Problems facing Lively High

It seemed odd that there were no proposals put forth to address keeping the high school simply a high school without public school integration.

Bringing public school children in doesn't solve the problem of diminishing numbers within the high school, it just adds numbers in the building.

The pathways and programs Lively High has now will also suffer without higher numbers of high school students.

Problems facing Lively High

If the numbers do continue to drop as projected, what happens then? At what point in enrollment does the high school become just a school only able to provide the core classes with no pathways?

Without pathways and options that will expose kids to new things and new ideas that they may not experience without these courses, many kids may not find out what they really want to do until they are in college or university, wasting time and money.

Solutions

It seemed obvious to me that enrollment numbers have to increase in order to maintain courses and to add more courses.

Lockerby is overcrowded, and Lo-Ellen is nearing capacity.

Move courses from Lockerby such as French Immersion, robotics, or another course that brings students to Lockerby specifically, and offer them at Lively.

Solutions

This will raise enrollment at Lively, reduce overcrowding in Lockerby, and raise the appeal of Lively due to greater diversity within the courses.

The other option that could be considered is re-zoning into possibly the Gatchell area to raise enrollment.

Lively High and the Public School situations must be dealt with as two different solutions. I think Lively High must stay a high school, or I believe it will truly suffer, possibly to the point of closure, or uselessness.

Addition Info

Jessie Hamilton capacity is 302. Current is 337. It has been above capacity since 1994. Opened 1960

George Vanier capacity is 480. Current is 346. Opened in 1951. Combined enrollment has been approx. 700 since 1990.

Jessie Hamilton cost of renewal is 3.2 million. George Vanier cost of renewal is 4.4 million.

Lively and Mikkola are growing with new subdivisions and condominiums in both areas. Even with steady numbers, and old buildings there has yet been any improvements done.

Addition Info

Copper Cliff capacity is 311. Current is 233. Enrollment is expected to drop over the next 10 years.

RH Murray capacity is 158. Current is 105. Enrollment is expected to drop over the next 10 years, unless the community expands.