

Upper Nicola Consultation Summary

November 18 , 2025

1	What further information would be helpful to understand the funding formula or the options we have, including potential school closures? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is this a new discussion because of budget deficit or has this come up before?• In what grade do you start taking French (FSL vs FIM)?• Is it aging schools or is it declining enrollment?• Do parents get to choose where their children go?• What is the deadline for the school to close?• If numbers go up can we reopen the school again?• What have other school meetings shared?• Why has CV lost so many students?
2	If there is a dollar left on the table, where should the money be spent? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 staffing, 1 resources, 0 buildings• Kids need support, not enough staff•
3	What are pros and cons of each scenario? <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CV closes, FIM moved to DV and the school is dual-track2. MC closes, student move to CV, DV and NC through catchment reconfiguration.3. MC closes, FIM to DV and MC to CV <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Cons:</u> <u>Pros:</u> No comment2. <u>Cons:</u> <u>Pros:</u> No comment3. Like that kids would get to stay together, MC to CV, CV to DV – kids not broken up.
4	What should be the top three priorities in our new Strategic Plan? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did not answer
5	What do you encourage the Board to consider in addition to the options provided here? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Cranbrook a school was closed but remained a bussing transfer hub• Spread students around to other schools• What if grade 7s are moved up to MSS?• What would be saved by closing FIM?

- Community can be maintained in new spaces for both MC and CV
- We need to hear district voice and experience; we both have struggles and we want what is best for our children; when you have an old machine sometimes you just need to move forward; everyone may not be happy but it will work and if it doesn't we can change it

**UN Education Manager Shawna has requested time to have their own meetings about this situation without the District being present. Appreciate the information and the opportunity to work together, would now like to have time to discuss and process as a community. Communication to follow. Meeting January 28