

Millville Elementary Sustainability Comments from Website (Effective January 21, 2016)

- **David McTimoney** [a day ago](#)

I was asked to have a look at the scenario of teacher staffing if the requests for out of zone transfers for Millville catchment students wanting to attend Nackawic Elementary were not accommodated. Nackawic Elementary School received 2 extra teachers at the beginning of the school year after classes were examined for maximum class sizes. After they were put in place and the September 30 numbers were confirmed, it looks like one was all that was necessary. The extra teacher was not removed as all other illegal class sizes had been accommodated. It has been pointed out that if those NES students who are a part of the Millville catchment area (on an approved out of zone transfer) were not at NES, then the extra teacher would not have been required. This is correct. There are 13 kids attending Nackawic Elementary this year that are a part of the Millville catchment area. 1 is in FI. All would have applied to the district and described their own reasons for wishing to attend NES prior to being approved. If we were to remove the kids from NES that fall in the Millville catchment area, then there would have been a requirement for 10 classes at NES. Millville would have still had 3 classes. I then looked at the projections for next year. You will recall that in the financial document, I shared that there could be a savings of 2.2 teacher FTE. This comes from the difference of 12 classrooms needed if Millville and NES were combined versus 14 classes needed if status quo was in place (3 for MES and 11 for NES). If no out of zone requests were approved for 2016-17, then MES would still require 3 classes, but NES would only need 10. Therefore, it could be said that 1.1 FTE in savings could result from the merger and 1.1 FTE could result from denying the out of zone requests for those from Millville who wish to attend NES. This is good information to share. DMcT

David McTimoney [3 days ago](#)

As we continue pulling together the final report, we will end discussions on this discussion board on January 20th. You will find the transcript printed and included in the final report. Thank you for contributing to the study! DMcT

David McTimoney [17 days ago](#)

Please note...we will start to organize the documents into folders in the days and weeks ahead. This will take the shape of the final report at the conclusion of the study. If you see that something is missing that you believe should be included, please let us know. DMcT

David McTimoney [2 months ago](#)

Please note that I revised the financial comparison document to simply include a statement about the responsibility allowance for the principal and considerations should the school close and what happens next regarding her pay.

Jane Brewer [2 months ago](#)

Good evening.

I also have a couple of questions about renovations to Millville Elementary.

1. How much has been spent on floor repair/replacement since 2004?
2. What electrical upgrades have been completed and what were the costs since 2004?

Thanks so much!

David McTimoney 2 months ago

We do not have actual costs from the flooring repairs/replacements that have been completed but the repairmen recall replacing the office floor, a classroom floor downstairs and the corridor on the Library side. As for the electrical, the fire alarm panel was upgraded. Other than this, there have not been any significant upgrades.

DMcT

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Good evening.

I'm just wondering if the kids enrolled in the French Immersion program write their provincial assessment tests in English or French?

Thanks!

David McTimoney 2 months ago

Students in FI write their provincial assessments in French, with exception to the Grade 9 English Language Proficiency Assessment. Previous math assessments (gr 5 and 8) had the questions written

in in both languages for FI students and students could choose which form to answer. The Grade 7 literacy assessment was written in English only by FI students.

DMcT

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Good afternoon!

I have a couple of more questions.

First, with regards to the previous question of travel times to Nackawic - The longest travel time in/out was 65 minutes... is that the travel time for currently enrolled students or would that be to the furthest part of the catchment area? The reason I'm asking is that we've recently had a family move to the area who will have a child starting school within the next year or two and I'm wondering how long that ride will be (65 minutes or longer?)

Secondly...

In 2004 renovations were done to the Millville Elementary school office. Would it be possible to get a breakdown of what was done as well as the cost?

Thanks so much!

David McTimoney 2 months ago

Good Afternoon, The 65 minutes is the further point in the catchment area. We are currently trying to gather the renovation information.

David McTimoney

David McTimoney 2 months ago

The office renovations consisted of cutting a door through the partition wall and partitions to create a Principal's office. This project was completed by the repairmen and actual costs are not available. It would have fallen under "minor repairs".

DMcT

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Good afternoon!

What are the current average class sizes for each grade in Nackawic Elementary and Nackawic Middle Schools, and what are they projected to be next year both with and without the Millville Elementary kids?

Thanks!

David McTimoney 2 months ago

Information on class sizes for this current school year and projections for next school year are found on the report titled "Millville Financial Comparison Full Report". It presents actual enrolment per grade. If the numbers go beyond the maximum class sizes, then a second class is required.

DMcT

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Good evening!

Aside from the windows that were replaced in the Millville Elementary, could you please outline any work that has been done to the exterior of the building since it was built?

Also, how much is it costing to put the new siding on KVMS, and when (if ever) was it previously replaced? If memory serves me I believe it had been replaced at one point but I'm not positive.

Thanks!

David McTimoney 2 months ago

We have records back to 2000 but nothing that would represent any exterior repairs done to the school since that time. The

exterior siding renovations being completed at Keswick Valley are to remove the existing stucco finishes/insulation with metal siding. The costs for this project are a total of \$235,693 which includes all construction and design fees.

Please see a new posting that outlines information since 2000 for both Millville and KVMS.

DMcT

David McTimoney 2 months ago

Answers to the latest questions are listed below, as replies. Thank you to Daniel Wishart and Philip Cliff for helping me with the responses. These are our Transportation and Facilities Managers.
DMcT

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Thanks so much for your quick responses!

David McTimoney 2 months ago

I have seen your questions, Jane, and am going to try and find some answers for you from our facilities and transportation teams...they can best explain. DMcT

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Thank you!

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Good evening.

One final question for the evening.

Within the recommended upgrades backflow prevention was listed. The school has it's own private well and septic system. What is the backflow prevention for? My understanding is that backflow prevention is needed on municipal systems, but both the well and septic are private.

Thanks!

David McTimoney 2 months ago

Backflow systems are required for municipal serviced buildings, but they are also in schools to prevent backflow from areas with custodial sinks and boilers; this will help prevent contaminants from potentially getting into the distribution systems served by private wells.

DMcT

Jane Brewer 2 months ago

Good evening!

I also have a couple of questions regarding renovations/upgrades to the school.

1. Why is an intercom system necessary given the size of the school?
2. It was also mentioned at the first public meeting that the school office would need to be moved as part of the upgrades to the building. Moving the office would only put it about 10ft closer to the school entrance. Would it not be more cost effective to install a security camera/remote buzzer system?

Thanks!

David McTimoney · 2 months ago

A public address system is equipment that is traditionally installed in all schools, regardless of size. The intercom allows for two way communication between the classrooms and the office. Even with a smaller school, the intercom system would reach the entire building at once as well as the exterior if the students were on the playground.

The relocation of the office would be a project to have it relocated to meet the current Education Guidelines. This would have the office relocated to the forefront of the school, set up so that a person could not enter the building and immediately go downstairs without being seen by the office administrator. It would be great if the principal had a view of the bus loading and parent drop off areas. It may be that that the office relocates from the right hand side of the building to the left hand side so that when parents come to the school, it is the first door they come to. This project is a priority #3 and was identified back in 1999...not a high priority but remains on the list for consideration.

DMcT

Jane Brewer · 2 months ago

Good evening!

In the presentation made at the first sustainability meeting there was a slide breaking down transportation facts for students currently travelling to Millville (slide 87). Would I be able to get those same stats if these students were bussed to Nackawic? The longest ride in and out, earliest pick-up and latest drop off, and the average ride time? Thanks so much!

I've also emailed this question to Daniel Wishart.

David McTimoney · 2 months ago

Earliest pick-up time would be 7:20AM. The longest ride in would be 65 minutes. The latest drop-off time would be 4:00PM. The longest ride out would be 65 minutes. The average ride time would be 45 minutes.

DMcT

Jane Brewer · 2 months ago

Good morning!

In the PowerPoint presentation at the first meeting for MES it was mentioned that in 2013/2014 there were \$15,620 worth of roof repairs completed. Would I be able to get a breakdown of what repairs were done?

Thank you.

David McTimoney 2 months ago

The repairs were made to provide more insulation in the attic. Further to this, there were soffit repairs.

DMcT

David McTimoney 2 months ago

Please see the new documentation to the right...a comprehensive report on the financial picture if a closure was passed by DEC and approved by the Minister.

DMcT

David McTimoney 2 months ago

We have posted a 1958 picture of Millville School and a 1959 picture of Millville School (one document), as shown on the school composites. This suggests there was an addition made to the school at that time. Records show that the original school was built in 1949.

DMcT

David McTimoney 3 months ago

There isn't really a schedule to review the catchment areas. Traditionally, they are reviewed when something big changes or someone points something out to us that is worthy of further attention. When schools become over-crowded or there is a change such as new developments or school closures, then that will prompt the team to take a closer look. I understand the Millville Elementary School catchment area hasn't been reviewed in a while.

DMcT

Jane Brewer 3 months ago

Good morning!

I would like to know if the catchment maps are periodically reviewed, and if so, when was the last review done?

Thanks!

David McTimoney 3 months ago

Good Evening,

There was a question asked...how many elementary students who are zoned for Millville Elementary are attending school in an out-of-catchment area school, as approved by the district upon request by the parent? Here are the figures: 2015-2016 – 12 students, 2014-2015 – 9 students, 2013-2014 – 7 students.

DMcT