



Community Consultation Process

Lytton Elementary School
and
Kumsheen Secondary School

October 19, 2017



Meeting Intentions:

- To provide information that explains the rationale for the recommendations of school closure, reconfiguration and amalgamation
- To provide an opportunity to discuss possible school closure, reconfiguration and amalgamation
- To provide answers to questions and concerns
- To collect feedback on the recommendation

Background:

In the 2012/13 school year, the Board engaged in a process in order to develop a Long Term Facilities Plan. The following meetings were held:

Community Leaders: March 2013

Partners and Community: April and May 2013

Chiefs and Council: May 2013

Special Open Board meeting: March 2014

- *THAT if the Five Year Capital Plan is approved, the Board explore potential partnerships with Aboriginal and community leaders and explore all options for the location of the K-12 school, including at the existing Lytton Elementary School site.*
- *THAT the Board request a renovation of Kumsheen Secondary to a K-12 facility in its Five Year Capital Plan to accommodate the students of Lytton Elementary.*
- *THAT the Board close Lytton Elementary effective the transition of a K-12 facility.*

Background:

During the 2015/16 school year, the district invited representatives from the Lytton area Bands, Mayor and Council, Nzen'man' and local principals to work together as a committee.

Committee meetings were held in November 2015, and January, February and July 2016. Discussion topics included:

- reviewing the board motions;
- current enrolment;
- capital plan information with a request from participants for a feasibility study outlining the potential costs of a K-12 on the existing Lytton Elementary School site;
- potential community partnership opportunities;
- what role the communities could play in accessing dollars for a new school to be built on the LES grounds.

Policy 9.10 School Closure

The Board of Education will provide appropriate facilities for all students. The Board recognizes that the number and location of schools must be balanced with educational, financial, safety, and operational efficiency. Any special considerations will be fully reviewed and discussed. The Board also recognizes that each school community requires a minimum population of students to ensure compliance with the attributes of the provincial education standards. The Board will make its proposed plans on consolidation or school closure clear to all concerned, to provide ample lead time before closing any school, and to support a consultation process that provides an opportunity for those who will be affected to be involved before any decision is made.

Limitations and Constraints:

- *School closure processes will comply with the appropriate sections of the School Act and applicable Ministerial Orders*
- *School closure processes will contain an appropriate consultation process for stakeholders and communities.*



Board of Education

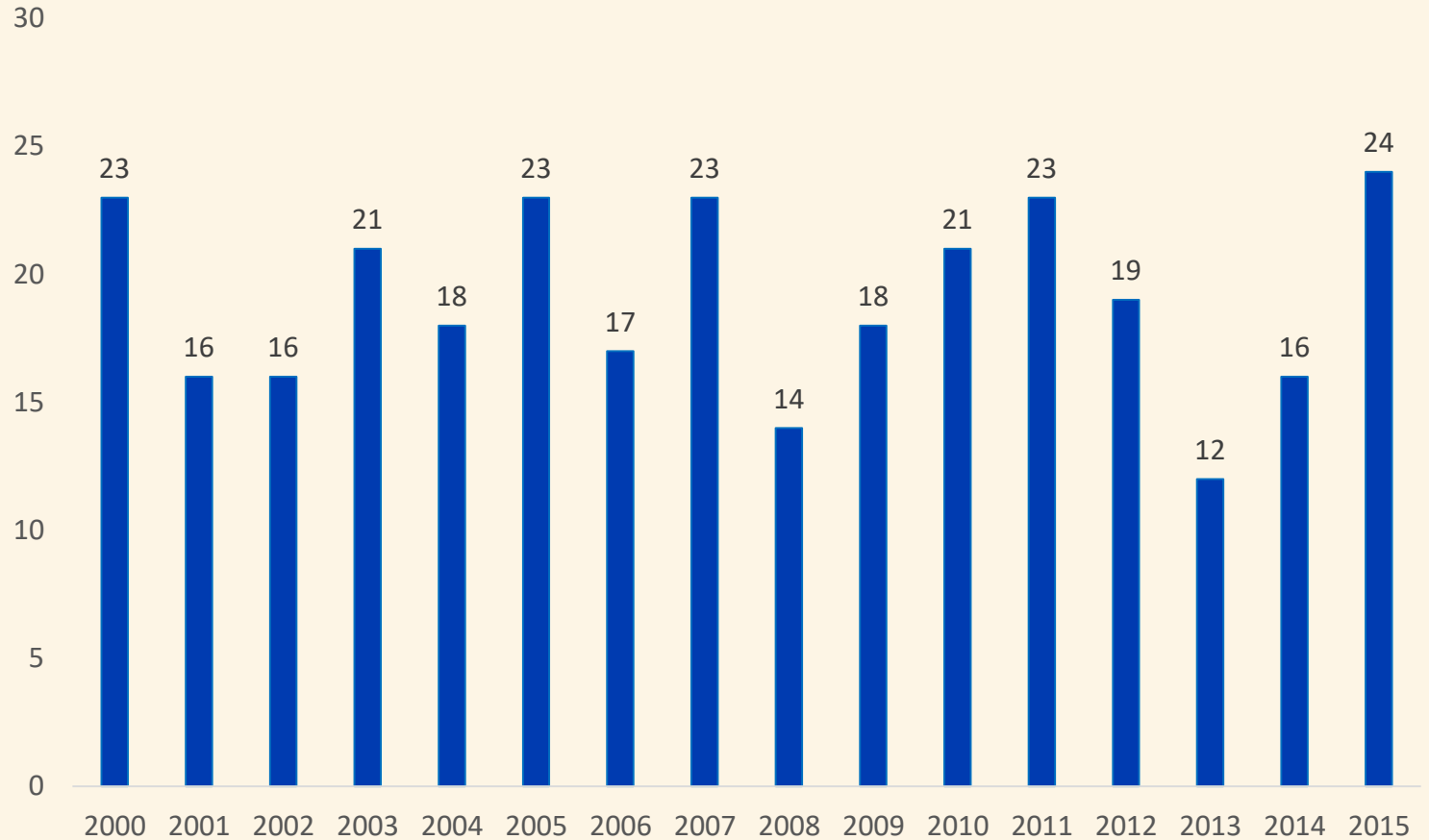
Recommendation for Schools in Lytton:

Motion passed on October 3, 2017:

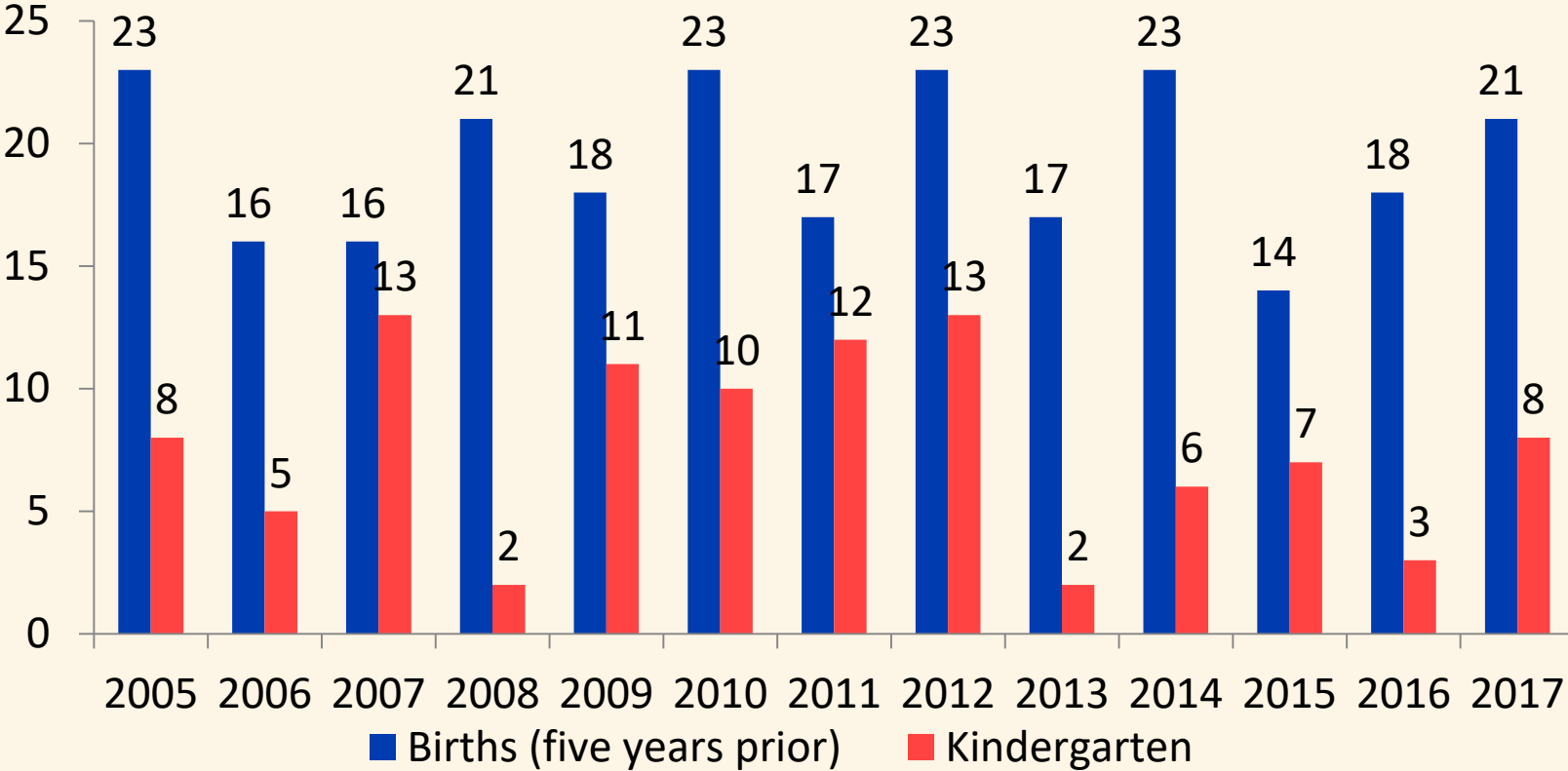
- THAT the Board proceed with a further consultation process to consider renovating Kumsheen Secondary School to a K-12 school and closing Lytton Elementary School effective the renovation of Kumsheen Secondary School or building a K-12 school at the Lytton Elementary School site.



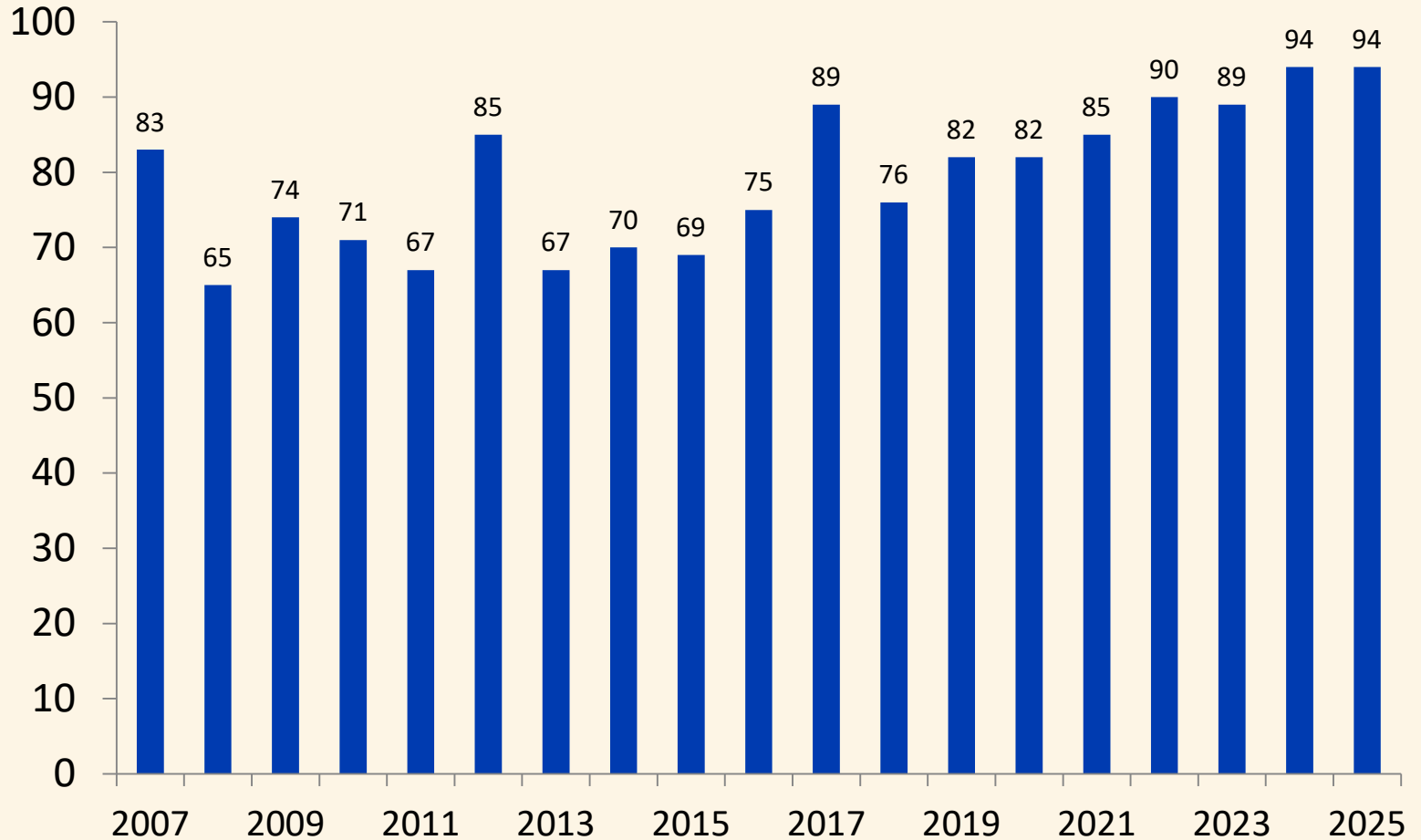
Births: Lytton Community



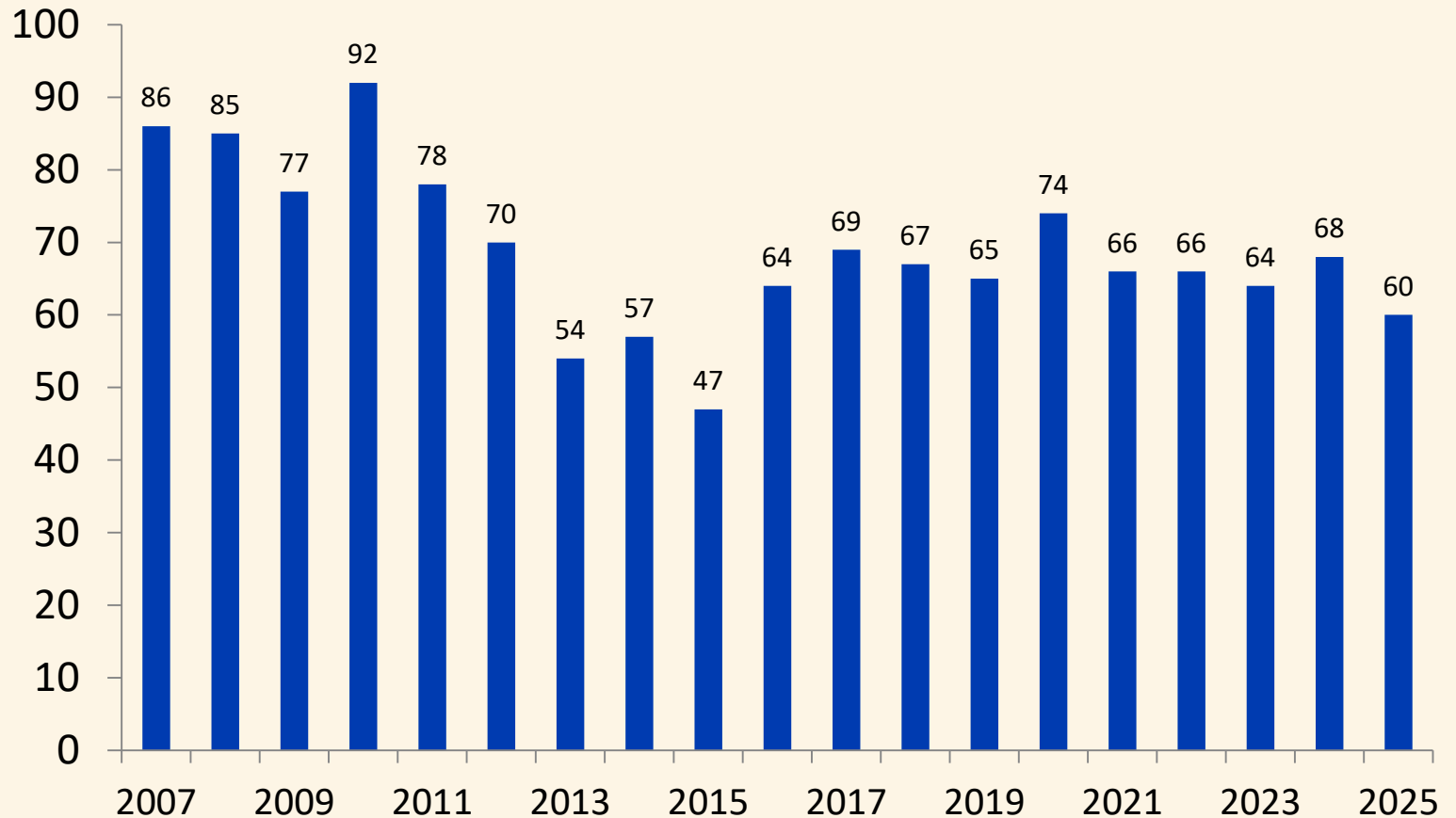
Lytton Kindergarten Registration vs Year of Birth Data



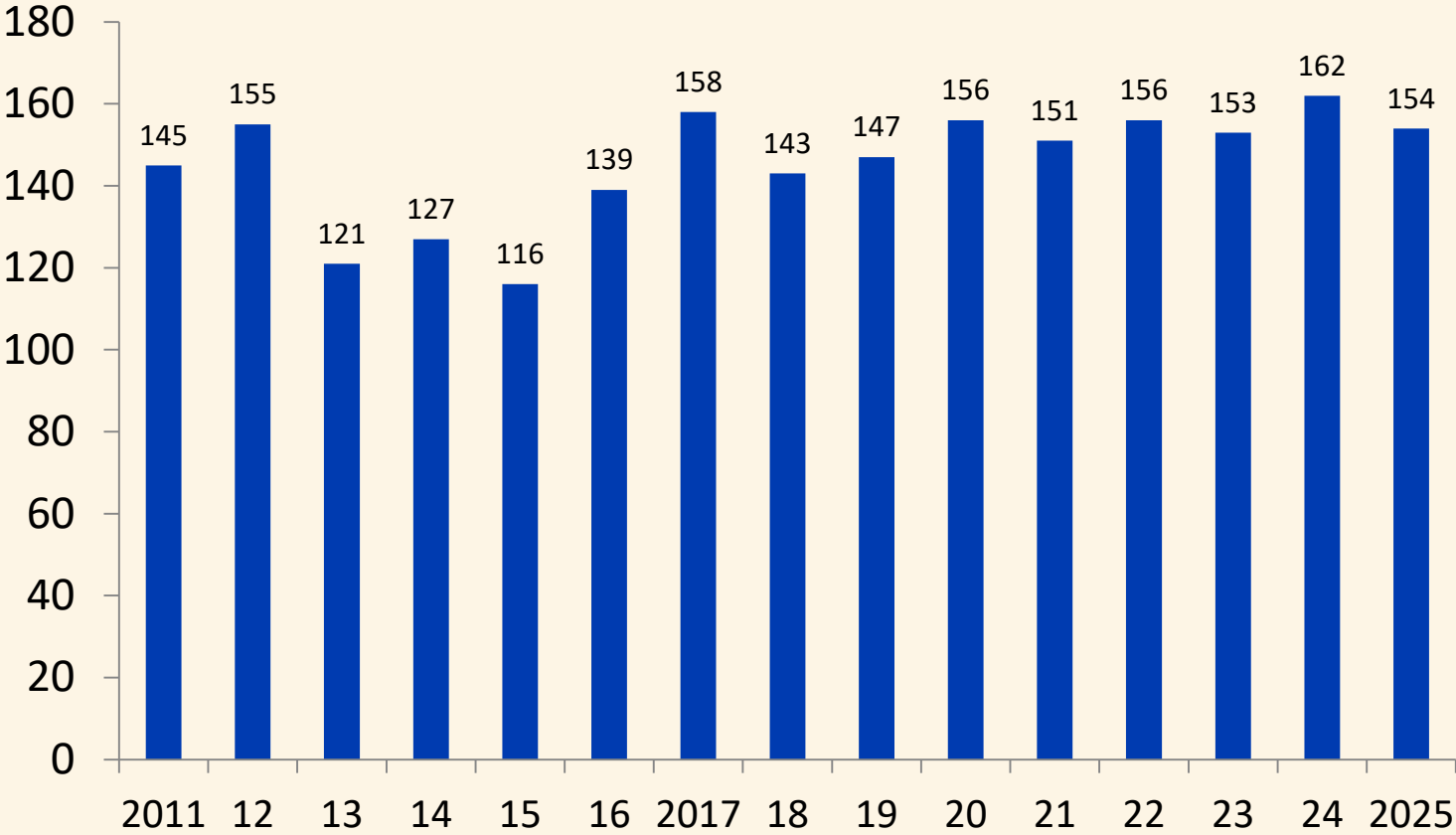
Actual/Projected Enrolment: Lytton Elementary



Actual/Projected Enrolment: Kumsheen Secondary



Actual/Projected School Enrolment: Lytton Schools



Financial & Operational Efficiencies:

- Staff located in one site
- Operations savings if reconfiguration approved (year one) - \$270,000
 - Staffing
 - Utilities
 - School budget base amounts
 - Maintenance services

Educational considerations:

- Seamless transition from elementary to secondary
- Role modeling/mentoring
- Peer support
- Family groups
- Increased choice for students
- Community reflected in schools

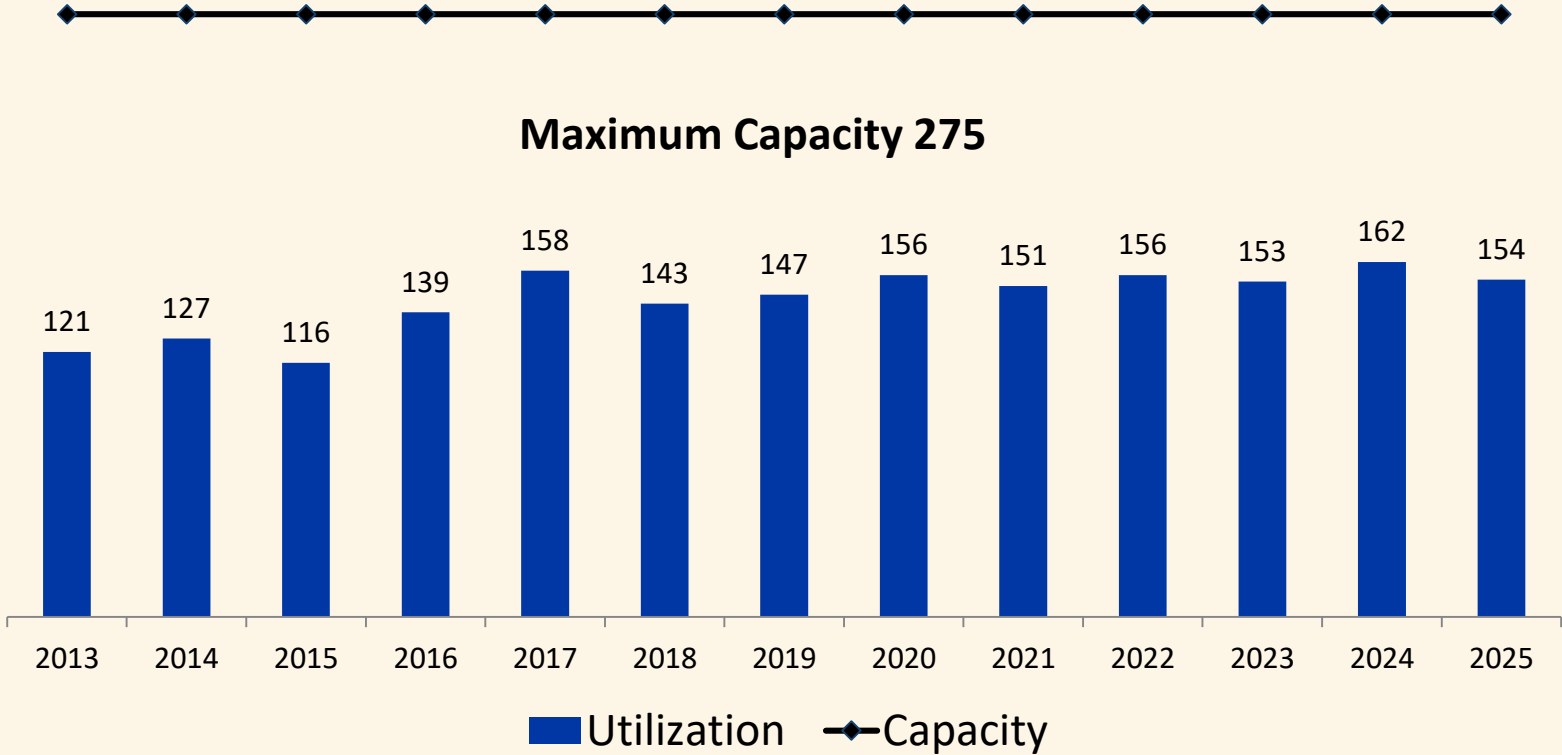
Safety considerations:

- Appropriate staffing
- Appropriate supervision
- Recess and lunch hours based on consultation
- Entrance and exits based on consultation
- Playground to meet safety standards
- Safety precautions regarding highway
- Bus routes as per current practice as guided by Policy 6.20 *Student Transportation*

Facilities

School	Age	Capacity	Facility Condition	Rating
Lytton Elementary	63	31.6	.59	very poor
Kumsheen Secondary	40-51	25.8	.44	poor

Capacity: Lytton Schools at Kumsheen Secondary



Capital

Cost to renovate Lytton Elementary	\$ 6,079,218
Cost to renovate Kumsheen Secondary to a K-12	\$ 5,003,663
Cost to build a K-12 school at Lytton Elementary	\$13,176,995



Lytton Elementary Challenges

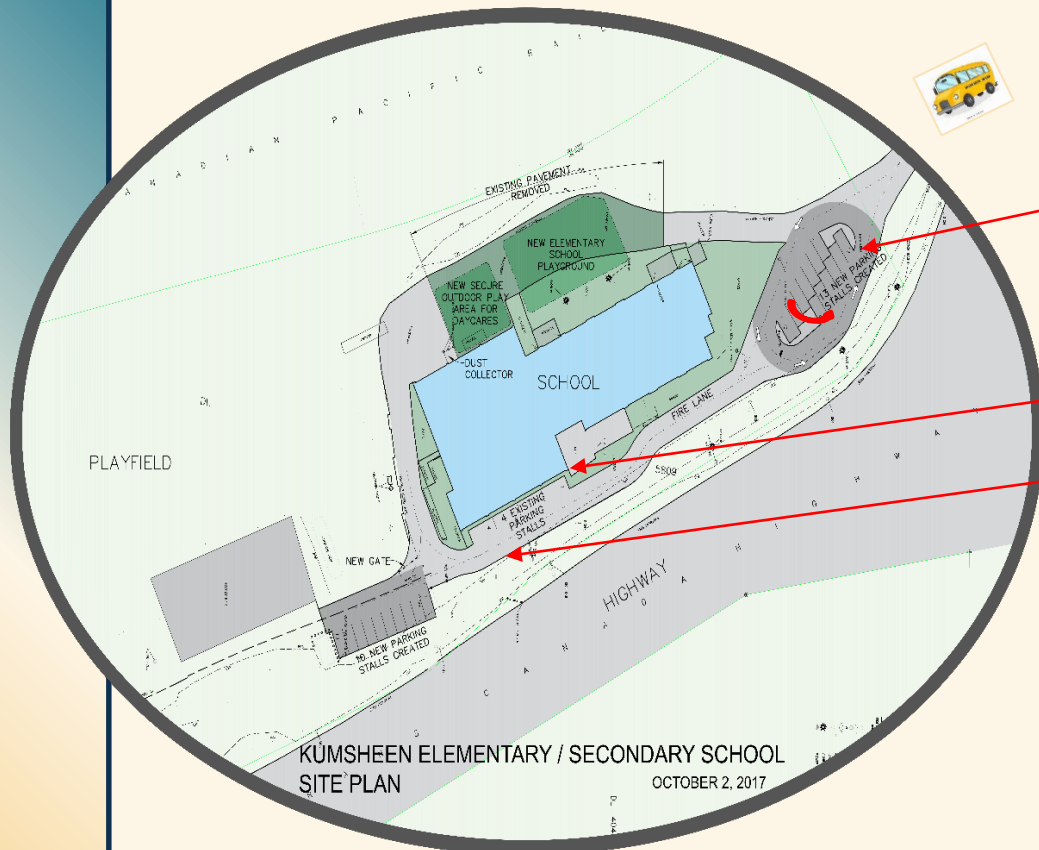
- Parking challenges
- Student relocation during construction
- Traffic congestion
- Unable to include shops in renovation
 - Community consultation March 26, 2013 was a request for more trade programs
 - Community consultation April 10, 2013 was a request for more trade opportunities



Kumsheen Renovation Challenges

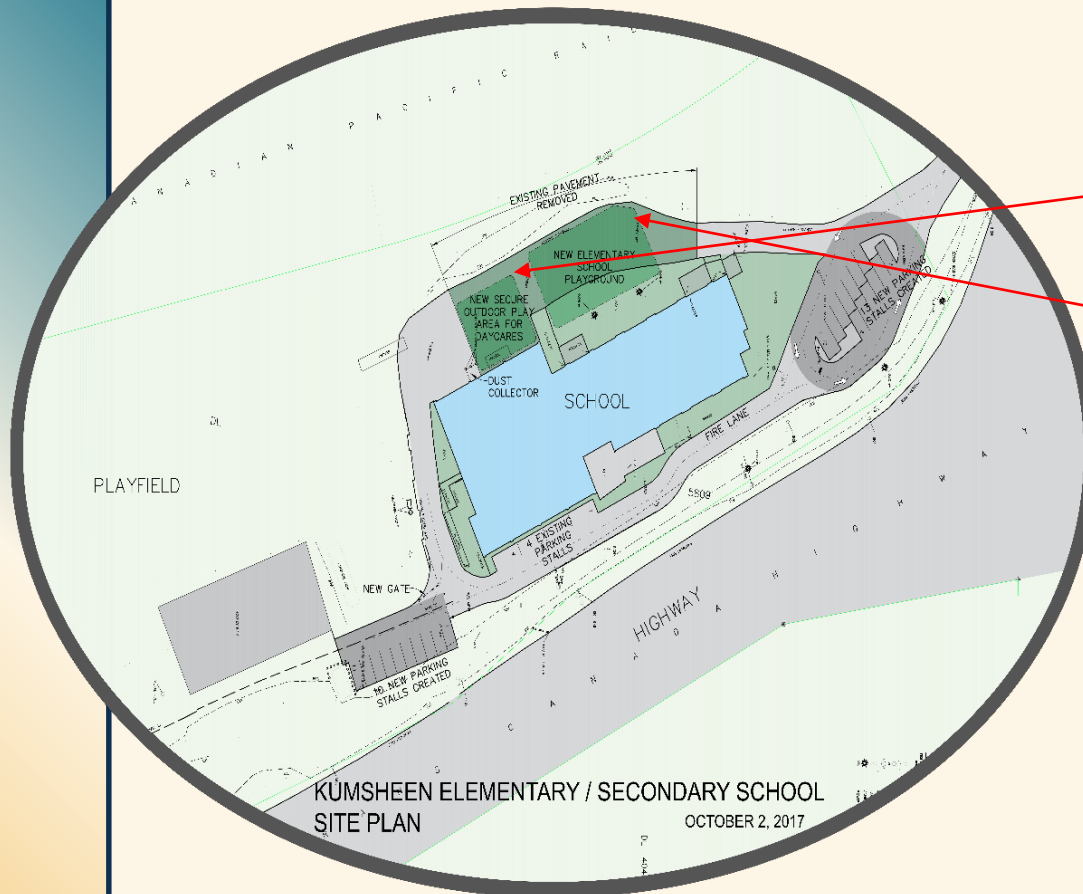
- Concern for student safety
 - proximity to Highway
- Not located in downtown core
- Renovation required during school year

Kumsheen Renovation – External View



- Staff parking at entrance
- Directional loop lane for buses & vehicle traffic
- 4 parallel stalls remain
- Additional stalls on lower level near field entrance

Kumsheen Renovation – External View



- Enclosed green space for Day Care
- Playground established for Elementary students
- Entire school yard fenced

Renovation project:

- If the board approves the recommendations, a committee will be formed to prepare for the school consolidation.
 - Committee would include PAC, principal, support staff, teacher, representative from local Aboriginal communities, district staff
 - Regular meetings held to review plans, required next steps, progress on consolidation
 - Committee would remain active until new school fully operational

What happens to a vacant facility?

- Lease under 10 years – Board approval
- Lease over 10 years – Minister of Education approval required
- Sale/disposal of property (*Policy No. 2.21*)
 - Minister approval required
 - Board must consult with local government, community organizations and the public on alternative community uses

What happens to a vacant facility?

- Alternative community use
 - Lytton Elementary School
 - Kumsheen Secondary School

Questions and Feedback



Next Steps

Opportunities for feedback

In addition to the public meeting, written feedback can also be submitted to the Board of Education until 4:30 pm on November 3 through the following methods:

- district website
- email district@sd74.bc.ca
- fax 250.453.2425
- hand delivery to the district office (400 Hollis Road, Ashcroft)
or
- by mail - PO Box 250, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0



Next Steps

Special Open Board Meeting:

November 14, 2017, 7:00 pm
at Kumsheen Secondary School

All feedback received during the consultation process will be received by the Board and a decision regarding the K-12 school in Lytton.



Thank You

