

## **Kingsclear Consolidated School Sustainability Study Comments from Webpage (February 8, 2017 - May 1, 2017)**

**Anglophone West School Dist.** • 4 days ago

Please note that Monday, May 1 is the last day to submit public comments or ask questions about the sustainability study for Kingsclear Consolidated School. Thank you for all the comments and input that we received.

**Rebecca Atkinson** • a month ago

Hi, It was noted that Kingsclear does not have any music/fine arts specialists. Can you provide a definition of what this means and also can you provide a comparison figure of other Southside elementary schools for this item. How many other schools have this, and what is it based on? Thanks!

**David McTimoney** • a month ago

Teacher staffing for elementary schools occurs at a rate of 1.1 FTE (full time equivalent) per homeroom. This is a provincial norm and is how it is assigned to the district. At the middle level, the formula is 1.2 FTE per homeroom and it is a more intricate formula for the high school level. Whereas Kingsclear Consolidated School has 5 homeroom classes, they get 5.5 FTE for the classroom assignment. The school also has 0.5 FTE for administration, 0.2 FTE for guidance and 0.6 FTE for resource, based on other formulas. From the classroom FTE, 5.0 is needed to assign one teacher per classroom, leaving 0.5 FTE for specialty classes (Physical Education and Music are the most common, although Art could also be considered). Whereas the provincial instructional minutes guidelines show 120 minutes per week for Phys Ed and 30 minutes per week for Music, we most often see the specialty FTE (0.5 in this case) go to the Phys Ed assignment. Music often gets covered by the classroom teacher. When a school is bigger, then there is more specialty FTE to assign. For instance, an elementary school with 20 homerooms would get  $1.1 \times 20 = 22.0$  FTE, assigning 20.0 FTE to the 20 homerooms and have 2.0 FTE to work with for the specialties. In this case, it may be that 1.5 FTE is assigned to Phys Ed and 0.5 is assigned to Music. The school principal has the autonomy to decide how the specialty FTE gets assigned. As such, we don't formally track how each elementary school staffs their PE and Music classes. Other specialty FTE for the Southside Elementary Schools is as follows: Connaught - 1.7, Priestman - 2.6, Montgomery - 1.0, Liverpool - 1.6, Forest Hill - 0.8. DMcT

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Thank you for the information