LAKE COUNTRY FOCUS GROUP FEBRUARY 28TH, 2013 GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY SCHOOL -LIBRARY





INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME



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



MANDATE OF THE FOCUS GROUP

Board Motion – November 28, 2012

Lake Country Area Recommendation:

"Until September 2014, manage elementary growth at existing elementary schools either through the revision of catchment areas, redirection of students and/or the placement of portables. <u>During the next year, further discussions/focus groups should consider possible solutions to providing a "middle school" in Lake Country, including a school-within-a-school."</u>



INTERIM PLAN FOR 2013/2014

- Cap Davidson Road Elementary School
- Transport overflow students to Peter Greer Elementary School
- Adjust catchment area boundaries
- Continue negotiations to finalize the purchase of a future Middle school site.



CURRENT STATUS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

Kindergarten Registrations:	2013/14	2012/13
Oyama Traditional School	21	11
Davidson Road Elementary School (62 available spaces)	76	64
Peter Greer Elementary School		
FIMM	26	21
English	42	39



FORMAT FOR TODAY'S MEETING

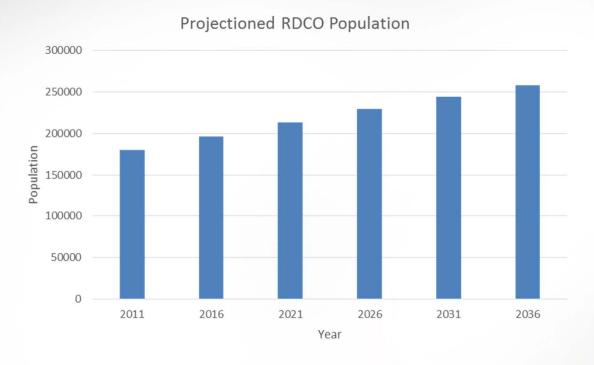
- Information sharing
- Opportunities for dialogue and input
- Establishing next steps



REGIONAL STATISTICS



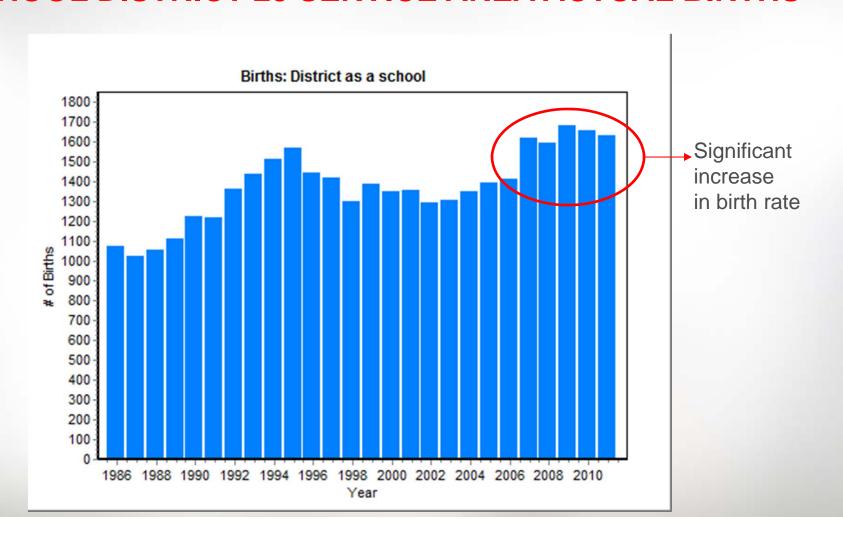
RDCO PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH (2011-2036)



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

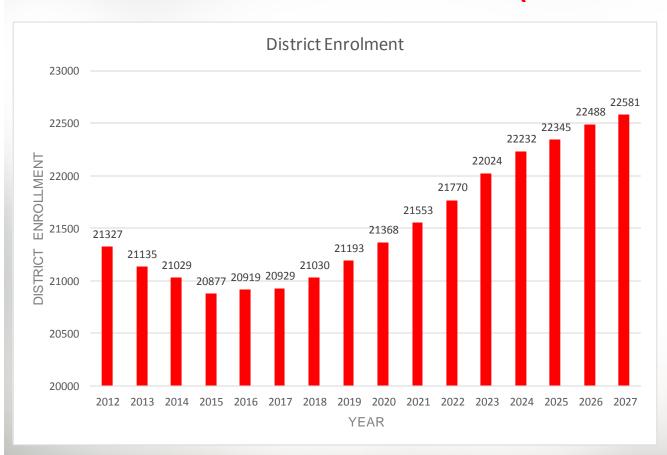


SCHOOL DISTRICT 23 SERVICE AREA ACTUAL BIRTHS





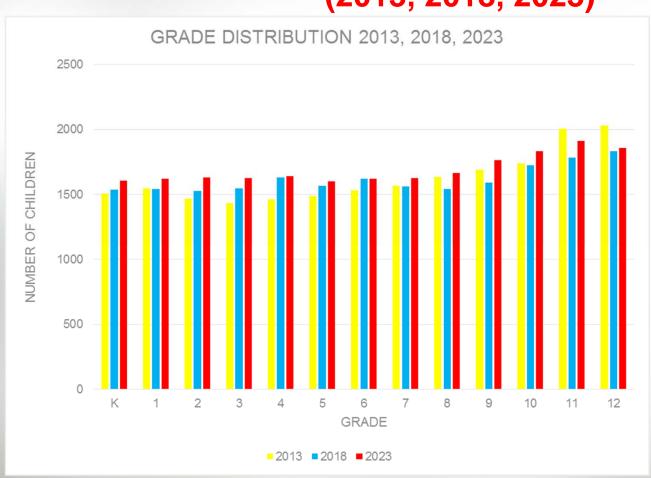
SCHOOL DISTRICT 23 ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS (2012-2027)



- 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 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



LAKE COUNTRY STATISTICS



LAKE COUNTRY OCP GROWTH PROJECTIONS (2030)

Year	Population	Residential Units
2012	12,486	5,180
2015	13,684	6,221
2021	16,435	7,470
2030	20,361	9,377

- Required by 2030: **4,197** new residential units
- Potential student yield: 1,200-1,600 students

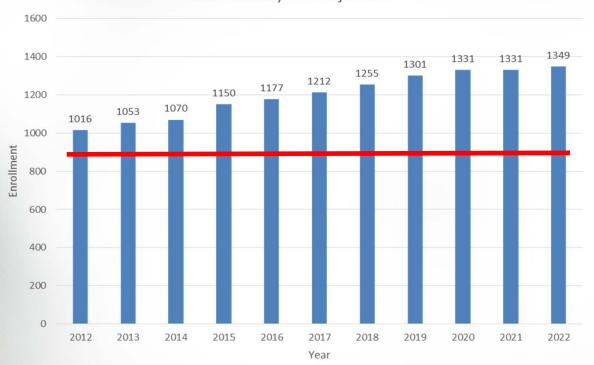
"With an anticipated annual 3.1% population growth rate, about 1,041 new residential units will be required by 2015."

-Lake Country Official Community Plan



LAKE COUNTRY K-6 PROJECTIONS DAVIDSON RD, OYAMA TRADITIONAL AND PETER GREER

Lake Country K-7 Projections



- Existing enrolment exceeds operating capacity
- Continuous enrolment growth projected
- By 2022 approximately 20 portables would be needed to support enrolment

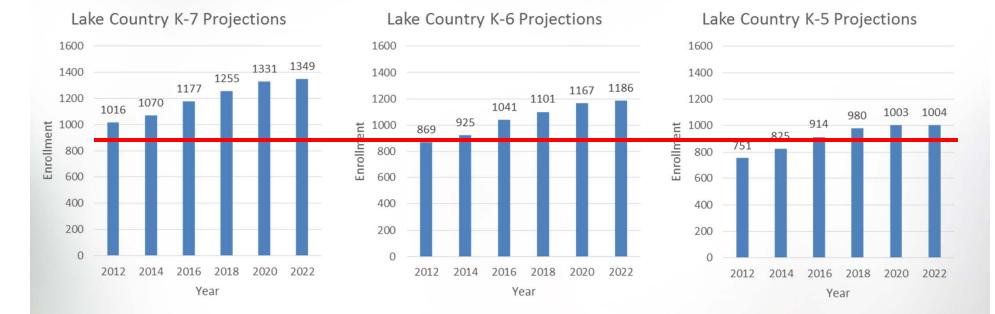
= Total operating capacity of Davidson Road, Oyama Traditional and Peter Greer (893)



Existing Grade Configuration

Possible Interim Grade Configuration

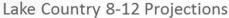
Long Term Grade Configuration

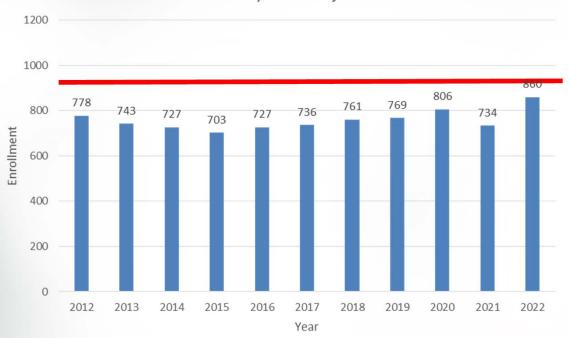


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LAKE COUNTRY 8-12 PROJECTIONS (GESS)





- GESS has existing spare capacity
- Enrolment projected to grow slightly over 10 year period

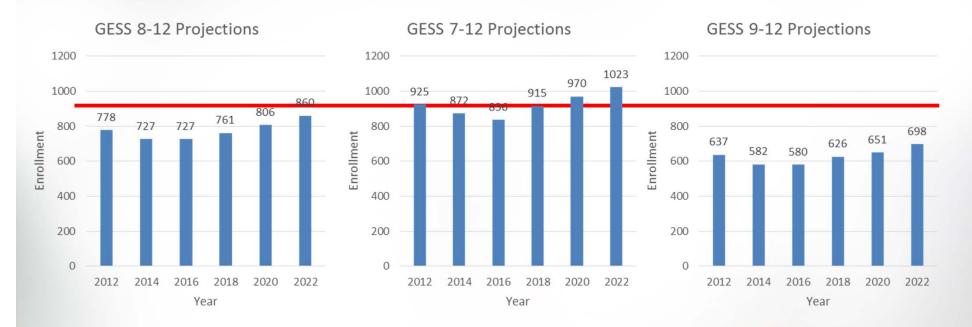
= Total operating capacity of GESS (925)



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Long Term Grade Configuration



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THE CHALLENGE

- How to accommodate the inevitable growth in elementary school student enrolment in Lake Country in the future?



OPTIONS:

- 1. Catchment Area Changes
- 2. Portables
- 3. Another Elementary School
- 4. Interim Middle School (school-within-a-school)
- 5. Stand-alone Middle School



GROUP DISCUSSIONS:

- 1. What would be the benefits of creating a grade 7 school-within-a-school at George Elliot Secondary School as an interim step toward establishing a stand-alone Middle School?
- 2. What are the challenges?



GROUP DISCUSSIONS:

- 3. What solutions/recommendations would you offer that would support the success of the establishment of a school-within-aschool for Grade 7 students at George Elliot Secondary School?
- 4. What other solutions or recommendations do you want the Board of Education to consider?



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



- Next Steps
- Next Meeting Date:
 Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 6:30 pm (to be confirmed)