

Additional Information as of May 8, 2017

New or updated information in green

Please note the 'updated' information in options 1 to 4.

No option except **options 1 and option 4a** solve the space issue at MV Beattie as a stand-alone option

Full Options

Option 1: Install 3(was 2) portable classrooms at M.V. Beattie Elementary in time for the 2017-18 school year.

Option 2: Declare M.V. Beattie full and return all out of catchment students to their home schools.

If 46 students were force transferred from M.V. Beattie there would still be one classroom space short. * Note that returning out of catchment students from M.V. Beattie to home schools could result in other schools having space problems and needing to close their catchments.

Option 3: Re-draw the catchment area/boundary maps this spring to increase the catchments for Grindrod Elementary and Rancho Elementary.

Option 4: Adjust the grade ranges for M.V. Beattie and for A.L Fortune.

- M.V. Beattie to a K-5 configuration with A.L. Fortune becoming a Grade 6-12 school;
- M.V. Beattie to a K-6 configuration with A.L. Fortune becoming a Grade 7-12 school.
- Creates 2 classroom spaces, **still one classroom space short**

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Option 5. Construct additional classrooms at MVB

Total Budget -\$ 1,089,810

- Updated estimate from facilities department including architecture fees, contingencies, etc. is \$1,400,000 to \$1,500,000. Estimated timeline to complete: 2018/19 school year.

Option 6. Move Strong Start out of M.V. Beattie?

Move to Grindrod.

Room renovations, washrooms, plumbing -dishwasher \$30,000 –estimate

Creates transportation and other access challenges for the youngest children in the school system.

Move to A.L. Fortune –depends where and other options

Room renovations, washrooms, plumbing-dishwasher \$30,000 –estimate

7. Additional options/suggestions

Shuttle bus Enderby to Grindrod \$2000 (<\$5000)

Express-Like bus Ashton Creek –no or low cost

Convert current non-enrolling rooms at M.V. Beattie to classrooms (Neighbourhoods of Learning, Music room)

In transforming M.V. Beattie to a Grade K-6 school, arrangements would be made to:

- Give priority registration to M.V. Beattie students who choose Grindrod
 - Give priority registration to Grade 7's to choose either Grindrod or A.L. Fortune
- Close M.V. Beattie catchment to all incoming cross boundaries Grades K-6 for foreseeable future.

Add one portable in combination with other options (\$125,000) to accommodate K-6 classrooms and non-classroom space needs.

Achieve a solution that is a hybrid/combination of several ideas and options

GRINDROD OPEN HOUSE, May 5th

There were 17 parents at Open House

12 'MVB' student registrations for Grindrod for September 2017 (former MVB catchment students)

9 more student registrations 'interested' if bus from Ashton Creek area (former MVB catchment students)

STRONGSTART INFORMATION

Moving StrongStart to Grindrod

More than 80% of StrongStart families are located in Enderby

StrongStart at M.V. Beattie was first District StrongStart program

-Chosen because of needs identified by both District, and Provincial data (EDI scores)

-Moving to Grindrod -limits potential growth of Grindrod to 1 further division

Grindrod currently at 4 divisions, room to expand to 6 divisions

StrongStart would limit Grindrod expansion to 5 divisions total.

Additional options –Outdoor education program, future catchment considerations, Bus shuttle Enderby-Grindrod, Express bus Ashton Creek-Grindrod, are all based on 'space being available at Grindrod

StrongStart students are School District 83/M.V. Beattie students. If we relocate StrongStart, we are moving a cohort of youngsters who are part of our system. StrongStart isn't a tenant or an independent program. It is part of the Ministry of Education program;

82 registered students

Moving StrongStart 'moves' or displaces the 2nd most students of all options

Note (6-12 option 'moves' 88 students)

Many of the regular attendees at StrongStart are 'walk-ups' from Enderby.

StrongStart is an '**in addition to option**' (creates 1 out of 3 needed classroom spaces)

Moving StrongStart to A.L. Fortune

13% of survey respondents wanted to move StrongStart to A.L. Fortune

Moving StrongStart to A.L. Fortune challenges:

- Contrary to intended purposes of StrongStart and Ministry directions regarding transition to Kindergarten, school
- Washrooms for StrongStart are a challenge at A.L. Fortune for preferred ALF room location (North East Corner)
 - Closest washroom is down the hall and is a A.L. Fortune student use washroom (middle of hallway) –only washroom in this hallway for students
 - Making this a StrongStart only washroom would be a major inconvenience for ALF students.
 - Heights of washroom plumbing would need to be changed
 - StrongStart requires parent washroom access
 - Requires Plumbing for Dishwasher
- StrongStart fits with Options 1 (2 portables and StrongStart move), 2, and 3

- StrongStart conflicts with Option 4a –space challenges at A.L. Fortune
- StrongStart conflicts with Option 4b –preferred location is same preferred location for grade 7 classrooms.
 - Another room option for StrongStart if combined with option 4b (7-12) is move to where current ALF Life skills program takes place
 - This would require some renovations (currently a number of offices and different spaces in there)
 - There are washrooms in this option
 - However, these are the schools only Handicap washrooms
 - Current location of alternate program
 - Current location of breakfast and lunch programs
 - Heights of washroom plumbing may need to be changed
 - Displacement of Life skills program and students as well as staff.
 - Is location of district designated safe space for behavioural students
 - **Not enough space for a proper StrongStart program**
 - Requires plumbing for dishwasher

UPDATED COSTS INFORMATION

Option 1-Portables (3)

\$125,000 each total \$375,000

Set-up -TBD

Ongoing maintenance, heating costs, etc.

Custodial increases

Option 2 Return all catchment students to home catchments

Option 3- Catchment changes

Hard to identify- potential bus route changes/additions

ACR buses to Grindrod are no or low cost changes

Option 4a -ALF as a 6-12-Potential costs

Must do costs:

Explorations (.4 staffing) -\$40,000

Prep time increase for grade 6 and 7 teachers (7-12 schedule) -\$28,000

Conversion of computer lab to mobile (\$30,000)

Was likely 1-2 years away need to do immediately

Classroom renovations upgrades –4 classrooms now needed

First 2 are low conversion costs \$2000

Additional 2 classrooms are more challenging to identify, costs higher -

\$15,000

Accordion wall in Learning Centre -\$5,000

Probable costs

Welcoming, Orientation, Transition events and activities \$15000

Teacher Planning and School Visits \$8000

Possible costs (for consideration):

Increased chances would need playground (see above \$30,000 minimum)

Recent item Parkview ordered \$21,000. \$30,000 with installation, etc.

Cement bench \$2312, installed \$2812 –Each

Swing Sets (\$15,000-\$25,000)

Equipment \$3000

Lunch Hour Supervisor -\$4000 –may be a matching savings at MVB

Option 4b - ALF as a 7-12-Potential costs

Must do costs:

Explorations (.2 staffing) -\$20,000

Prep time increase for grade 7 teachers (7-12 schedule) -\$14,000

Conversion of computer lab to mobile (\$30,000)

Was likely to be done in 1 to 2 years, would need to be done now

Classroom renovations upgrades –minimal \$2000

Accordion wall in Learning Centre -\$5,000

Probable costs: *See previous note re. these items*

Welcoming, Orientation, Transition events and activities \$12000

Teacher Planning and School Visits \$5000

Possible costs (for consideration):

Playground

Currently M.V. Beattie Grade 7's do not 'use' or access Playground regularly

Most 7-12 schools did not add additional playgrounds

Options (if chose to install)

Recent item Parkview ordered \$21,000. \$30,000 with installation, etc.

Swing Sets -\$15,000-\$25,000

Cement bench \$2312, installed \$2812 –Each

Equipment \$2000

Lunch Hour Supervision-\$4000 –may be a matching savings at MVB

Costs of other 'additional options'

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5. Construct additional classrooms at MVB

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Room renovations, washrooms, plumbing-dishwasher \$30,000 –estimate

-Renting of community space –

Ongoing cost -

7. Additional options/ideas and costs

- Shuttle bus Enderby to Grindrod \$2000 (<\$5000)
- Express-Like bus Ashton Creek –no or low cost

- Covert rooms at M.V. Beattie to classrooms (Neighbourhoods of Learning, Music room)
 - Music room conversion \$1000
 - Neighbourhoods of Learning conversion \$5000
- Add one portable in combination with other options (\$125,000)

Cost Neutral items-applies to all options

3 x Furnishings for new classrooms (portables/at ALF/at Grindrod) -\$15,000

Learning resource materials for grade 7's-currently at M.V. Beattie, need for updating.

Additional counseling as identified as a need for Grade 6-8 students in Enderby (\$20,000)

UPDATED OPTIONS CHARTS – COSTS INFORMATION UNDER EACH OPTIONS

New or updated information in Green

Option 1 –Portables-need 3

Staying Connected Comment: Coping with the ancillary space pressures at M.V. Beattie if we bring in portable classrooms to accommodate all current students and allow for anticipated growth as families move to the community. Access to the gym, library, computer resources and other shared spaces is an increasing challenge based on higher population;

PROS	CONS	INFORMATION	COSTS
No movement of students	Cost which is services to students (\$475,000)	Who goes there? ISP? Inclusive	\$125,000 each total \$375,000
Popular	Pressure on other school spaces (Gym, music, etc.)	Music room space	Set-up -TBD
Allows MVB to keep Grade 7 role models	Portable separate from school	M.V. Beattie has 'outdoor' washrooms -at far end from portable set up	Ongoing maintenance, heating costs, etc.
Grade 6/7 students not in high school	Isolating from main school		Custodial Increases
	Security		
	Lose instructional time with transitions		
	Poor use of space (have space at A.L. Fortune)		
	Cleaning and custodial challenges		
	Pressure on ancillary space, gym, computer room, ISP, Music room, library, LIT intervention program, LRT space		

Option 2 –Return to Catchment

Staying Connected Comment: the number of Enderby catchment students attending other schools in the district is almost equal to the number of out of catchment students attending M.V. Beattie. If class size limits cause forced transfers from M.V. Beattie back to home schools, those schools may then be required to force transfer their current out of catchment students back to M.V. Beattie. In that scenario, the net result would not decrease overcrowding at M.V. Beattie;

PROS	CONS	INFORMATION	COSTS
Keeps catchment – catchment	Are School Act requirements	Focus on new students staying in catchment	
No disruption of catchment students	No room at schools	46 into MVB, but 39 out of MVB catchments	
Builds up enrollment of neighbouring small schools (Grindrod)	Not just an MVB issue –other schools also full -Cannot return all non-catchment students (e.g. AES)	Ask for volunteers to leave Currently 12 MVB catchment area students have registered at Grindrod, 9 more have expressed interest if there is an ACR bus to Grindrod	
Low cost	Disruptive for students being moved		
	Students no longer with their friends/ cohorts (split up)		
	Students no longer with their teachers		
	Family child care needs		
	One classroom space short		

Option 3 –Re-draw catchment area

PROS	CONS	INFORMATION	COSTS
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Move students towards Grindrod	No room at some schools	Currently have 12 students MVB area- have signed up to attend Grindrod.	Potential costs around new or changed bus routes
Low cost	Not just an MVB issue –other schools also full		
	Disruptive for students being moved		
	Students no longer with their friends/ cohorts (split up)		
	Students no longer with their teachers		
	Family child care needs		
	Can't do in isolation need to be part of District Plan (in fall)		

Option 4a A.L. Fortune as a 6-12 school

PROS	CONS	INFORMATION	COSTS
Space at ALF	Impacts space use/ needs at A.L. Fortune		<u>Must do costs:</u> Explorations-\$40,000 Prep Time \$28,000 Convert lab \$30,000 Class Reno's \$17,000 LC Wall \$5000
Solves space issue at M.V. Beattie (some costs, but lower costs)	6-12, requires a separate 6-8 school within a school		<u>Probable costs:</u> Welcoming, Orientation, Transition \$15000 Teacher Planning and School Visits \$8000
Could create a middle schools program within school	Concerns about grade 6 with grade 12		<u>Possible Costs</u> Playground \$30,000+ Benches \$2800 ea. Swing set \$15,000+ Equipment \$3000 LHS \$4000

Solves space challenges at M.V. Beattie	Unpopular		
	Few examples in province (2)		

Option 4b A.L. Fortune as a 7-12-school

PROS	CONS	INFORMATION	COSTS
Space at ALF	Impacts space use/ needs at A.L. Fortune	See 7-12 school visits synopsis	<u>Must do costs:</u> Explorations \$20,000 Prep Time \$14,000 Convert lab \$30,000 Class Reno's \$2,000 LC Wall \$5000
Solves most of space issue at M.V. Beattie (some costs, but lower costs)	Concerns about loss of leadership year for grade 7's		<u>Probable costs:</u> Welcoming, Orientation, Transition \$12000 Teacher Planning and School Visits \$5000
Number of provincial examples (24) of 7-12 schools	Concerns about grade 7's with grade 12's		<u>Possible Costs</u> Playground \$30,000+ Benches \$2800 ea. Swing set \$15,000+ Equipment \$2000 LHS \$4000
Need/desire for Playground equipment may be less than 6-12	Still need additional solutions to create space at M.V. Beattie		
Less costs then portables			

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5. Construct additional classrooms at MVB

Total Budget -\$ 1,089,810

Updated estimate from facilities department including fees, contingencies, etc. is \$1,400,000 to \$1,500,000

Would take over 1-2 years to implement.

Needs to be considered alongside other district priorities

Staying Connected Comment - Drafting a plan for a local capital project to be responsive to ongoing capacity needs at M.V. Beattie even if it transitions to a Grade K-6 school. This would involve identifying local funds and making a request of government to support a

building project at M.V. Beattie while also recognizing other capital project needs in the district. Annual reviews of enrolment trends and space needs will be an earlier part of the district's operating processes and will be supported by use of enhanced demographics available through Baragar Resources. If a building project were to be approved, any additional space would not be available until at least the 2019-20 school year;

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Move to A.L. Fortune –depends where and other options

Room renovations, washrooms, plumbing-dishwasher \$30,000 –estimate

-Renting of community space –

Ongoing cost -

7 –Bus Options/Grindrod options

7a. Encourage/accept on a priority basis M.V. Beattie catchment students to go to Grindrod/
Provide a Shuttle bus Enderby to Grindrod \$2000 (<\$5000)

12 current MV Beattie catchment registered at Grindrod

Give priority registration to grade 7 students at Grindrod/A.L. Fortune (choice)

7b. Express-Like bus Ashton Creek –no or low cost

9 interested in attending Grindrod if Bus (at Grindrod Open house)

Survey indicates even more interest

7c. Close M.V. Beattie school to all non-catchment students –e.g. no further cross boundaries into MV Beattie.

7d. Allow M.V. Beattie catchment area students to 'cross boundary' to other schools –exceptions being to 'schools with no space', e.g. AES.

8. Close M.V. Beattie to all students including in catchment students.

The potential that Enderby's residential growth could be negatively affected if students are not able to attend their local elementary school. As an example, if we close registration to new catchment-area students and re-direct students to Grindrod, there may be an impact on family decisions regarding where to live;

if we force transfer students currently at M.V. Beattie to another school, those students and families will feel the impact of that disconnection from a community;

Options 7 a,b,c,d contribute to

-decreasing space pressure on M.V. Beattie for September 2017

-reduce, or even reverse growth pressures on M.V. Beattie in future year

-Increase enrollment and ongoing viability of Grindrod Elementary

Additional Question and Answer –Connected or related questions are grouped.

MVB space is already stretched for space, gym portables, other programs, how will you take the stress of those programs?

Space is needed for music, NOL Life skills, ISP at MV Beattie. M.V. Beattie teachers

agreed to a k-5 model? Note –there were 7 total questions with this theme from April 24th meeting (questions on stickies)

We have not surveyed M.V. Beattie teachers formally. We are aware that M.V. Beattie staff and administration are concerned about the very real space challenges currently at their school and in the future and they highly value spaces like NOL, Music, Life skills, Library, etc. They also would like a space for the ISP program.

What is accurate capacity at schools?

As of July 15, 2015

M.V. Beattie -291

Grindrod -125

A.L. Fortune -550 –this included 2 portables that are now removed. Using 25 students per teaching space, the official capacity would now be 500

Official capacities in 2015 were calculated on class size numbers for 2015. Current class sizes have been reduced by 2-6 students, and reductions for class composition are in addition to that. At MVB for example class sizes are reduced on average by 5 students from 2015.

**Capacity for A.L. Fortune is calculated as ALL spaces being used at once, e.g. 3 shop classes full at all times. Therefore ‘official’ high school capacity is a ‘space calculation’ does not reflect how space is utilized in high school or specifically A.L. Fortune.

What is total number of students that fit in the 3 schools? With enough space?

July 2015 space capacity for all 3 schools totals 966 (included 2 portables), so readjust to 916

Current Projection for September 2017 for 3 schools combined is 629

Current Projection for September 2021 for 3 schools combined is 658 (this is highest total of the next 5 years).

See question above for more details.

Could you plan the day in a life of (presume for grade 6 or grade 7 student)?

In cost estimates above money is provided for current A.L. Fortune staff to join M.V. Beattie students on field trips, and to do several orientation activities.

Would there be another LRT if 6/7's went?

LRT time is based on need, students, population. The increased numbers and students moving to A.L. Fortune would lead to increased LRT, Library and other time and resources.

- Take into consideration: potential home buyers to this area, property values, store owners, population growth and retention to this area, the overall economic health of our community.

Yes. Strong consideration is being given to keeping MVB catchment students at their neighbourhood school (M.V. Beattie).

Can we convert NOL/Kitchen area into classroom?

Convert Music into classroom?

Have you considered short time line and end of year activities for grade 6 or grade 5/6 students?

School Principal and Vice-Principals have been asked to put together plans for a number of possibilities, including ‘possible’ welcoming and leaving activities this spring.

Has the District thought about buying back Ashton Creek?

Yes, we have made inquiries. Buying back is not an option from the owner at this point. Discussing other options.

Is there room for students at Grindrod?

Bus all the grade 7's to Grindrod?

This would be an addition of 46 additional students (M.V. Beattie grade 7's) added to Grindrod's six Grade 7's for a total of 52 Grade 7's. This would overwhelm and drastically alter the character of this rural, multi-generational school. There would be more grade 7's than all the K's, 1's, 2's, 3's, and 4's combined. Community of Grindrod may have some understandable strong objections to this. ‘Grindrod’ would get lost in ‘Grade 7’ M.V. Beattie.

There would be concerns about a K-6 MVB, Grade 7 at Grindrod, 8-12 at ALF is a good

transition path. 1 year at a school transition plans are not ideal.

This would maximize Grindrod's space and not allow for any growth in younger grades, transition of current Ashton Creek students to Grindrod or any younger students from M.V. Beattie to catch the bus to Grindrod. In essence we couldn't grow Grindrod. Good possibilities and plans to move students from M.V. Beattie would be stymied by lack of space at Grindrod. We would then enter a cycle of always a big grade 7 group from M.V. Beattie rather than working on reversing the flow of students across all grades and eliminating or reducing the space challenge at M.V. Beattie systematically over time.

If M.V. Beattie became a k-6 school, parents should have a priority 'choice' of registering at Grindrod or A.L. Fortune.

A lot of people from say Ashton Creek prefer a smaller school, if the middle school wasn't an option, than give the parents the option of bussing to Grindrod. Give out a survey and see who would bus students to Grindrod as an option.

Survey done, strong consideration being given of a bus option from Ashton Creek to Grindrod. There is quite a bit of space available at Grindrod, could go up 6 or 7 classrooms.

Realistically could expand to 6 divisions. Currently at 4.

What would the operating costs be of relocating students to Grindrod? We should know this.

See bussing options but low cost. \$2000 for Enderby-Grindrod shuttle

Low or no cost for Ashton Creek-Grindrod Express Like bus.

Not realistic to have a 5-year-old on the bus for 2 hours a day.

Could have 2 bus options from Mabel Lake and Trinity Road (longest bus rides). Current bus to M.V. Beattie or Express-Like bus to Grindrod. Parent choice about which bus/which school

How much of a difference do these conversations have?

Questions, conversation, input has led to more information for school district staff and the district trustee Mr. McKay to consider. We have received numerous ideas and suggestions, many of which are being considered as part of an overall solution.

Spend a day at each school and make sure that each school maintains its culture?

We have been to each school several times, and senior staff have worked in all 3 Enderby area schools.

Bring legislation on capital projects, what we have to abide by, for the public to see.

Sports logistics, field trips, etc.?

Will the grade 6/7 or the grade 7's be a closed campus?

Most of the 7-12

Can you ask for 'volunteers' to cross boundary out of MV Beattie to Grindrod?

Yes, surveyed. At Open House at Grindrod we accepted 12 registrations from M.V. Beattie to Grindrod. Considering a shuttle bus from Enderby-Grindrod to support this.

If ALF goes 7-12 you should run the same hours? If 6-12 then you should run a separate time bell schedule.

All 7-12 schools that we have visited (see synopsis) run same bell schedule for 7-12. We are giving strong consideration to a single 7-12 schedule. 6-12 there are 2 schools in the province. We would consider a 6-8 schedule and a 9-12 bell schedule.

Even if we move the grade 7's are we going to be back here in a few years talking about the grade 6's? **There has been an increase (over 100 students at M.V. Beattie in last 7 years) most of that 70% is from addition of Ashton Creek, and there is an additional 1% growth each year from incoming cross boundaries. The community plan (Enderby) calls for 1 to 1.5% growth over next 30-40 years. Efforts to reduce incoming cross boundaries, redraw catchments, offer bussing to Grindrod and offer priority choice to Grindrod could be important measures to reduce or even reverse the growth of M.V. Beattie. It is also important to have an expansion plan for M.V. Beattie ready to be funded and implemented**

on short notice and for enrollment numbers to be reviewed each fall. Early indications are that buses to Grindrod, Outdoor education and closing boundaries are already impacting enrollment projections at M.V. Beattie.

A.L. Fortune used to be a 7-12 this would be more agreeable to parents than a 6-12.

That has been a theme we have heard, although there are strong feelings around many of the options. We have also heard from all schools that we visited that when becoming a 7-12 school there were many concerns from their parent community similar to what we have heard. Grade 7-12 schools we have visited have shared with us that those concerns were not realized and that concerns have diminished with positive experiences at their school.

How is a closed campus monitored?

(from staying connected bulletin) **Students attending ALF would be in a Grade 7 classroom and would start out in a “closed campus” environment which would be monitored and reviewed as the year proceeds.**

Could StrongStart only use the space in the morning could they not relocate somewhere else?

Please refer to StrongStart information section, outlining rationale around StrongStart location, number of students, purpose of program, etc.

Daycare is a limiting factor in Grindrod, how can we address this as a district/school community?

If money/cost is the driving factor shouldn't children be more important than money? **Absolutely. All decisions made must be made in the best interests of students. How money is spent by the school district is an important factor in supporting students. Increased costs of facilities (e.g. portables) means less services (e.g. teachers, CEA, reading programs) for students. This needs to be considered with what are impacts on students by closing a boundary, returning to home catchment or reconfiguring grades at a new school (e.g. 6-12 or 7-12 to at A.L Fortune). This is in essence the challenge –what is the best decision, and best use of ‘money’ to support students in SD83 and in Enderby area.**

Additional Grade 7-12 Research Links

In the May 3rd Enderby Working Document, section 8 has Canadian research on 7-12 models. As well as some information on BC 7-12 school.

Please find here some web links to 7-12 research and information.

<http://www.dcdsb.ca/en/programs-services/Grade-7-to-12-Schools.aspx> (Ontario Research paper)

<http://www.nearnorthschools.ca/meetings-and-agendas/board/Documents/10-22-2013/17%20School%20Grade%20Configuration%207-12%20Review%20of%20Research.pdf>