

On Thursday evening, November 8, 2018, the School District met with Fleetwood community stakeholders at Fleetwood Area Middle School. Thompson Associates Architects and Planners presented a summary of ten-year projected District-wide enrollment versus school capacity. They reported needed school renovations over the next five years. They also presented three District-wide options for community stakeholder consideration.

Following a PowerPoint presentation, community stakeholders met in small round-table groups to dialogue about six key questions. The following summary comes from the responses presented by seven small groups of Fleetwood stakeholders.

## Question 1

Preference for Three Options Presented:

- No Change
- K-4 Consolidation (discontinue Richmond Elementary School)
- K-5 Consolidation / 6-8 Middle School (discontinue Richmond Elementary School)

Prefers K-4 Consolidation (discontinue Richmond Elementary School)

- No Change is NOT an option
- K-5 grade configuration is NOT an option

Prefers K-4 Consolidation (discontinue Richmond Elementary School)

- K-5 Consolidation has too many Cons

Prefers K-5 (INCLUDING Richmond Elementary School) / 6-8 middle school

Keep Richmond open

- If Richmond closed – stay K-4

K-4 Consolidation

- Re-visit grade configuration in 5-10 years

## Question 2

Identify Options that we missed:

Subdivide and sell Richmond Elementary School

- Retain Fleetwood Education Center (building and land)
- Re-visit subdivision and sale of Fleetwood Education Center in the future
- Retain K-4/ 5-8 / 9-12 grade configuration

**Sell Richmond Elementary School**

- Minimize renovation costs and retain Fleetwood Education Center (provide a breakdown of the \$2.2 million renovation estimate)

Fleetwood Education Center or Richmond Elementary School might be adapted to kindergarten center (grades 1 – 5 at other elementary schools)

- Fleetwood Education Center would not easily be re-opened
- Fleetwood Education Center would not be easily adapted to grades K-4

Consider selling both Fleetwood Education Center AND Richmond Elementary School

K-5 (INCLUDING Richmond Elementary School) / 6-8 middle school

- Re-visit creative suggestions to cut costs of renovations

Implement a 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy (transitional grade between middle and high school)

Adapt Richmond Elementary School as a sports / community center

Assess holding Richmond Elementary School property until public sanitary sewer / water is available

- Lease until then (find a good tenant)
- Sell property with public sanitary sewer and water value added

**Question 3**

Identify Pros and Cons that we missed:

What would the re-districting process look like?

- Transition from current to new scenario
- Time to plan / communicate / implement change (rushing would be a negative)
- Phase-in new scenario, rather than just a direct change

Student safety when sharing buildings with the public

Might need second administrator at Willow Creek Elementary School

Security is an issue (who can be on the campus ?)

Likes creative ideas for use of under-utilized space (help students and community)

Long school bus rides for younger students

More traffic through town – longer pick-up lines

Loss of athletic fields, if Richmond Elementary School closed / sold

Question 4

Would you support discontinuing Richmond Elementary School ?

Yes. Discontinue Richmond Elementary School

- Geographically remote from the rest of the School District
- Lease school and land
- Revisit in the future to subdivide and sell Richmond Elementary School
- How to offset loss of field space (replace green space) ?
- Assess profit potential of Richmond Elementary School vs Fleetwood Education Center

Yes.

- Numbers say that it should be closed as a school
- More decisions to be made, if closed

Yes.

Yes.

NO.

- Prefers K-5 (INCLUDING Richmond Elementary School) / 6-8 middle school
- Re-visit creative suggestions to cut costs of renovations
- Shed costs of Fleetwood Education Center (operations / renovations) through sale or long term lease

No.

Yes.

- Richmond at outer boundaries of the School District with the fewest children
- Makes practical sense to close Richmond Elementary School

Question 5

Would you support subdivision / sale of Fleetwood Education Center ?

Yes. Supports the subdivision / sale or lease.

No.

- Consider Richmond Elementary School site for re-zoning and sale, instead

Yes.

- Community might not be aware that Fleetwood Area School District still owns Fleetwood Education Center
- Uncomfortable owning two 'inactive' elementary schools
- Sell either Fleetwood Education Center or Richmond Elementary School

Yes.

No.

- Lose flexibility of school property, ball field with sale
- Middle school loses some control with the sale

## Question 6

Would you support long-term lease of Fleetwood Education Center ?

Yes.

- Supports the long term lease or sale.
- Keeping the lease of Fleetwood Education Center keeps collaborations with programs in Fleetwood Education Center
- Subdivision / sale could lead to new (less desirable) neighbors

Yes.

- Do not consider long term lease of Richmond Elementary School site (too much maintenance of land)

Yes.

Yes (LOL).