

## Public Meeting #2 – Feedback (Raw)

The meeting consisted of a general presentation followed by optional facilitated breakout sessions. Approximately 34 participants were present for the presentation and 23 participants took part in the breakout sessions spread over 3 rooms.



### What role or support function does the school provide for you

#### **Room 1**

- Education for our children
- Children's first sense of community/belonging
- Green space in neighbourhoods
- Recreation and playgrounds
- Before/after school care
- Community centre; not just for children
- Community use

#### **Room 2**

- no comments

#### **Room 3**

- Full day kindergarten, after school care, safety - not to have to leave the school, no bus
- Arts core is very important - only other Arts Core are in east side, moving here to be closer, gentrification
- Accessibility to the rink (learn to skate during gym)
- ISP - close for families a lot of kids have medical challenges good to be close to home; huge range at Westlawn
- Several districts

- Dedicated staff is amazing -this is a safe space
- Parents have found the school here with a specialized program as other schools have not fit
- EPSB could attract students - parents would go the extra mile for these schools
- Changes are concerning \$ transferred from individual areas - never used to be like that
- Opening boundaries started several years ago
- You can now transfer if you want to rather than if you need to
- Schools and churches used to be the root of the neighbourhood; everybody grow up in an area
- Draw is gone for a community if the schools are gone
- School and community drives the neighbourhood; can't take out the heart of the community and not replace it with something; people start to move out; no more connection
- Young people do the research on neighbourhoods

### **What do you like best about your community?**

#### **Room 1**

- School within walking distance
- Glendale with little traffic in area
- Sherwood in redevelopment; increase value
- Great neighbours
- Socially/ethnically diverse
- Glenwood community league is strong
- W Meadowlark community league is strong (new spray park)
- Come to Afton from outside the area

#### **Room 2**

- no comments

#### **Room 3**

- Established area, community league, keeps everybody together, don't worry about where the kids are, sense of belonging
- Sense of community
- Would like our kids to grow up like we did; kids grow up together utilizing the spaces there
- Being at the school provides a place to be involved
- Don't want to have to go through the boundary changes

### **What would make your community better?**

#### **Room 1**

- Having new schools would draw more people in
- Need new schools; good for long term sustainability of neighbourhoods
- Childcare; better childcare; affordable
- New school over modernization. Afton design is poor (inside classrooms without natural light)

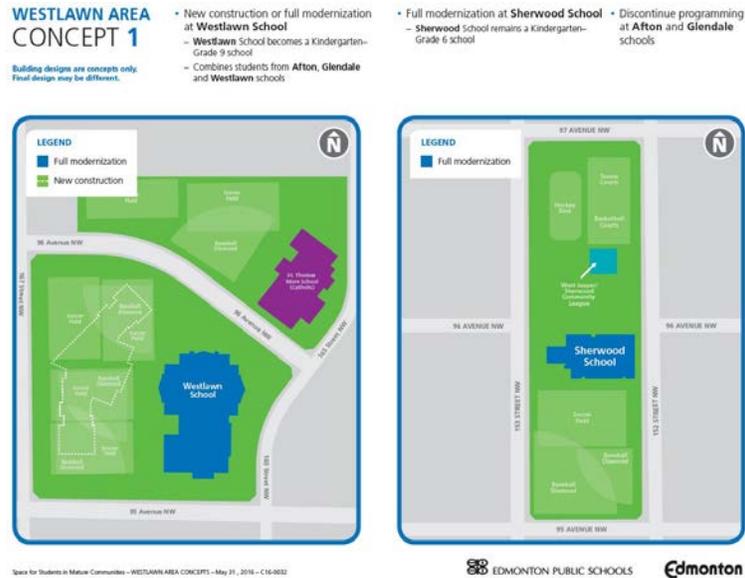
#### **Room 2**

- no comments

#### **Room 3**

- Keeping all the schools open
- Equalizing schools (areas are segregated) - everybody has access at the school to programming
- School and community league is heart and soul of neighbourhood
- Kids may go over to another neighbourhood but they don't have the same connections
- EPSB and City of Edmonton could work together to attract parents and young families - why are we revisiting this every ten years? We need to be working to solve this. We have have a wonderful

opportunity to work with City and province.  
 -By the time a decision is made there could be an influx of numbers



**What do you see as the STRENGTHS of Concept 1?**

**Room 1**

- K-6 available to most within reasonable distance
- Close to LRT
- Potential for additional enrollment from Glenora
- Range of recreational uses for Sherwood

**Room 2**

- Divides children evenly
- Less travelling
- Lots of green space around Sherwood
- Eliminates school zone on 95th Ave if there was no school there.

**Room 3**

- Like size of Westlawn
- ISP - this may mean there is a park close by; learning through play; opportunity to have modernization of things, bigger spaces for wheelchairs
- Group divided about in favour or not of K-9

**What do you see as the CHALLENGES of Concept 1?**

**Room 1**

- K-9
- Sherwood playing fields on 95 ave. Not necessarily a safety issue. More related to aesthetics.
- Sherwood is a modernization rather than new

**Room 2**

- Capacity of school is too small

- Education suffers in large classrooms
- Bessie Nichols is not a great comparison in capacity
- Build an elementary school that is just as big as a K-9
- Arts core needed and wanted by citizens in west end
- A lot of people leaving schools because they are not specialized

### **Room 3**

- Technology in junior high is worlds apart from K-6 (keep K-6 cushioned)
- Wouldn't be increasing #'s at Sherwood
- Don't think the \$ are accurate

## **Concept 1: Additional Comments**

### **Room 1**

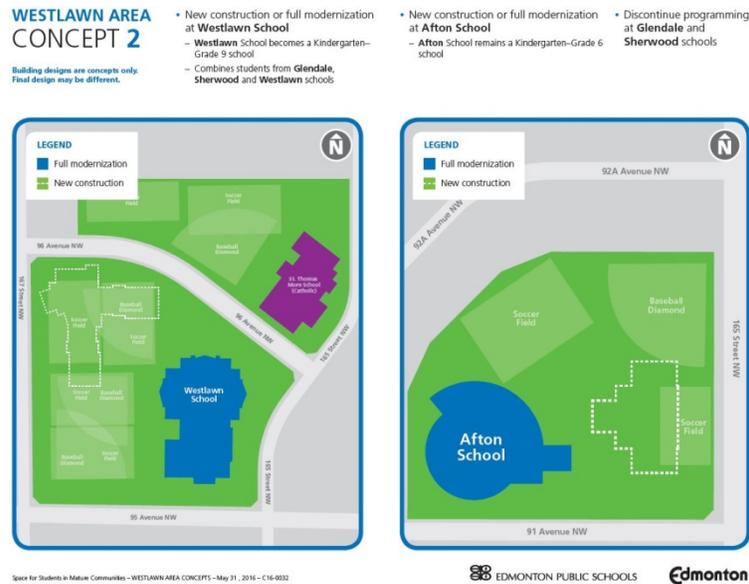
- Question: When will schools be built?
- Question: Number of students bused to Afton?
- Question: Why such a strong emphasis on Westlawn? (in every option) (95 ave a busy street). Roland: Central. Larger site of four. None of four sites are very large. Isolated/segregated school sites from earlier planning approaches. Possible to do custom design for the sites.
- Other K-4's in city? Roland: Ellerslie Primary
- What happens to closed sites? Roland: Retained for another district use. Used/purchased by non profits. Joint Use allows other school districts to acquire. Charter school. City of Edmonton with first right to acquire. City may identify other needs/interests as well.
- Main concern is to see an unused school.
- K-9 in Westlawn, does this include full day K? Roland: Would look at continuity of programming. Based on need.
- Will Arts program be available at Sherwood? Consistent programming at both schools (Arts). Each school should have equal programs.

### **Room 2**

- Does not make sense to put \$ in a school that is aging
- Fear of split classes (i.e. 4/5 split)
- Capacity @ Sherwood
- Citizens want smaller schools. Priority given to smaller schools by citizens.
- Where would Special Needs classes go? More info. is needed.
- Where will programs be housed?
- How/where will special populations be housed?
- How will their needs be met?
- Can Sherwood be just a Special Needs school?
- want to see special Needs students in reg. programs
- Small School = ~ 200-300
- Large School = +700
- Regardless of size, small class sizes with good student/teacher ratios (less than 25)
- Mindful of school design.
- Will students be displaced? Disruption to learning! Do not want long bus rides.
- Must consider plans with the least amount of disruptions to students.
- Would prefer to see a new build.
- Remove Sherwood to create a larger green space to be more in line with City Council initiatives - best way to serve the community at large is to make a decent park. Greater balance - community does not have a lot of green space for its population ratio. Good for community health! Fiscally responsible.
- Priority must be given to green space NOT real estate if school no longer there.
- What will happen if there's a population boom?

### **Room 3**

-What does discontinued programming mean? Is it continuing at the new site?



### **What do you see as the STRENGTHS of Concept 2?**

#### **Room 1**

- New construction for both.
- Afton site with less traffic
- Parking at Afton good
- Afton has a good community partnership with hospital and extended care facility
- Westlawn health clinic
- K-6 and K-9 OK if future growth means there will be enough kids
- Afton site big enough to have adequate play area
- Westlawn would not have too large of enrollment and would have adequate play space
- New construction of Afton would provide more natural light

#### **Room 2**

- The numbers of students works well
- Good that they are close to the High School
- Proximity to High School, Community League, Pool, etc...
- Accessibility would better benefit the school (re: transportation)
- Afton: Flexibility of old or new model.

#### **Room 3**

-no comments

### **What do you see as the CHALLENGES of Concept 2?**

#### **Room 1**

-Modernization of Afton not appealing

**Room 2**

- Accessibility for some is an issue. High traffic congestion.
- Congestion can be a problem with the Afton/Westlawn model

**Room 3**

- What would the boundary/catchment area - two elementary schools within blocks of each other?

**Concept 2: Additional Comments****Room 1**

- Question: Why K-9 and K-6 because it overlaps grades within 3 blocks of each other?
- Consider K-5 at Afton and gr 6-9 at Westlawn
- Continue gr 7-9 Arts programming. West end needs an Arts program; however, will this steal kids from other schools?
- What happens to Interactions program at Glendale?
- Cost breakdown of modernization versus new construction? Don't rule out modernization without seeing the design plans. It will come down to cost. Request for more cost information at next meeting.
- LRT will run fairly close to Afton; therefore, potential for more development.

**Room 2**

- Could students stay in one building while the other is being built?
- Would programming remain as is?
- Would accessibility remain due to boundaries?
- Would schools be competing for enrollment?
- Where would the programming be?
- If Afton stays, Arts programming will stay - if no Afton, where will Arts Prog. go?
- It always seems that it comes down to \$\$, rather than students.
- Mindful of school design.
- Will students be displaced? Disruption to learning! Do not want long bus rides.
- Must consider plans with the least amount of disruptions to students.
- What will happen if there's a population boom?

**Room 3**

- Should look at real modernization for the area including playgrounds and areas for older kids- not just the schools.
- Have everything done at the same time - not having to wait for the playspaces
- What does this mean to the outside spaces?
- Why wouldn't you build one elementary school that includes specialty programming (almost concept 4)?
- How do you determine utilization of space?

## WESTLAWN AREA CONCEPT 3

Building designs are concepts only.  
Final design may be different.

- New construction or full modernization at **Glendale School\***
  - Glendale School becomes a Kindergarten–Grade 4 school
  - Combines students from **Afton, Glendale** and **Sherwood** schools

\*New construction would require a custom, two-storey design

- New construction or full modernization at **Westlawn School**
  - Westlawn School becomes a Grades 5–9 school
  - Combines students from **Afton, Glendale, Sherwood** and **Westlawn** schools

- Discontinue programming at **Afton** and **Sherwood** schools



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### What do you see as the **STRENGTHS** of Concept 3?

#### **Room 1**

- K-4 allows younger kids to be nurtured.
- Walkability of quiet streets around Glendale.
- Less traffic.

#### **Room 2**

- The size is good
- They are singular in what they offer
- Afton can be good site if JP grew
- Grade 5's and grade 6'ers in with grade 9's.

#### **Room 3**

- Gr 5-9 seems more age appropriate

### What do you see as the **CHALLENGES** of Concept 3?

#### **Room 1**

- Locates all lower elementary to north end of cluster. Poor choice for K.
- All students relocated while schools are built.

#### **Room 2**

- Displaced students - those who cannot stay at school during construction phase
- Grade 5's and grade 6'ers in with grade 9's BUT better than having K-9.

#### **Room 3**

- Where do students get relocated temporarily? What happens with busing for kids who currently walk, etc? Perhaps my childcare/afterschool care is at that school. How does the parent pay for the extra expenses?

- What will the kids do who can't bus? (Yellow or ETS)
- Timing of construction/renos - disruption for students and parents
- Worrisome is huge about travel, school location, disruption in schedule and schoolmates

### **Concept 3: Additional Comments**

#### **Room 1**

- How will relationships between parents, students, and school staff be maintained in a larger school?
- Do not like use of Bessie Nichols as a comparison because of overcrowding and size.
- Request to hear from parents who have gone through this (what they like and don't like) to learn from mistakes.
- Impact of consolidation on number of casinos? Casino funding very important. Applies to all concepts. Important to families with less \$ resources.
- Does increased size of new schools mitigate need for casino revenue? Terry: New schools get quite a bit of provincial funding for technology. School will have ongoing funding to maintain. Casino funding would not be needed as much for technology.
- Add an elevator to Glendale? Terry: Yes
- Request to see more information on modernization options and cost benefit analysis. Terry: Next phase will look at design concepts.
- Question: Why are we being asked the community questions? Cllr. Knack: Provide the City with some information of what's important to residents if a school closes.
- Question: Are we looking at seniors housing? Cllr. Knack: Likes the idea. School Act currently does not allow this. May be included in future drafts of MGA.
- Trustee Ch: Open to looking at these options for future use. Multi purpose building would be excellent (rather than single use purpose built) so that the building can evolve over time. Legislation and funding required will take time.
- Question: Timeline? Trustee Ch: Depends on provincial funding
- Question: Will these capital requests be prioritized high enough to receive funding? Terry: Placeholders for these

#### **Room 2**

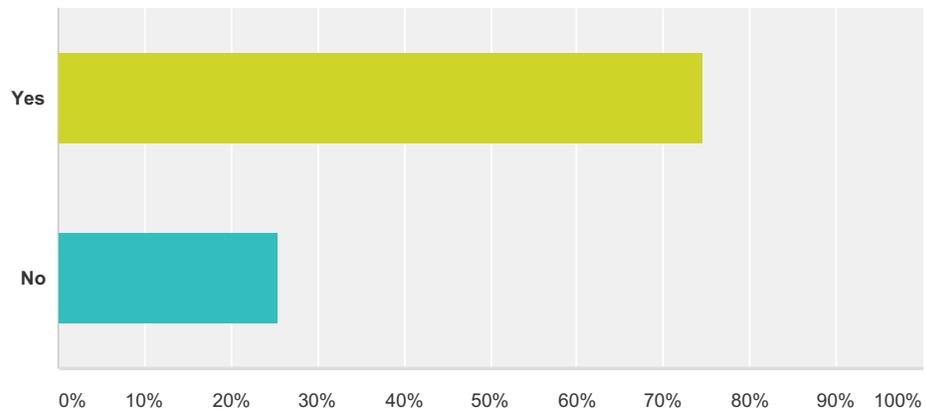
- Mindful of school design.
- There are other two story school that have elevators - why can't this one?
- Large green space on Glendale site
- Will students be displaced? Disruption to learning! Do not want long bus rides.
- Must consider plans with the least amount of disruptions to students.
- What will happen if there's a population boom?

#### **Room 3**

- K-4 - how would this work for students going to 5, 6?
- Where would the new construction be?
- Kids are resilient
- Single parents - difficult to manage this -the entire picture need to be looked at so things are done right the first time
- Changing the landscape/use of the area for something other than schools (i.e. housing) is concerning

### Q1 Do you currently live in the Westlawn Cluster?

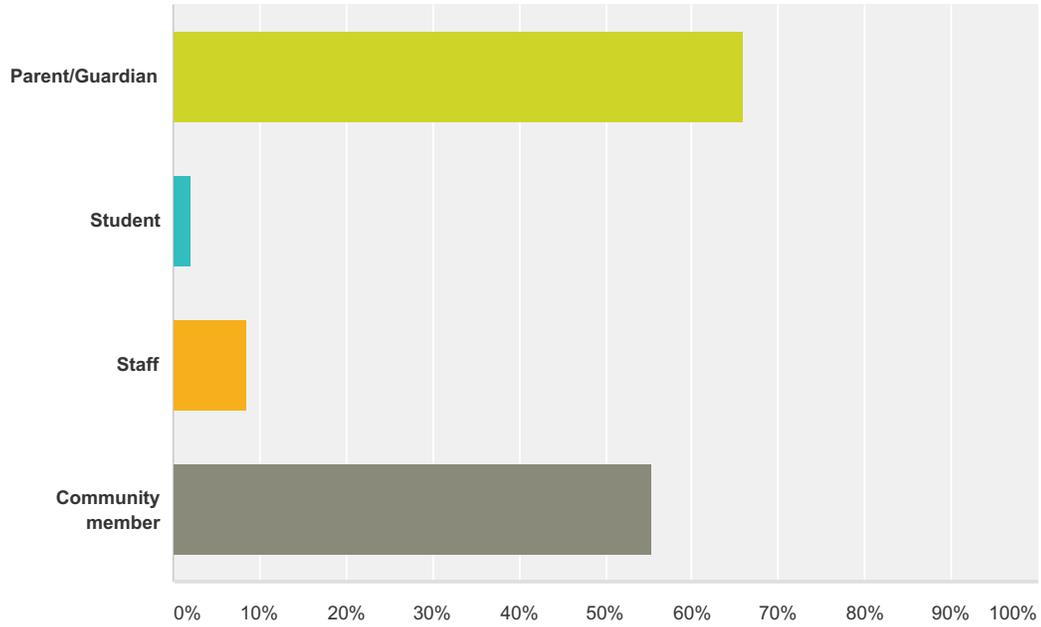
Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	74.47%	35
No	25.53%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>47</b>

**Q2 Please identify your role(s) in the school community - you may choose more than one**

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Parent/Guardian	65.96% 31
Student	2.13% 1
Staff	8.51% 4
Community member	55.32% 26
<b>Total Respondents: 47</b>	

### Q3 What role or support function does the school provide for you?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 13

#	Responses	Date
1	we have preschool aged children that will be attending school soon	6/17/2016 12:37 AM
2	my son is in grade 3 and we use the after school care	6/15/2016 10:21 PM
3	Both my children will be attending in Fall 2016	6/14/2016 4:50 PM
4	The school provides education to my children and child care before and after school and throughout the summer.	6/14/2016 2:58 PM
5	Currently have Afton Grade 6 student and Afton Grade 3 student.	6/13/2016 10:28 AM
6	We specifically bought a house in this area for our son to go to Afton Westlawn and JP School. We want our son to walk to school and come home for lunch everyday.If they close we will be moving.	6/12/2016 9:32 PM
7	future site of my child's education. - ISP programming.	6/11/2016 3:43 PM
8	My children had attended Sherwood School for K-6, currently work at this site.	6/9/2016 5:05 PM
9	Westlawn - currently none Afton primary school for nephew. He will be in Kindergarden in the fall 2016	6/9/2016 1:22 PM
10	School and before and after school care for our child.	6/6/2016 6:12 PM
11	Happiness; purpose and passion	6/6/2016 10:03 AM
12	Employer and eventual school of choice. My children are 3 years old.	6/4/2016 9:29 PM
13	Volunteer and took part in school activities with grandson	6/4/2016 2:57 PM
14	Son is a student there.	6/4/2016 2:43 PM
15	Part of the community.	6/4/2016 10:43 AM
16	I wish to send my daughter to Afton Arts School as it is the only school in the area that offers an alternative learning environment in the area.	6/3/2016 5:31 PM
17	My children do attend/have attended Afton and my house backs on to Afton school field	6/3/2016 3:41 PM
18	Neighbor hood students attend.	6/2/2016 8:34 PM
19	My children are currently not of school age, but will be in 2 years.	6/2/2016 6:11 PM
20	schooling, childcare	6/2/2016 5:41 PM
21	Recreational area (schoolyard).	6/2/2016 4:50 PM
22	I have a child attending Afton School.	6/2/2016 3:46 PM
23	Two sons that attend Afton	6/2/2016 3:13 PM
24	Future school for my child	6/2/2016 1:19 PM
25	Close access	6/2/2016 1:15 PM
26	Children at Afton	6/2/2016 1:01 PM
27	School for my kids	6/2/2016 12:28 PM
28	Both my children went to Afton School, but are now in University, graduating High School	6/2/2016 12:02 PM
29	Children go to schools in area	6/2/2016 10:28 AM
30	My children go to these schools and so do their friends	6/2/2016 9:53 AM
31	Schools are important to keep communities vital and functioning	6/2/2016 8:49 AM
32	My daughter goes to Afton specifically for the arts program. I expect that she will continue on in the arts, going to Vic Comp since there is no other arts option for junior high/high school.	6/1/2016 3:23 PM
33	community elementary school, Park and Play space	6/1/2016 9:29 AM

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34	Community	6/1/2016 1:46 AM
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## Q4 What do you believe are the strengths of the first concept for Westlawn?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 33

#	Responses	Date
1	residents in east Westlawn and west Westlawn will both have schools close to them. there are 2 schools for the k-6 ages to go to so not as many classes of the same grade.	6/17/2016 12:52 AM
2	I feel that Sherwood should have a second story added to the school and made a K-9 school this would bring the student numbers up and should 5 or 600 students and this should be a reasonable distance between the two schools and keep little kid's away from the L R T tracks	6/15/2016 10:34 PM
3	It puts an elementary school on both sides of the proposed future LRT tracks. It includes two sites for K-6, minimizing travelling distance for affected families. The school currently offers full day Kindergarten, so presumably that program would have a high priority to be continued.	6/14/2016 3:40 PM
4	No strengths, not an option.	6/12/2016 10:44 PM
5	With the proximity of the three schools it makes sense to combine them into a K-9 facility. I like the orientation of the proposed new building on to 167 Street (I assume). Makes for better flow of traffic with less congestion on 165 Street, better for busing. Modernization at Sherwood, which is already wheelchair accessible also makes sense.	6/9/2016 5:47 PM
6	Westlawn, and I'm sure Sherwood currently have limitations to technology and possible future program scope. The modernization could fix some of those concerns.	6/9/2016 1:45 PM
7	-Westlawn and Sherwood are physically separated by some distance and the proposed LRT. This would give the ability for parents to have choice in their school and not have to travel too far. K-9 for Westlawn and K-6 Sherwood would work very well. -Community League on same property. Excellent for events and to work together with community members -Sherwood could also be re-configured with a second story for community use in terms of Day care expansion, Seniors programming; second language programming for parents - Cree, French, Spanish, ESL -Both sites have lovely setting with lots of green space for the children. -Sherwood has a community league on site as well as a playground. -close proximity to 149th and nestled in between 149th and 156th allows for a large area of draw for parents/students. -Sherwood is completely wheelchair accessible with no raised floors as well as front door entrance with button and a complete wheelchair accessible bathroom off the gym. Two other bathrooms in the gym foyer area could also be converted to the bathroom which would give more storage for gymnasium equipment. -Sherwood is already a site serving Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society (on site supervisor in office with the White Cloud Aboriginal Head Start Program on site) as well as Little Einstein's Day Care has two rooms with daycare and before and after school care. Both programs are full. -Relationships have been built with the community including the Gospel Centre Church and other volunteers who are working with many reading initiatives and there are several regular classroom volunteers.	6/6/2016 10:16 AM
8	Stays open.	6/4/2016 11:03 AM
9	A new school would be wonderful for the kids involved.	6/3/2016 6:35 PM
10	More space for students	6/2/2016 6:15 PM
11	The location and size of Westlawn.	6/2/2016 3:52 PM
12	None	6/2/2016 10:35 AM
13	Small increase in better service to the west part of the catchment area.	6/2/2016 10:05 AM
14	Mature Neighborhood Development...site is operational during construction	6/1/2016 1:48 AM

## Q5 What do you believe are the challenges of the first concept for Westlawn?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 32

#	Responses	Date
1	No field space in the Westlawn school field. Both schools are right on 95 ave which is busy.	6/17/2016 12:52 AM
2	There doesn't appear to be much growth happening in the Sherwood community, and I doubt having a future LRT track running nearby is going to stimulate much revitalization. There are few services in the area. Most of the traffic from parents in that zone will come from east of the school, meaning most parents that drive to the school will likely have to turn left across 95 avenue to return home. Maybe this is the case now, but when enrollment grows considerably, it seems like a potential hazard. Play space is split between the north and south side of Sherwood School, making supervision more difficult when there are a lot of kids attending. Public transit stops near the school are right on the busy (and often, awfully dirty) 95 avenue. The Sherwood School site only allows a new school construction on the same site. This will mean a lot of disruption for Sherwood students as they have to spend a couple years in a different school before moving back. So all affected kids will be coming into the new school from other schools where they have gotten comfortable and formed relationships. So this plan offers the most disruption to the highest number of kids.	6/14/2016 3:40 PM
3	Sherwood is too dangerously close to traffic for small children. We do not agree with K_9. Older kids are not always a good influence around much younger kids. Also Westlawn needs to clean up their reputation of an only discipline problem School.	6/12/2016 10:44 PM
4	I feel parents at Afton would much rather have a separate building for their 'arts' program, but many schools run multiple programs in one building. Stabilization of ground at Sherwood Configuration of proposed new building at Westlawn takes up a lot of green space which will result in loss of fields the city has on site currently	6/9/2016 5:47 PM
5	It doesn't address the student population or school history. Westlawn is known as a school for discipline challenged kids. It has been for over twenty-five years. Re-branding would have to be successful for many parents in the neighborhood to consider putting their children there. For Sherwood school, access has always been a problem, i.e. student pickup / drop off. Especially since this is elementary and now further away from homes of students going to Afton. It would only add to the traffic issues.	6/9/2016 1:45 PM
6	Not enough space	6/6/2016 6:15 PM
7	-no particular challenges. -Definitely the best concept.	6/6/2016 10:16 AM
8	Costly and disruptive to upgrade. Need to transition to K - 9.	6/4/2016 11:03 AM
9	I think that it would be a huge loss to the community to loose Afton Arts school.	6/3/2016 6:35 PM
10	Loss of field space, more condensed traffic	6/2/2016 6:15 PM
11	Too many students in 1 school. Do not like the idea of my grade 1 students being in same school as grade 9 students	6/2/2016 5:47 PM
12	The location and size of Sherwood.	6/2/2016 3:52 PM
13	Why would you build on the field...this field is utilized.	6/2/2016 10:35 AM
14	Playing fields are too close to main artery of traffic. They are also split in half ... the current community league is struggling to stay viable.	6/2/2016 10:05 AM
15	less greenfield	6/1/2016 1:48 AM

## Q6 What do you believe are the strengths of the second concept for Westlawn?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 29

#	Responses	Date
1	Good field space at both schools. 2 schools with k-6 grades so not as many classes of the same grade. Afton isn't on a busy road. Afton is in a neighborhood with a lot of young families coming in.	6/17/2016 12:52 AM
2	This concept seems to maximize the amount of connected green space on each site, giving more play space and making supervision easier. Within the catchment area, it is the most central, and the Afton site already gets a lot of people driving into the catchment area for the Arts Core programming, so the location has not discouraged people. It aligns with the character of the neighbourhood, which is built as a cluster of schools and other facilities. There are 2 high schools, 2 elementary schools and 1 junior high, all within 3 blocks of each other, and the roads are designed to manage and direct school traffic. There is also a swimming pool and field house in easy walking distance of Afton, and the hospital, parent link centre, long-term care facility and health clinic offer great opportunities for community partnerships. The West Meadowlark community also seems to be slowly revitalizing and diversifying. Each year, some of the more senior residents move out and younger families from a range of backgrounds tend to buy their houses. There is also potential for some higher density housing development, in addition to the apartments and townhouses that already exist, pointing to a future of growth in the community. Future LRT construction will make living near WEM more attractive and could lead to more community revitalization, as well. West Meadowlark has a strong community league that just finished construction of a spray park last year, another attraction for young families. If a new school is built on the Afton site, current students won't have to move, thus minimizing the number of students who have to change schools. Afton's population has shown a need and appetite for before and after school care, currently offered onsite. This group would likely welcome full-day Kindergarten, too, and having the 2 elementary schools so close to each other would make it easier to defend a decision to offer full-day kindergarten and child care in just one of the sites, which is probably the school board's preference as they often resist leasing space in new buildings to third parties.	6/14/2016 3:40 PM
3	Afton is a large School, it is in a very safe location. Playground is well maintained, sshoolyard is large for outdoor activites and fencyard and location keeps our kids safe. Many families are moving to this area for Afton and surrounding Schools. Afton has a before and after School care program for families who need it. Westlawn is a large school.	6/12/2016 10:44 PM
4	The proposed new school sites on the site better with less loss of green space.	6/9/2016 5:47 PM
5	Modernization again will help with enrollment because both schools have limitations for new tech. Upgrades to fields could offer community more soccer and baseball areas for after school and evening events / leagues.	6/9/2016 1:45 PM
6	Before and after school care offered in the school currently. Lots of space on the current land Afton uses.	6/6/2016 6:15 PM
7	-Westlawn is the feeder junior high and needs to remain. -K-6 programming makes sense at Afton and K-9 at Westlawn.	6/6/2016 10:16 AM
8	More people around, students to observe and hear youth in the community	6/4/2016 3:01 PM
9	Afton is in a very strong location, close to high schools and care centres making strong ties to the community.	6/4/2016 2:46 PM
10	Stays open.	6/4/2016 11:03 AM
11	I truly believe this is the best possible solution for the community. Afton Arts school is amazing. It has so much to offer to the community.	6/3/2016 6:35 PM
12	Afton is the school we are currently planning on sending our children too, so it would preferred to keep it open. Good school sizes	6/2/2016 6:15 PM
13	Smaller # of students in each location.	6/2/2016 5:47 PM
14	The size of both Afton and Westlawn schools. The neighbourhood's accessibility to hospital, highschoools, retail and future LRT.	6/2/2016 3:52 PM
15	None	6/2/2016 10:35 AM
16	I think the location and safety aspects are important in the second option	6/2/2016 10:30 AM

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17	Centrally located, strong community league, close to medical, opportunity for many community partnerships, future let will not disrupt this location, growing population of younger families as the older residents move on or sell, after school care within Afton already established, playing fields are safely off main arteries.	6/2/2016 10:05 AM
18	School set back from main road, green space	6/1/2016 1:48 AM

## Q7 What do you believe are the challenges of the second concept for Westlawn?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 33

#	Responses	Date
1	Parking or drop off a little crowded at Afton	6/17/2016 12:52 AM
2	Afton's round design would be difficult to modernize. The costlier option of new construction might be necessary. This option doesn't give parents in other parts of the catchment area much choice about how far they have to transport their kids to attend either of the elementary schools.	6/14/2016 3:40 PM
3	Afton could have larger enrollment if it was not called a School of the Arts They could offer more options , such as sports, science and culinary programs.	6/12/2016 10:44 PM
4	It makes no sense to have students living east of 156 street crossing proposed LRT lines to get to school. Why would have a K-9 school and a K-6 school be located so physically close together when there would be no public school between 144 street and 165 street. People living on the eastern edge of the Sherwood community would be much closer to Crestwood but would they be accommodated?	6/9/2016 5:47 PM
5	Again current school image. Westlawn for discipline challenged students, Afton for arts student focus. Concern with getting full program for "normal" kids. Re-branding again would help increase enrollment. Parents in the area do not understand what is offered and that basic curriculum must be met. Personally, I do not believe Afton being promoted as an Arts school is helping them in the community. In today's economy parents want their kids to get an education to get a good job. Possibly adding arts and science or arts and technology would be beneficial.	6/9/2016 1:45 PM
6	-Close proximity of two schools and cost of upgrading Afton -Three schools - Jasper Place, Afton and Westlawn in very close proximity.	6/6/2016 10:16 AM
7	Increased traffic	6/4/2016 2:46 PM
8	Costly and disruptive to upgrade. Transition to K-9.	6/4/2016 11:03 AM
9	Constructing any new school or modernizing will be a challenge. However, I believe the benefits are greatest with this concept.	6/3/2016 6:35 PM
10	Condensed schooling/traffic Loss of field size	6/2/2016 6:15 PM
11	Keeping the Arts core program at Afton.	6/2/2016 3:52 PM
12	Having a elementary school on this land is silly...leave just as a junior high	6/2/2016 10:35 AM
13	Increased community traffic in an already congested area.	6/2/2016 10:05 AM
14	traffic to Glenwood community	6/1/2016 1:48 AM

## Q8 What do you believe are the strengths of the third concept for Westlawn?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 34

#	Responses	Date
1	Good field space at both schools. Many classes of the same grade so a lot of choice for friend groups.	6/17/2016 12:52 AM
2	Glendale community is apparently experiencing some growth, and this would support that. It would separate the very young students from the older ones.	6/14/2016 3:40 PM
3	No strengths	6/12/2016 10:44 PM
4	Tthe layout of the proposed Westlawn is probably the best of the bunch, leaving good green space.	6/9/2016 5:47 PM
5	Less stigma with Glendale. But I believe more modernization required for Glendale. However, it has been many years since I have been inside it.	6/9/2016 1:45 PM
6	-Westlawn remaining as the 5-9 school. Although K-9 with the building size makes better sense	6/6/2016 10:16 AM
7	Stays open.	6/4/2016 11:03 AM
8	A new school for the area.	6/3/2016 6:35 PM
9	Modernization is always beneficial	6/2/2016 6:15 PM
10	Location and size of Westlawn.	6/2/2016 3:52 PM
11	None	6/2/2016 10:35 AM
12	Neighborhood is currently trying to redevelop and the playing field is away from main arteries.	6/2/2016 10:05 AM
13	street setback	6/1/2016 1:48 AM

## Q9 What do you believe are the challenges of the third concept for Westlawn?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 32

#	Responses	Date
1	Many classes of the same grade so friends may not be in class together year to year. Kids not knowing which teacher they get year to year because of many classes of each grade. It's hard to get to know your kids classmates and who they are hanging out with when there are so many of them in their grade. Parents losing a closeness with the teaching staff when there are so many kids in each grade.	6/17/2016 12:52 AM
2	It offers no choice of elementary school, and most students will have to be transported a considerable distance to get to Glendale in the north end of the catchment area. Glendale school is the smallest lot, which would sacrifice some very good play spaces on the closed sites. Having a building with an elevator means increased maintenance and repair costs. The Glendale community is partially zoned for commercial development. It is also closest to Stony Plain Road, which is not a family friendly commercial zone. This is not a great place to locate our youngest students. Like the Sherwood plan, new construction on the Glendale site would displace all the students and require all students attending the new school to be coming from having previously attended somewhere else (disruption to the most people possible). Establishing a small K-4 school doesn't offer much flexibility for the future to address changes in class sizes at different grades. The Afton community has a demonstrated need for before and after school care, and the Sherwood community has a demonstrated need for full-day Kindergarten. The small size of Glendale might be prohibitive when trying to accommodate either program.	6/14/2016 3:40 PM
3	Glendale is too small. Not enough room for before and after school care.	6/12/2016 10:44 PM
4	Glendale is tucked away so far into the corner of the community creating potential traffic problems. Sherwood and Afton have better access. Not a big fan of the 'middle school' approach I like the concept of K-9 schools better. Again why would you have two schools so close leaving a huge gap to the east.	6/9/2016 5:47 PM
5	Same challenges for Westlawn as above.	6/9/2016 1:45 PM
6	Not enough space, fields overlapping.	6/6/2016 6:15 PM
7	-Glendale location is quite "hidden" and seems to be a better site for a quiet Seniors complex, etc.	6/6/2016 10:16 AM
8	Costly and disruptive to upgrade. Transition to 5-9. Odd grade range combo of elementary and middle school.	6/4/2016 11:03 AM
9	Glendale is too small. I do not think this concept would benefit the community.	6/3/2016 6:35 PM
10	Loss of field space, more condensed traffic	6/2/2016 6:15 PM
11	Don't agree with having to change schools in grade 5. Don't like the location of Glendale school.	6/2/2016 5:47 PM
12	Location and size of Genwood.	6/2/2016 3:52 PM
13	Again why bother rebuilding when there are other building. Glendale should be rushed as a feeder school to Westlawn. Use the FACE program to build up to each other. Or turn one of these schools to continue the Science Program that starts at Elmwood. If you change the programs and not the buildings you will get more students coming from other places to keep these school viable.	6/2/2016 10:35 AM
14	Too close to commercial development areas, being in a overtly commercial area leads it to be less child/ family friendly, building maintenance based on structure details will be costly to maintain, too small to accommodate growing population with the lower grade acceptance, as well as not enough space for after school care.	6/2/2016 10:05 AM
15	as per above	6/1/2016 1:48 AM

## Q10 What do you like best about your community?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 28

#	Responses	Date
1	It's close to parks, a family community, close to schools including high school, close to recreation centers, close to seniors homes, close to hospital, close to slurpies & ice cream.	6/17/2016 12:54 AM
2	The school is still the community and not just an institution Schools should be convenient to the community not a financial burden to the school board	6/15/2016 10:40 PM
3	I like the clustering of community services (schools, health care, and recreation facilities). I like the abundance of play spaces (playgrounds, spray park, and playing fields).	6/14/2016 3:41 PM
4	West Meadowlark has great people living here and is a safe and caring community. Our Community spends a lot of time planning fun events for families and has great leadership and spirit! We can walk to all Schools in the area. Our son can come home for lunch everyday to be with family. We have great parks and lots of room for our kids to play, learn and grow.	6/12/2016 10:56 PM
5	I love living and working in my neighbourhood, it allows me the opportunity of walking to work, without taking any transit. I am concerned about the LRT down the road as already it is a challenge to get out of the neighbourhood (Sherwood) during rush hour. Close enough to walk to stores and services. Change Sherwood into a K-6 school with services for seniors as the community league is quite the attraction for many seniors living in the area as well as the west end. Put some AHS services in the building, put a second story on it. Think bigger than just a school, engage more citizens with 'age in place' type services, Do ELL support in the building, preschool programming. There are quite a number of immigrants living in the area who need supports. While there is high transciency I prefer to think of it as the ultimate success stories. They start in our community, some stay, more move on as they adjust to the Canadian culture and move into their own homes.	6/9/2016 6:00 PM
6	That we can walk the kids to school and home. If they want they can come home for lunch. I know it's a lost idea but for those who can it is vitally important. That is why we had community schools. If Afton is closed we would have to drive and there would be no coming home for lunch. Lunch with Grandma and Auntie are what my nephew is looking forward to as he enters school. Balance school with family.	6/9/2016 1:47 PM
7	Before and after school care in the school	6/6/2016 6:15 PM
8	-Mature area; community league nearby; playground; tennis courts; large field that buffers the school from the main road; just off 95th great for ease of travel and sight of school; volunteers from neighborhood churches and businesses; Support from IGA, Safeway, Subway and other businesses close to the school. -New gym floor and upgraded painting present a warm, clean and wonderful school. -School presents as "community hub" as it is very welcoming and has community league, businesses, etc., within close range. Zoo is also very close as well as the river valley. -40 % FNMI and 32% ELL learners. Wonderful mix of backgrounds creating a wonderfully diverse community.	6/6/2016 10:22 AM
9	Keep Afton	6/4/2016 3:01 PM
10	It's a beautiful mature community with Convenient bus routes and committed community league members.	6/4/2016 2:49 PM
11	Vibrant and diverse. Schools and playing fields close by.	6/4/2016 11:04 AM
12	I like that it is a quiet area. There is a mix of old and young. The Afton Arts school is one of the reasons we chose to move to this area.	6/3/2016 6:36 PM
13	To keep Afton open as a K-6 school, modernize/upgrade existing buildings/services to keep in good working order	6/2/2016 6:16 PM
14	Convenience of amenities. Central location. Friendly neighbors. Pride of ownership by homeowners. Low crime. Spray Park. Active community league.	6/2/2016 5:49 PM
15	accessibility to elementary, junior and high schools. Splash park at West Meadowlark Community League. Before and after school care (EASCA) at Afton School.	6/2/2016 3:54 PM

## Space for Students in Mature Communities (Detailed Cluster Studies - Westlawn)

16	<p>Choices...but I hate the LRT coming through the older area...if it does come we will move...grew up in Mayfield and no live in Meadowlark total of 50 years...bringing the LRT through here will ruin it...LRT though Whitemus makes more sense. Change the programs at the schools and you WILL attract more students. The Elmwood Science program needs a Jr High Ti continue to in the West End. As does Art Program at Afton. City thinking is so linear...think outside the box. People want more environment and art programs for their children...AP programs are caplistic old way of thinking...no one wants it anymore. If Edmonton is such a GREEN city, then start showing through your education programs in the schools!!!</p>	6/2/2016 10:41 AM
17	<p>Meadowlark is a very active community. With new young families starting out. We are one of those families that have settled her and now have a 6 month old and hope in the future these schools close to us stay open</p>	6/2/2016 10:31 AM
18	<p>The convienance of all the amenities, the family feel, the structure of the neighborhood.</p>	6/2/2016 10:06 AM
19	<p>connectivity, ammenities, close community</p>	6/1/2016 1:48 AM

## Q11 What would make your community better?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 31

#	Responses	Date
1	Keeping a close school open (Afton). To somehow feel safer at night. We get a lot of change stolen out of the cars if we forget to lock up.	6/17/2016 12:56 AM
2	More after hours programming in the schools and more access to gymnasiums for the community.	6/14/2016 3:42 PM
3	Honestly, not really sure. We are pretty happy with our Community.	6/12/2016 11:08 PM
4	See previous comments.	6/9/2016 6:01 PM
5	Having schools that cover curriculum and expose students to a variety of areas of interest, i.e. arts, science, technology. It is too difficult to specialize and keep all parents in the area happy, thus enrollment drops and schools close.	6/9/2016 1:50 PM
6	-Continued support from district and AHS services for our families. -Continued community support and programming in the school for seniors and second language learners.	6/6/2016 10:22 AM
7	Schools that emit zero greenhouse gases though offsets, intelligent design and the use of alternative sources of energy such as geothermal and solar.	6/4/2016 9:31 PM
8	Keep Afton	6/4/2016 2:49 PM
9	A modern recreation complex nearby.	6/4/2016 11:05 AM
10	A new or modernized school for Afton!	6/3/2016 6:36 PM
11	Keeping our schools open and running for the new families with young children who will need these schools in the next 2-5 years	6/2/2016 6:17 PM
12	More naturalized green spaces. Speed bumps to slow down traffic. Edible fruits in under utilized green spaces.	6/2/2016 5:50 PM
13	Modernization of both Afton and Westlawn schools.	6/2/2016 3:55 PM
14	Choices...but I hate the LRT coming through the older area...if it does come we will move...grew up in Mayfield and no live in Meadowlark total of 50 years...bringing the LRT through here will ruin it...LRT though Whitemus makes more sense. Change the programs at the schools and you WILL attract more students. The Elmwood Science program needs a Jr High Ti continue to in the West End. As does Art Program at Afton. City thinking is so linear...think outside the box. People want more environment and art programs for their children...AP programs are caplistic old way of thinking...no one wants it anymore. If Edmonton is such a GREEN city, then start showing through your education programs in the schools!!!	6/2/2016 10:41 AM
15	More enforced community rules. Ex: after 11pm in the school parks should not be allowed. Speeders in the residential streets. More community space for parking.	6/2/2016 10:09 AM
16	access to education ammenities, parking control	6/1/2016 1:48 AM