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KCS History

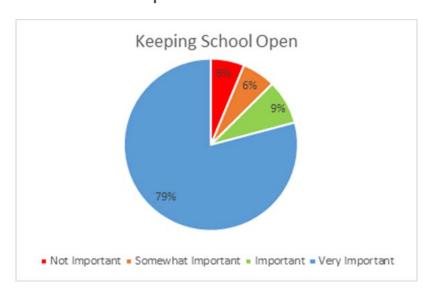
- 1950 one room school house
- 1959 amalgamated to become KCS, combining Silverwood and McKinley Ferry schools – now with four classrooms
- 1969 addition to add 6 more classrooms
- 1990's highest population 230 kids as a K-6 school, with four portables
- 1994 KCS closure was discussed community vote indicated that the Kingsclear Consolidated School was deeply rooted and valued in the needs of the community members, children and adults alike
- Changes in middle school entry, catchment area and French Immersion entry points have affected the overall enrollment



Parent Survey

KCS PSSC sent out a survey to our parents when the announcement for the study went out

- 94% response rate
- Questions included 'Rate the importance of your PSSC advocating to keep the school open' – 87% indicated important or very important





Parent Survey

- How important is having FI at KCS in making your decision to keep your children at KCS?
 - o 47% said Important or Very Important
 - o 53% said Not Important or Somewhat Important
 - o Some parents said they might have enrolled their child in FI at KCS if it was offered but chose to keep their child at KCS as more important than FI
 - o Others commented on school size and teachers knowing all students

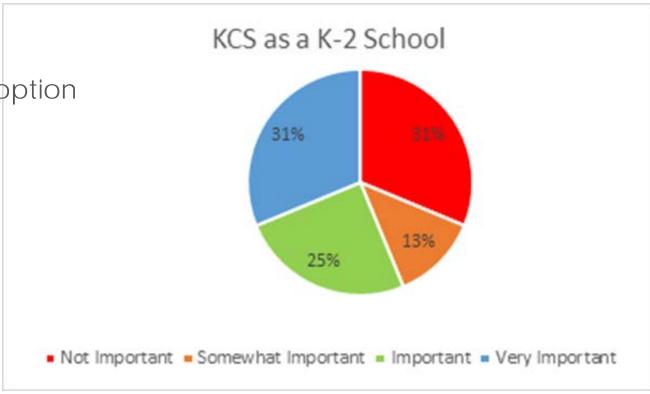


Parent Survey

 Asked parents if they wanted to merge with another school – look at a K-2 focus

Mixed responses

o 55% were interested in a K-2 school option





By the Numbers

• DEC presentation focused on the following information:

• Enrolment	Finances
Quality of Education Programs & Services	Impact on Other Schools
Provincial Assessment Results & Student Perception Results	Economic Development
Health & Safety Building Assessment	Impact on the Local Community
Transportation	

Quality of Education Programs



School	Student-Teacher Ratio
Kingsclear Consolidated	10 : 1
Garden Creek	14.85 : 1
Burton (K-2)	12 : 1
Doaktown Elementary	10.3 : 1
McAdam Avenue	11.2 : 1

- Small school, collaborative learning environment
 - Tech buddies, reading buddies
 - School-wide initiatives

District Drama Festival



- More opportunity for one-on-one
- Natural mentoring older/younger students
- Strong teacher/student relationships
- Strong community culture

Provincial Assessment Kingsclear Consolidated School The Heart of the Community!"

Grade 2 Reading

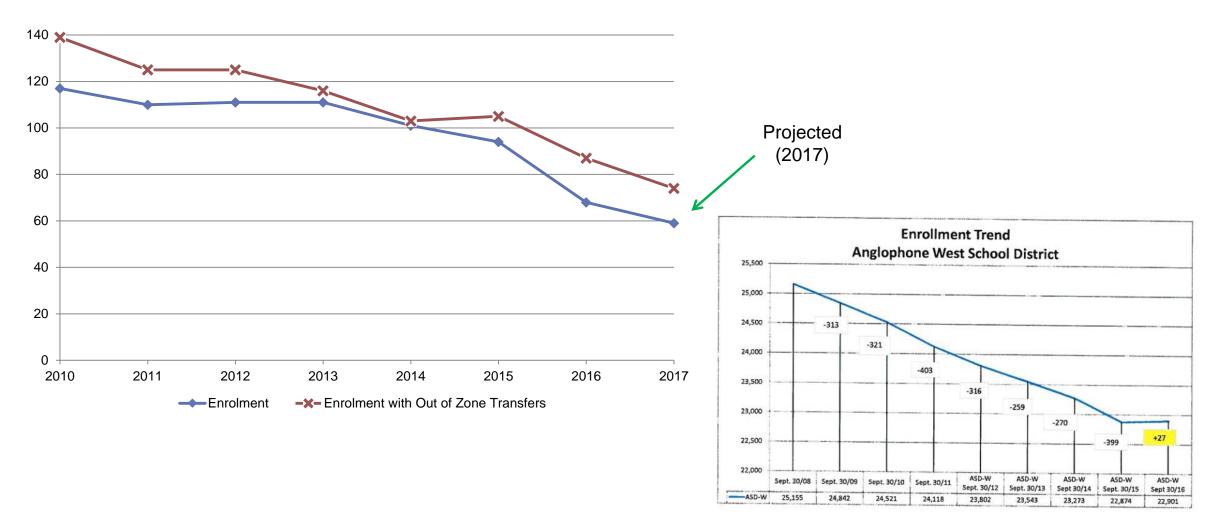
Year	Kingsclear Consolidated School	ASD-W	Province
2011-2012	95.7 %	78.0 %	79.1 %
2012-2013	100.0 %	80.3 %	79.5 %
2013-2014	95.8 %	76.8 %	77.5 %
2014-2015	83.3 %	77.3%	76.9 %
2015-2016	84.2 %	75.2 %	73.8 %

Costs/Capital Investments Kingsclear Consolidated School The Heart of the Community!"

- KCS has had no capital investments since 2010, none approved 17/18
- \$2.3 M in deferred maintenance costs but building is currently safe
 - o Priestman Street has \$1.7 M
 - o Garden Creek \$1.3 M
 - o Most other southside elementary schools ~\$1 M
 - o New Hanwell School, estimated costs \$20.8 \$26.1 M
- The average operating cost per Elementary square metre is \$26.78 (ASD-W)
 - o KCS = \$22.23 (Superintendent's Rpt, Effective Use of Schools, 2016)
 - o GCS = \$33.90
- If moving KCS students to another school requires the addition of modulars, these cost \$190k



Enrolment



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Source: DEC Superintendent's Monitoring Report – Jan 26, 2017



Enrolment

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
K	24	21	24	16	17	21	17	18	
1	21	22	24	26	17	15	15	11	French
2	28	23	24	23	26	19	12	15	
3	6	17	14	16	12	5	8	3	
4	18	9	17	13	18	12	4	8	
5	20	18	8	17	11	22	12	4	
TOTAL	117	110	111	111	101	94	68	59	
Lost to FI	* 1	1 !	9	8	11 2	21 1	11 1	15	

^{*} assumed

Impact on Other Schools Kingsclear Consolidated School The Heart of the Community!"

- School is at "Functional Capacity" ~ 80% (Optimum is 60%-80%) (Southside Schools Report)
 - o When a school is at its functional capacity, there is little to no space for enrollment growth
- Garden Creek
 - Projected Capacity (with KCS students) at 95% (89.1% with one modular) (currently at 83%)

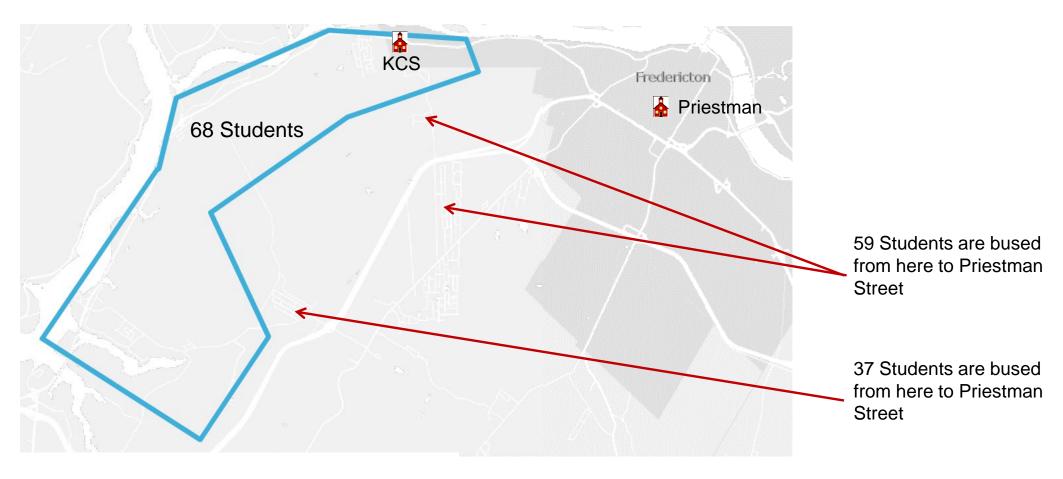
Impetus for E&Y report was overcrowding in Southside elementary schools

- Priestman Street
 - Capacity at 86% (without KCS students)
 (77% with 4 modulars) (Superintendent's Report EL6 Jan 2017)
- New Hanwell School
 - o Projected Capacity at 78% with KCS students by 2022-2023

Moving KCS students to GCS or Priestman only <u>adds</u> to this problem in schools already <u>over capacity</u>



Catchment



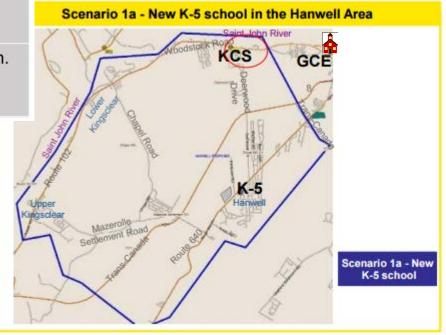




School	Longest Ride In	Longest Ride Out	Earliest Pick-up	Latest Drop Off	Average Ride Time
Kingsclear Consolidated School	44 min.	28 min.	7:08 a.m.	4:04 p.m.	20 min.
Garden Creek Elementary School Estimated times	53 min.	37 min.	7:00 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	29 min.
Potential Hanwell School Estimated times *	55 min.	39 min.	7:00 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	31 min.

*Based on an assumed location in central Hanwell.

- Why the push for a Hanwell school?
 - Long bus rides from Hanwell to Priestman Street
 - Desire for a school in the local community
 - Relieving overcrowding at F'ton city schools



Our Dedicated Teachers



Extracurricular activities supported by KCS Teachers:

- o Multi-age learning approaches
 - Math groups
- o STEAM Expo
- o Saint John String Quartet
- o Art Club
- o Dance Club
- o Minecraft Design Club
- o Heritage Celebration
- o Fredericton Arts Alliance Grant 2016 & 2017
 - First Nations Heritage
 - Art of Basket Weaving
- o Science Club

- o Sports Club
- o Indoor Soccer
- o Running Club
- o Chess Člub
 - o Math Club
 - o Lego Club
 - o Heritage Fairs
 - o Drum Workshops
 - Drama Club and Fest

Notable: Teacher Appreciation Award from NB Heritage Fairs Drama Festival Committee Member

Our Accomplished Teachers Kingscled Tour Accomplished Teachers Kingscled The Heart of The Heart





Recent Professional Learning:

- o Learning to Lead. Leading to Learn. (ASD-W and UNB Partnership)- Entire staff
- o Fierce Conversations, Generations and Accountability
- o PowerTeacher Pro Training
- o Art and Formative Assessment PL
- Math and Formative Assessment PL
- o Yoga in Schools

Notable: Licensed Physical Education teacher Masters include: Exceptional Learners (3) and Instructional Design

Parents for Kingsclear (P4K) Kingsclear (P4K)

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 Consolidated School

 "The Heart of the Community!"
- Organize all-inclusive activities bringing students and families together while raising funds for KCS
 - o Family Movie Nights throughout the year
 - o Annual Halloween Fun Day
 - o Christmas Dinner (co-hosted by Hanwell Rotary and Porter's Diner)
 - o Spring Scavenger Hunt
 - o Spring Talent Celebration
 - o Grade 5 Graduation
- Build community relationships with many organizations who support KCS.
- Meet with KCS Administration to discern their needs and provide financial support for
 - o iPads and new technology
 - o Classroom spin bikes and cameras
 - o Gym and music equipment
- Planning Family BBQ and end of year fun day adventure for all students.
- KCS is a small school with a mighty spirit and tremendous community support!

Community Activities

- Rotary Club Partnership
- Family Corn Boil
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Pinkies for Polio Fundraiser
- Earth Day Community Cleanup
- Authors in the School
- Career Fair
- Mad Science
- Multicultural Association Presentations
- Tours to
 - o Fredericton Playhouse
 - o Rogers TV Station
 - o UNB Forestry Complex

- Parents for Kingsclear
 - o Hallowe'en Fun Day
 - o Family Movie Nights
 - o Fundraising Events
 - o Family BBQ
- Jazz Festival Performances
- World's Unbound UNB
- Clothing Drives
- Food Drives for Local Community



"The Heart of the Community!"

Our Community Cares



Activities supported by local businesses



oDrama Fest

oCareer Fair

oChristmas Concert

oSpring Tea Concert

oPorter's Diner Dinner

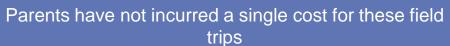
oMCAF Presentations

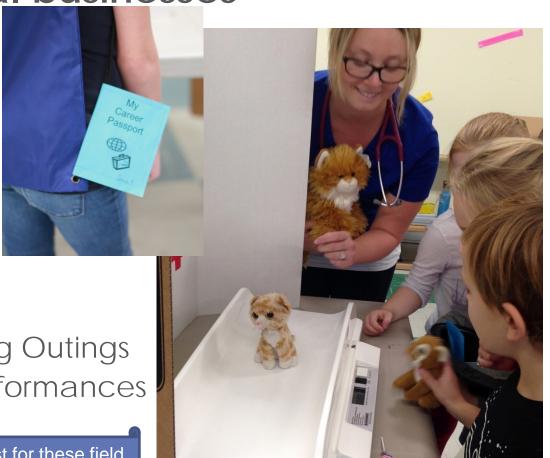
oAll Field Trips

Apple picking

Several Ice Skating Outings

Many Theater Performances





KCS Catchment Area



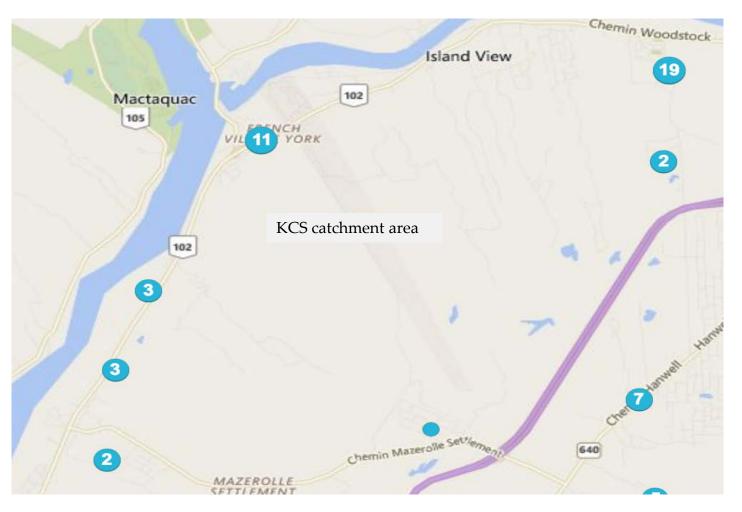






New Neighbourhood Developments

- o Silverwood Meadows
- o Hartt's Island Estates
- o Riverview Estates
- o Eagle's Ledge
- o Kelly Creek
- o ...and more



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Former PEI School Superintendent No Longer Supports Closing Small Schools



- Recent CBC story in February discussed consolidation of schools in PEI in the 70's.
- Sterling Stratton, former principal, teacher's federation president, and superintendent (Unit 3 Board) in PEI now regrets decision to consolidate elementary schools

"It's an accountant's view, financially, that some of these [schools] should close. That's not what we should be looking for. What's the quality of education like in each of those schools?"

Stratton believes the communities created by these smaller schools, where students, teachers and parents all know one another, create great benefits for young children. Rather than closing smaller schools in rural areas, he would like to see smaller schools created in urban areas.



Sterling Stratton would like to see smaller elementary schools in urban areas as well. (Matt Rainnie/CBC)



Anxiety in Children

Anxiety disorders affect one in eight children. Research shows that untreated children with anxiety disorders are at higher risk to perform poorly in school, miss out on important social experiences, and engage in substance abuse.

-AAADA.org

 Kids Health recommends giving children as much advance notice and information as possible prior to moving schools, including visuals and visits to the new school well ahead of a transition.

Closing in September leaves little time for prep



Parents Speak

Within a short month, Andre has thrived in his new school.

Don't close KCS! I went to KCS for 6 years and my brother did it as well. At KCS, it was like 1 big family. Everyone knew each other and everyone were friends. KCS helped me to get where I am today. I have hundreds of memories from the lost 6 years, both good and bad I will never forget those memories. KCS is a valuable part of our community. In my eyes, it is family.

As a parent who has had three children pass through the doors of KCS, I have nothing but positive things to say. The small, community feel of the school and it's faculty, the friendliness and welcoming vibe, is simply not something one will ever find at a larger, city school. My two youngest were out of zone, and both attended KCS for the full 6 years. They thrived in that environment, and have nothing but fond memories of their time there.

As a parent of a former student at Kingsclear Consolidated School, I can attest to the intimate relationship formed between the students and teachers. As a small school, you have the opportunity to develop these relationships and focus on what really counts, a great education, great communication, and the making of great friends. I am pleased to have been part of this with my daughter. Coming from a smaller school environment myself, it is definitely a positive environment for children and their families.





- Preference to keep Kingsclear open status quo with possible future investment
 - o Consider changing the catchment area (not for students already in a school)
 - Look at the possibility adding French Immersion
 - Neighbouring schools are at capacity
 - o Southside Schools report indicated a potential need for a second school
 - o Based on potential for development it is possible Hanwell school may be full when it opens
 - o SuperIntendent McTimoney's report from the first sustainability meeting showed room for expansion at KCS
 - Investing money in KCS (future vision) could alleviate accessibility concerns, add gymnasium, less costly than need for a second school
 - Takes advantage of a deep-rooted local school
- What option is there for parents if KCS were to close?
 - o Many parents moved here to go to KCS, would need to move again to find suitable options
 - o Very few true small, community-based schools that are not already full

If Recommendation is Closure



- September 2017 is not the best interest of students
 - o Too fast, no adequate time for preparation of students
 - o Decision may come after school is out, if it is made sooner, it may end up being rushed
 - o Means preparation time for students is realistically 1.5-2 weeks once school opens in August, but in reality, prep can't start until parents meet with school administration/staff
 - Taxing on staff/administration at the new school, they will have the same amount of time to prepare for an influx of students and any accommodation needs
- September 2018 does not alleviate potential overcrowding at other schools
 - o Does not take potential for neighbourhood growth into account
- Do not close in 2018 wait till Hanwell why send to already overcrowded schools?
 - o Implore to consider the idea of local community based schools and what will happen if KCS were to close, what options do parents have?



Thank You









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Questions?







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