

TRUSTEE LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

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NDSS Lacrosse Academy Meeting March 9

Presentation of Survey results from Kristen
2 surveys – 1 for lacrosse families and 1 for beach volleyball and soccer
Results emailed to Mark Walsh

Bottom line is there is no support from parents and students in academies moving from NDSS to John Barsby

Questions/Comments from Parents

- Why can't adults move, rather than students? Idea of the District Office becoming NDSS classroom space
- Why can't the district ask to use some of VIU classrooms?
Response: This was done during covid, using the empty available international building (this is now in use)
- Comments around the length of the consultation process. The idea that 30 days is too short of a period
- Parents saying that if their student is in the academy and they are out of catchment, students can catch the city bus directly to NDSS. That option isn't present for John Barsby
- The academy is a family. There is a strong connection amongst the students and the larger NDSS community
- The academy has a very strong legacy of achievement. The mentorship that happens is unique to the academy and amongst the students.
- What about looking at the feeder school catchments? Ie- Forest Park to Wellington, Mountainview etc.
- Why would there be an expansion at Hammond Bay when all of those students feed into NDSS?
Response :There was an option in the North End consultation about making Hammond Bay dual track, but it wasn't an approved option
- Why can't French Immersion move to Barsby?
Response: Not enough room for this
- Comments around band aid solutions, as Nanaimo is growing and this is going to continue to be a problem
- 1 student spoke to the fact that NDSS Islanders are a known name in the Lacrosse world. The name speaks for itself in the Lacrosse world. He mentioned that there are numerous players who receive scholarships based on the success of the players and the academy that students wouldn't be able to access without the academy