

**Masset School Amalgamation Meeting
At Tahayghen Elementary
Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 3:25 PM**

Present: Claudette, Jenny, Jacqui, Verena, Warren, Donna, Dorothy
And Lao, Carey and Kevin on-line

- two boys and two girls bathroom stalls for whole school
- St.Start – bathroom? – changing tables / adults
- why not keep bathroom in Kindergarten class
- Staff – have to go too far to reach staff bathroom during 15 min break
- office – is there room for 2 admin. Assistants/clerk? - VP/P?
- SERT space for small group work
- empty office for SLP, district counselling/psychologist
- these are not architectural drawings – because we do not have an architect yet therefore we can still make changes
- 33 million was estimate given for a new building (from Min.)
- shared comments that people were not aware that tsunami tower was being proposed s part of the project (3.1 million was estimate just for tsunami tower)
- noted that funds for tsunami tower should be diverted towards a better building
- the tower has the potential to isolate families, children and parents
- how will the tower be kept safe
- concerns regarding not enough storage space
- where is the IRW supposed to work from (2 people)
- storage space isn't sufficient for office
- medical room needs to be close to admin. Assistant
- two Xaad Kil Rooms – why? (maybe more storage instead)
- do we need two spec. ed. rooms or one bigger shared room
- no direct access for elementary into art room
- access to main entrance for people w/ mobility issues/elders is currently too long/far away
- mapping out how students enter
- can our staff have a bigger, printed plan
- suggestion – have staff comment on larger format as soon as possible
- learning commons??
- is the intent for it to be a school within a school or one school?
- public wanted elementary and secondary separately
- commented that was for entering and exiting purposes to avoid trampling and during break times – different bell schedules may resolve this?
- need more conversations about programs. How will we share spaces to maximize learning opportunities for students and collaboration for staff?
- offices being rebuilt, new corridors, entrance – these are some of the items that are part of the 4.1 million
- kitchen/cafeteria – shared/separate?
- sinks in every classroom needed for elementary classes
- will \$4.1 cover demo of Tahayghen? It must be removed from SD50 books – will never be a school again. Crown owns the land. SD50 only owns the building. No current plan. Hoping someone in the community will step forward and want it.

- Staff/Public will be upset if it is used going forward when SD50 has deemed it unfeasible due to costs to maintain/upgrade and costs to heat. The rental fee that would need to be charged to cover these costs would have to be very high, no longer have the small school grant.
- If left standing then SD50 must continue to maintain and heat it. Are these costs going to come out of the \$ for student programming? Thought the purpose of amalgamation was to put all those funds used to maintain/heat TAH back into student programming island wide?
- Claudette – “why not upgrade rest of the school?” – no funds available from Ministry to do this
- Dorothy – “why not bulldoze building so Crown can take land back” then no longer need to use education funds to maintain/heat
- Lao – to have IT dept. blow up plans to larger size for us to comment on
- Claudette would like sizes of certain spaces and information about which walls (exterior) will be moved
- square feet not being added in elementary section/office sizes
- there is ability to move interior walls around
- Ministry dictates size of classrooms – that’s what they will pay for
- Ministry will not enclose space b/n “storage” and new corridor – Lao has asked – Ministry will not do it
- p.58 of June board meeting package \$750,000.00 approved for demolition or partial demo of Tahayghen
- in the 5 year capital plan - \$ has been applied for but not actually in hands – Ministry decides
- school district contributed \$250,000.00 to amalgamation project
- school district needs to mitigate hard feelings in our community around us not getting a new school
- more transparency needed about school plans and tsunami tower
- Claudette volunteers to survey people in community about their knowledge of tsunami tower and feelings about it
- Donna – lots of comments on Fb about it – parents don’t want their children on tsunami tower and separated from families – many elders don’t either
- Claudette would like to be on the Masset Schools Committee and to look at the first draft of architectural drawings when completed.