY'S MEETING

- Information sharing
- Opportunities for dialogue and input
- Establishing next steps



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BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Board Motion – June 13, 2012:

The District work towards the long term goal of phasing in a consistent grade configuration in all areas of the District within K-5 elementary schools, Grade 6-8 middle schools and Grade 9-12 senior secondary schools.

Long-Term Facility Plan – Approved by the Board of Education on November 28, 2012



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BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Board Motion – November 28, 2012

Okanagan Mission Area Zonal Recommendation:

- “1. Consider an interim Grade 7-8 middle school within OKM Secondary (making it a Grade 7 to 12 school on an interim basis) – with a long-term plan of a new Grade 6 to 8 middle school in the Okanagan Mission area.
Timeline: In the September following the completion of the OKM addition.”*



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BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Board Motion – November 28, 2012 Continued

2. *Revise elementary catchments to distribute the population more evenly.*
3. *Introduce an Early Learning Program to service the Okanagan Mission area as soon as there is adequate space.”*



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WHAT'S NEW?

EDUCATION

School site acquired in Upper Mission area

**New middle school
will be built if
approval is received
from city, province**

By DON PLANT
The Daily Courier

If the city approves, kindergarten children in Kelowna's Upper Mission will walk to a neighbourhood middle school in five years or so.

The school district has agreed to buy 2.8 hectares of barren land off Frost Road in The Ponds area. Assuming the city rezones the property and the B.C. government pays the capital costs, up to 600 students in grades 6-8 will take classes in the new school by 2018.

The construction budget alone is \$35 million to \$40 million, said school board chairwoman Moyra Baxter.

"We have to hope (the government) will give this top priority and that it won't be too long. ... If they approve it, it could be five years

before everything is complete." Parents in the South Mission have been crying for more schools as new residents move into the area. Chute Lake Elementary opened in the Kettle Valley subdivision in 2000, and demand for a middle school is strong. Once students finish Grade 7, they must travel to Okanagan Mission Secondary, which offers grades 8-12.

The proposed school site sits between a neighbourhood park and future village centre, which will become the hub of The Ponds residential area. The subdivision is about 15 per cent developed. Land manager David Lang predicts 800 houses and 400 multi-family units will be built within 10 years.

"If it's a middle school, as the school district is envisioning, the catchment area is much larger than just The Ponds," he said.

Baxter won't reveal the price for the property unless the city rezones the property for school purposes, a question council will consider by September.

"We're pretty confident that it

will go smoothly. The price would be public information then," said Baxter.

The district plans to reconfigure the grade pattern in Central Okanagan schools. Middle-school students are now in grades 7-9. Eventually, the middle schools will teach grades 6-8. Grade 9s will go to secondary school.

That assumes the high schools can accommodate the extra grade. Some of them can't, said Baxter.

"We're also looking in the future at perhaps having to build more secondary schools."

The two areas that lack a middle school are in the Mission and Lake Country. The district is also trying to acquire property in Lake Country but has yet to announce where.

"Those are the two areas where we still have kindergarten to Grade 7, and 8-12. We want to go to consistent grades, which is middle-school grades throughout the district. We realize that this might take 10 years or even 15 before it's totally in place," Baxter said.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25
(Central Okanagan)



News and Information



May 21, 2013

School District and The Ponds Reach Agreement for School Property

Kelowna, B.C. –

The Central Okanagan School District and The Ponds have established an agreement in principle for a future school site in The Ponds neighbourhood. The 7 acre site is located between the existing neighbourhood park and the future Village Centre and, when built, is expected to become the hub of the community. The site is of sufficient size for a future middle school in the Upper Mission which is consistent with the identified school needs for the area. The Ponds neighbourhood will be proceeding with the rezoning process for the site in order to facilitate the transfer of ownership.

The continued growth in the Upper Mission, especially in The Ponds, has resulted in a need for additional educational facilities in the area. A new 600 student middle school in the Upper Mission area of Kelowna is in the top three immediate capital needs identified by the School District, along with the rebuilds of Rutland Middle and Glenmore Elementary Schools.

For comments, please contact:

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Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools, 250-860-8888

Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, 250-860-8888

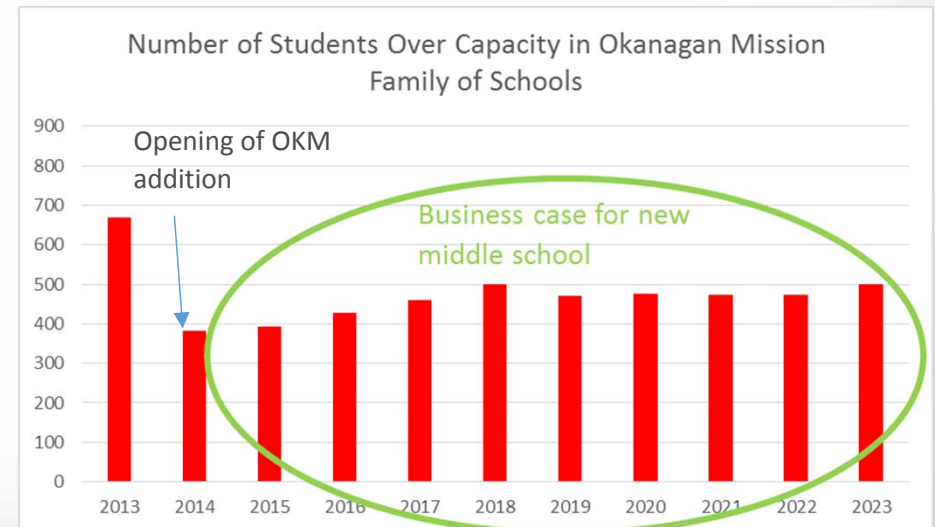
The Ponds, 250-764-8700



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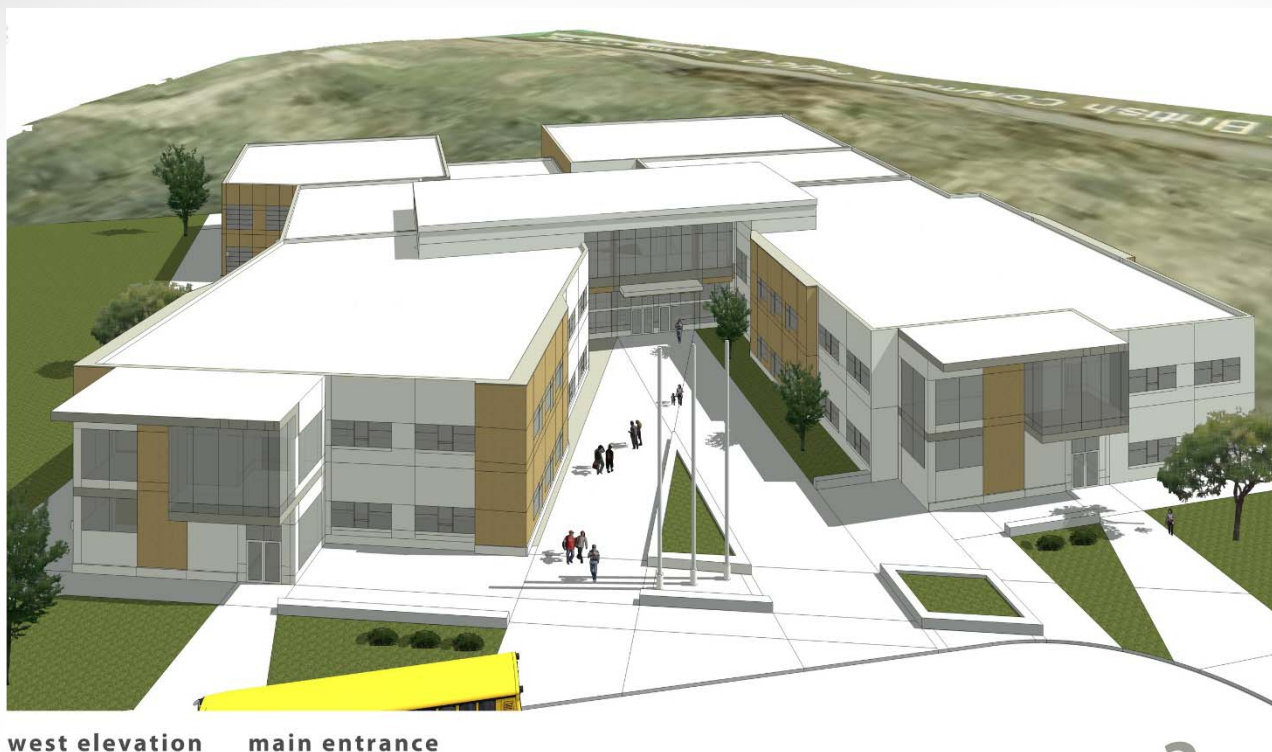
Overview of New Middle School Site

- The Central Okanagan School District and The Ponds have established an agreement in principle for a new middle school site in The Ponds neighbourhood
- 7 acre site (future Joint Use Agreement with City of Kelowna for shared use of adjacent park property)
- Estimated 600 student middle school
- Project Identification Report to be complete in 2013 (required to define scope and to be considered for Ministry of Education funding)
- Likely opening 5+ years away





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west elevation main entrance



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The Challenge

- How to accommodate the inevitable growth in elementary school student enrolment in the Okanagan Mission area in the near future?



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CURRENT STATUS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

Kindergarten Registrations: 2013/14

Anne McClymont Elementary School	48
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Chute Lake Elementary School	78
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(44 available spaces)

Dorothea Walker Elementary School	
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FIMM	39
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English	<u>25</u>
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Total registrations to date:	190
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(Registrations as of September 2012 = 175)



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CURRENT STATUS OF CHUTE LAKE ELEMENTARY WAITLISTED STUDENTS

- 34 Kindergarten students on waitlist (33 going to AME and 1 attending an independent school)
- 22 students from grades 1 to 7 (20 attending AME, 1 attending Watson Rd., and 1 attending an independent school)

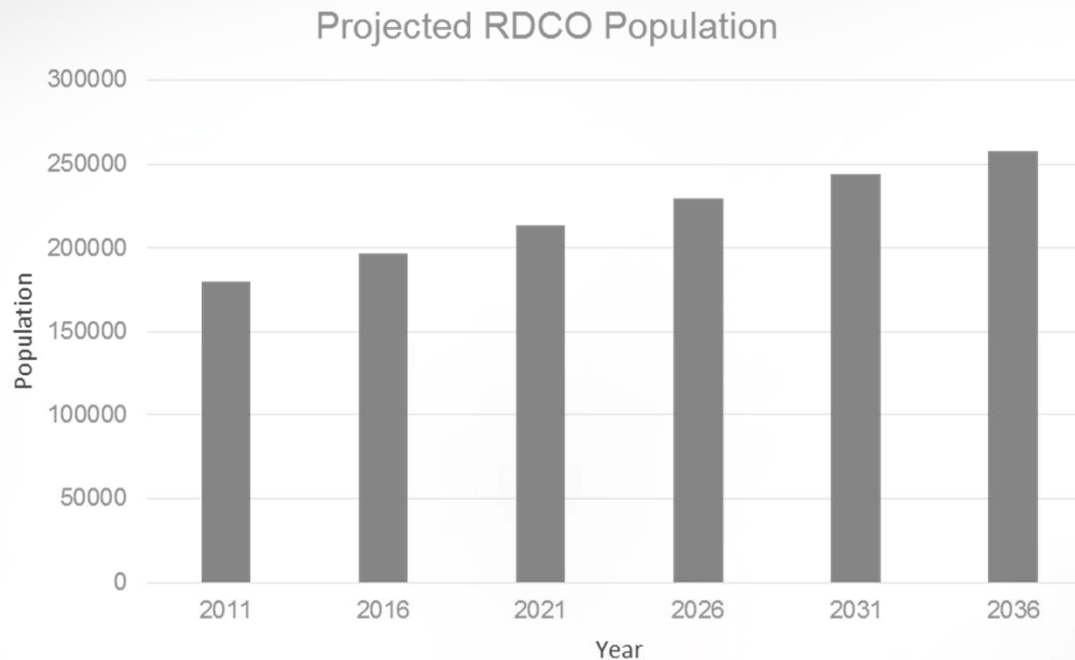


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DISTRICT WIDE STATISTICS

DISTRICT STATISTICS

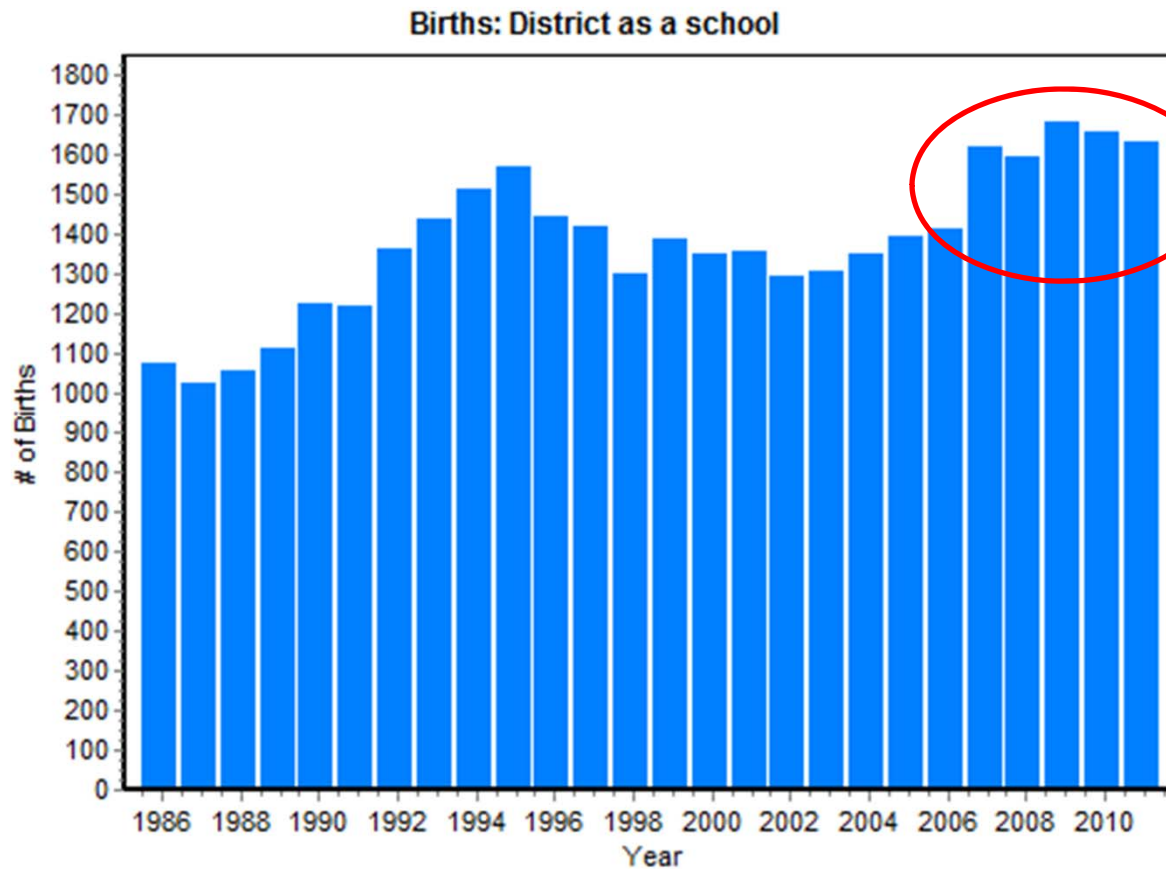
RDCO Projected Population Growth (2011-2036)



Almost **40,000** new households will be formed by 2036 (Regional Growth Strategy)

REGIONAL STATISTICS

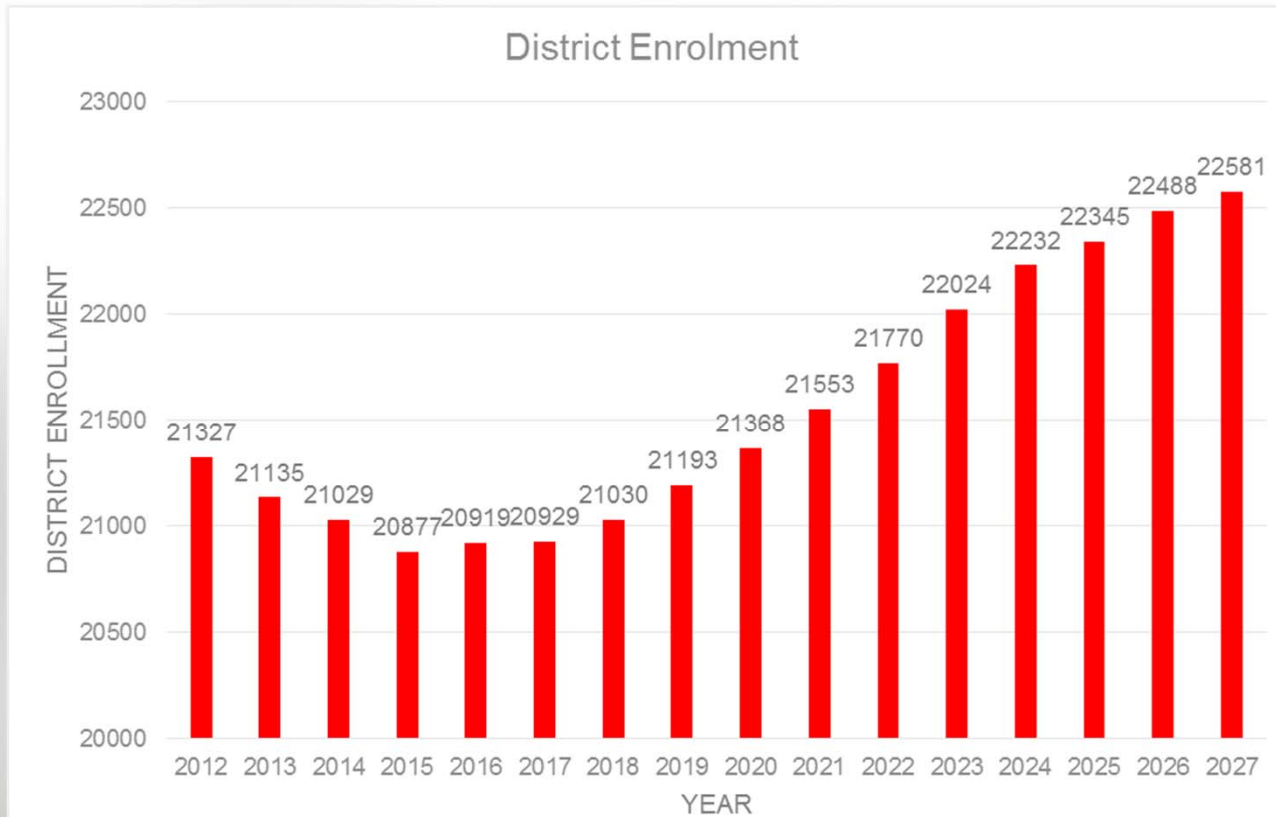
Central Okanagan School District Actual Births



Significant
increase
in birth rate

DISTRICT STATISTICS

CENTRAL OKANAGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS (2012-2027)

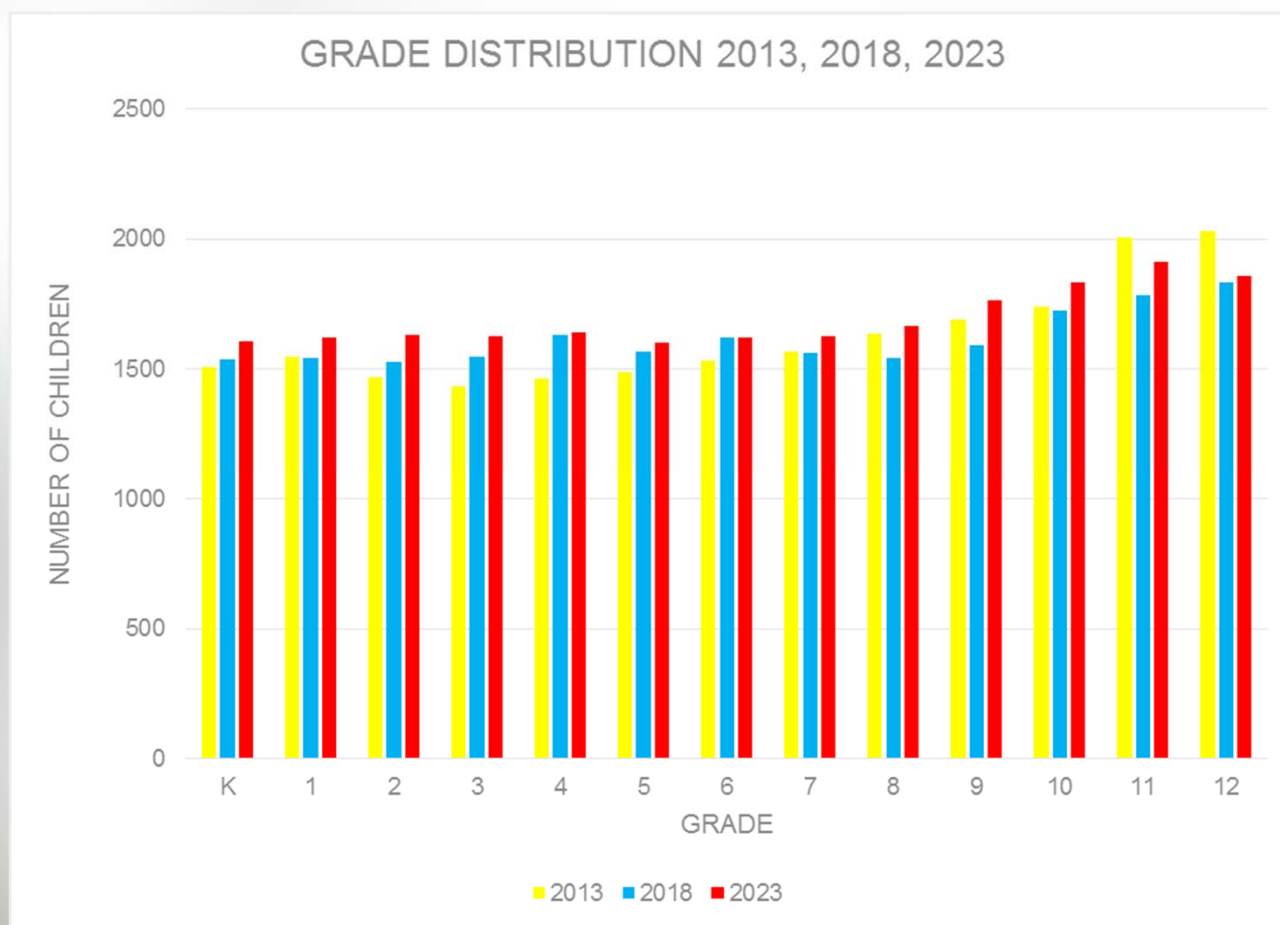


- Enrolment is expected to dip slightly until 2015
- Enrolment from 2015 onwards expected to increase
 - Growth primarily created from recent increases in the birth rate



DISTRICT STATISTICS

District Wide Projected Grade Distribution (2013, 2018, 2023)



Elementary (K-6)

- Will see a continued increase over 10 year period

Middle (7-9)

- Will be relatively steady for first 5 years and grow again after 10

Secondary

- Will decline for first 5 years
- Will increase again after 10 years
- 10 year projections still lower than existing enrolment



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**OKANAGAN MISSION AREA
ENROLMENT**



ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

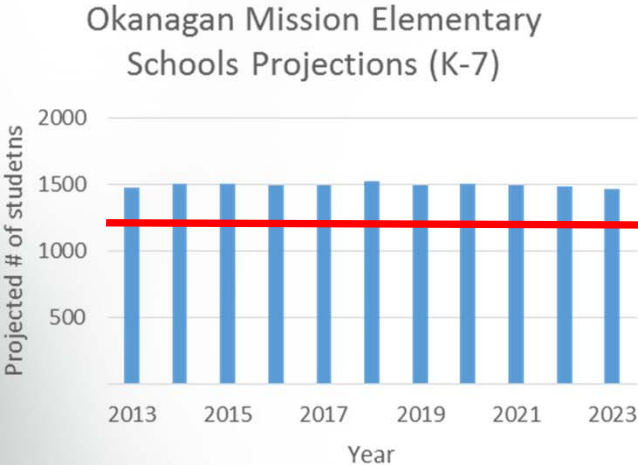
Planning for 2013/14 and 2014/15

- Chute Lake Elementary capped at 500 students for 2013/14 (approximately 50 students being redirected to Anne McClymont)
- No change in catchment area for 2013/14 - to be reviewed for 2014/15 school year
- Chute Lake, Anne McClymont and Dorothea Walker are all already over Ministry of Education defined capacity
- Due to high primary grade enrollments (smaller class sizes) and the continued enrolment growth at Chute Lake, Anne McClymont will likely be unable to accommodate 2014/15 demand (even with portables)
- The Chute Lake catchment area has the highest proportion of children aged 0-4 in the entire district so the “greater than expected” enrollment trends are likely to continue
- Projections indicate that the 2013/14 school year will be the last year grades K-7 can be accommodated within the area elementary schools

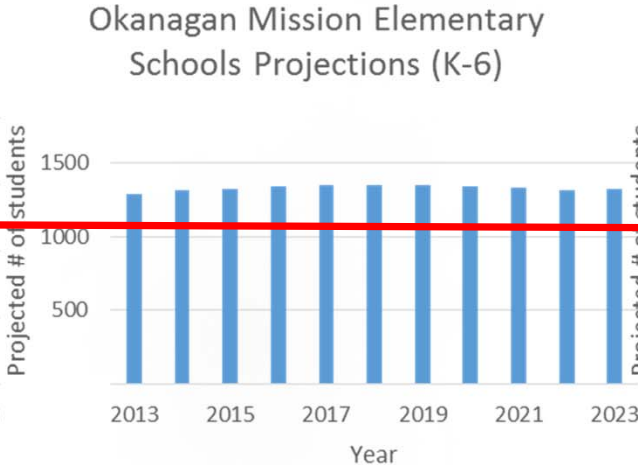


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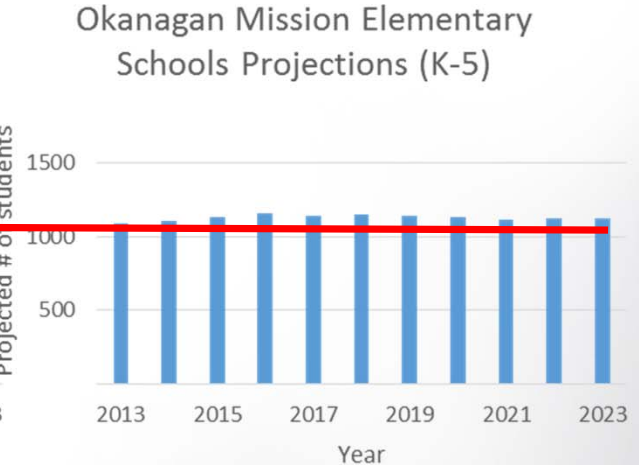
Existing Grade Configuration



Possible Interim Grade Configuration



Long Term Grade Configuration

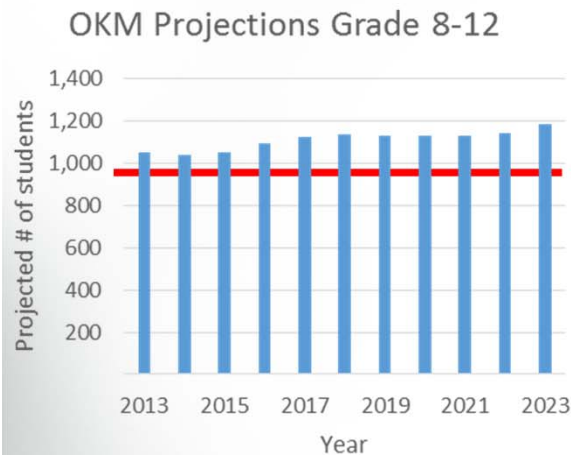


— = Total operating capacity of Chute Lake, Anne McClymont and Dorothea Walker (1,110)

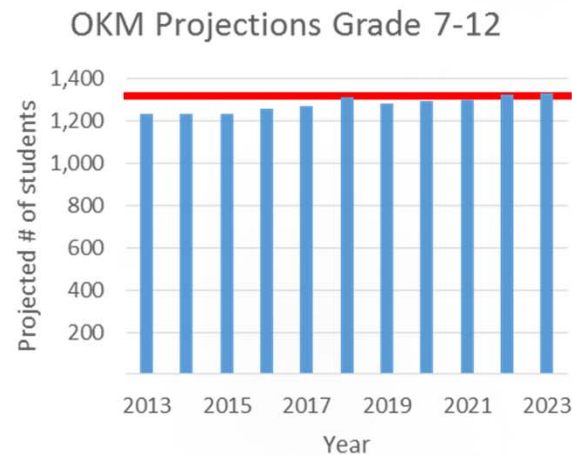


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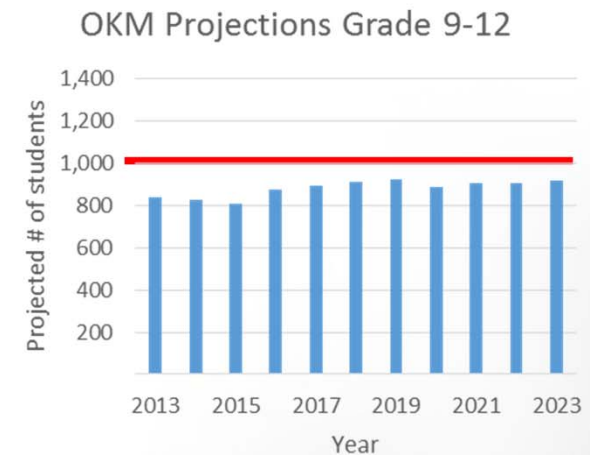
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Long Term Grade Configuration



— = Total operating capacity of OKM (975 with no addition and annex, 1,275 with addition and annex, and 1,050 with addition and no annex)



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Group Discussions

1. What solutions/recommendations would you offer that would support the success of the establishment of a school-within-a-school for Grade 7 students at Okanagan Mission Secondary School?
2. What other solutions or recommendations do you want the Board of Education to consider?



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1. Talk Time
2. Group Sharing
3. Submission of Feedback Forms



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Next Steps:

Please provide feedback to Superintendent
Hugh Gloster by Thursday, June 6th at:
Superintendent@sd23.bc.ca

This information will be incorporated into a
final recommendation to be presented to the
Board of Education prior to the end of June.