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1. Background

In 2014, The Pas Families Building a Better Community Inc, The Pas Community Renewal Corporation and Kelsey Recreation Commission considered that upgraded skateboard / bmx facilities be developed in The Pas in an effort to renew or replace the current park that has been in The Pas for over a decade.

The purpose of this study is to identify whether the plan is feasible, as well as the best location within our community for the proposed park. This study will highlight the process followed to give an overview of the public consultation that has taken place, and examine the rationale for our ultimate conclusion and recommendation for a new skateboard park location.

The size, shape and overall design of the park on the recommended site will be determined at the design stage of the process.

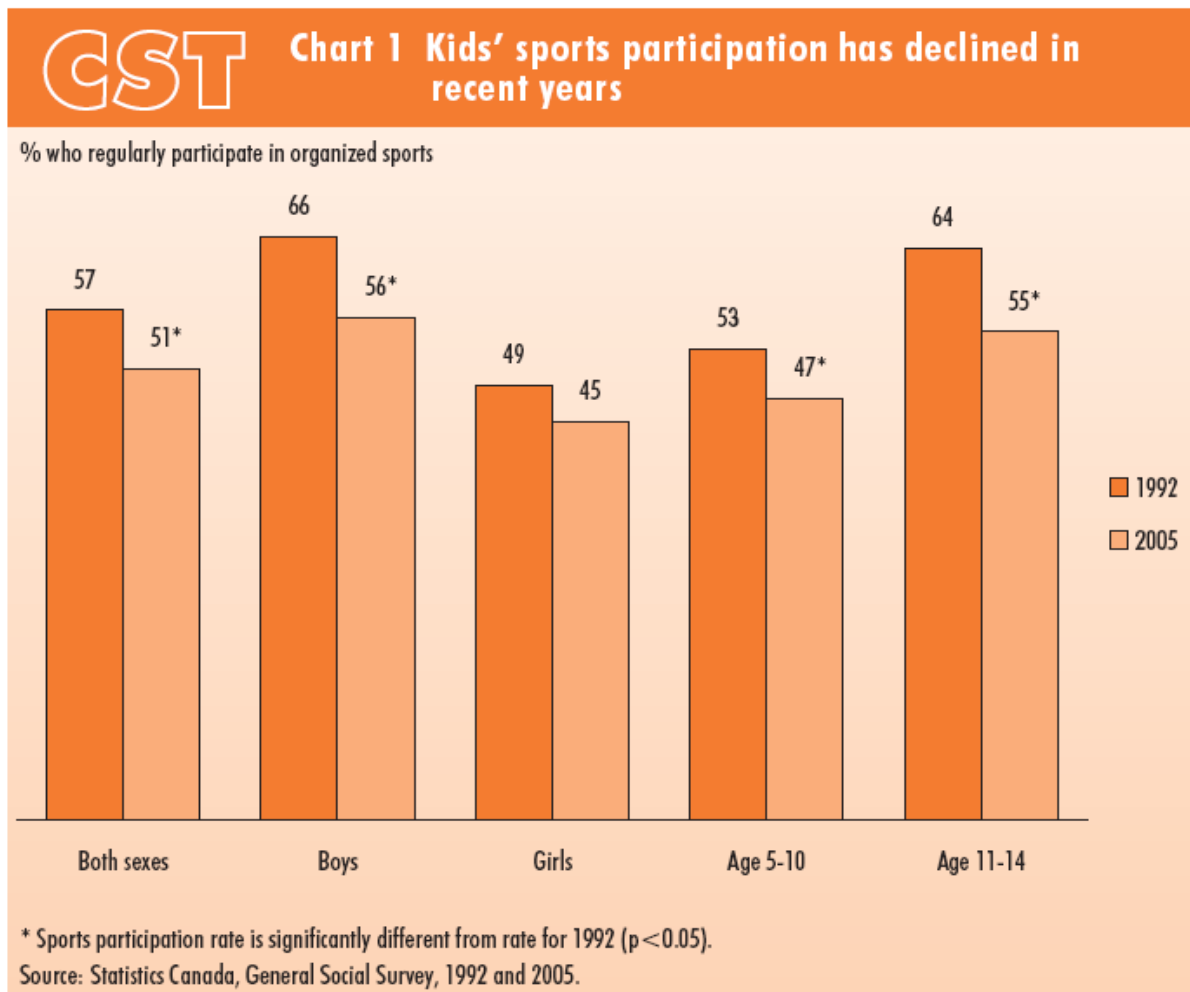
2. Introduction

The Town of The Pas has many parks within its system. During the review of our park and developable land inventory for potential locations, many were immediately eliminated as they were unsuitable for our purposes, for very obvious reasons such as location and size. In this process, we had to ensure that we attempted to take a “holistic” approach, to try to determine what would benefit the community as a whole.

3. Why Build or Renew a Skatepark?

There are many benefits to having these types of parks in our community. Skateparks allow youth barrier-free recreation. It allows them to develop and master skills, engage in physical activity and socialize. Much in the same way that arenas become a “community place,” skateparks do as well, in the modern municipality.

This is seen by the rapid growth of skateboarding, BMXing and scootering in the past decade, as youth become less involved in organized sports, and gravitate towards skatepark-style individual sports.



Source:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-008-x/2008001/c-g/10573/5214734-eng.htm>

As the trend for organized sports in our youth decline, youth obesity and health problems increase, and the popularization of video games and home entertainment, it is crucial to engage our youth with barrier-free parks and activities. This is precisely why Service Clubs and Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments have provided funding for these types of parks across the nation.

Likewise, as the prices of organized sports increase, inflation and higher costs affect our families, providing free-access parks is literally one of the most effective ways to provide youth with a positive environment for physical activity, recreation and socializing. This is especially the case in a community like ours which has a high percentage of lower middle-class, and lower-wage family incomes.

In the recent questionnaire done by MBCI and SBMS students, we will see that the majority of our youth consider themselves skatepark users, highlighting even more-so the importance of a functional, safe, well-located park for our community.

4. Common Concerns

4. 1 Crime - A comprehensive study was completed by graduate students from Portland State University for their Master of Urban and Regional Planning (http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.usp/files/usp_skate.pdf), in conjunction with the City of Portland. It found that there is no correlation between skateparks and serious crime. It further showed that the sound levels from skateparks are comparable to children playing on playground equipment, with an overall similar environmental impact as basketball courts. This study is a very highly recommended read.

In the recent KSD report it mentioned rare occurrences where escalated problems had to be dealt with. Out of the many hundreds of thousands of uses in the past decade, the writer is confident that the actual rate of such occurrences is infinitesimally small. With that said, planning will still require that safety for users be foremost, as well as potential concerns from neighbouring residencies and schools.

Not to undermine the seriousness of negative actions, but it should be noted that events of a negative nature occur at all places where many people congregate. Just as we do not blame an arena when a hockey fight breaks out, or blame soccer players when a brawl occurs in the stands, it's wise not to put blame unnecessarily on the skatepark or the majority of its users who use it properly.

In the aforementioned study, one important quote reads, "Youth and adults need safe, legal and accessible places for recreation. City parks help meet this need and contribute to public health by providing sites for outdoor physical activity. Tailoring parks to the needs and demands of residents helps ensure that they will be used in healthy, safe ways, and maximizes the public investment. Parks and recreation planners have a responsibility to consider all potential users of public parks."

4.2 Injury - While there are inherent dangers in the various sports that are participated in at skateparks, the same previously mentioned study showed that you are more likely to be injured in soccer, basketball or baseball. According to the Sport Injury Prevention Research Centre, injuries reported at skateparks were less than hockey, baseball, basketball, football, soccer, golf, snowboarding, volleyball and fishing. (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/siprc/past-research>). Most major injuries or rare deaths were caused because the participant was taking part in the sport outside of a park setting (<http://www.skatepark.org/park-development/2012/01/2011-skateboarding-fatalities/>).

4.3 Graffiti - Many skateparks, like any place where many people assemble, become targets for graffiti. While most playground structures and basketball courts also become canvasses, because of the inherent shape of structures in the skateboard parks, the graffiti is more evident. Ways to combat this are:

- Extremely visible and open location
- Proper lighting
- Involvement of artists and youth in initial design
- Commitment of KRC / Town / COPP etc to assist
- Use of youth / community groups to cover over graffiti immediately
- Potential for use of cameras

4.4 Litter - Litter is a major concern for all communities, and needs to be addressed. While skateparks often become targets of complaints for litter, it should also be noted that litter occurs at all places where many people meet, whether arenas, baseball diamonds, etc. A property strategy including regular maintenance, emptying of garbage / recycling, as well as increased number of receptacles is in order. The vast majority of skatepark users do not like litter on their course, as it inhibits their movement throughout park.

4.5 Liability - Liability is obviously a major concern in all communities when parks and recreational planning happens. In a report by Doug Wyseman called Risk Management and Public Liability for the 2011 National Recreation Summit, (http://lin.ca/sites/default/files/attachments/Wyseman_Doug%5B1%5D.pdf), the author concludes "Too many organizations have become frozen by the fear of being sued. For years skate parks were resisted in North America because insurers warned of the incredible liability risks. Such parks have been around for many years now and liability claims are negligible."

5. Site Selection and Evaluation

5.1 - Potential Locations

1. Devon Park
2. Mary Duncan school yard
3. Next to Post Office
4. Old Hydro location (Behind "Chicken Coops")
5. Block behind Home Hardware
6. Ag-Grounds
7. Recreational Hub Area at/near Arena

5.2 – Location Considerations. By examining what has been successful for other communities, this study strives to recommend a location that balances the needs and concerns of competing interests. Considerations include:

1. Should be located within an area of high demographics for potential users
2. Should be located close to, but not necessarily right next to residences
3. Should have minimum construction implications
4. Should not negatively affect the existing activities around location
5. Should be easily accessible by various modes of transportation
6. Should be easily accessible by pedestrians
7. Should be very visible from main streets
8. Should have surrounding amenities to support users

5.3 Final Locations - We have to consider a proper balance of community needs when trying to find the best location. Due to the isolated nature, development costs, and ownership of the proposed sites, the author feels the best area is in the central recreational hub area around the arena. This can further be broken down into three potential areas:

1. Current skatepark location
2. Behind Wellness Centre
3. Centennial Park

While the Centennial Park area is somewhat suitable, it is secluded in the sense that the park would not be visible from major streets. Keeping in mind that many of the skatepark users will not be supervised by adults, the necessity of it being out in the open is imperative. Its very close proximity to residential areas could also create conflict. Because this area is already used for very young park users (aged 10 and lower), it may be more advantageous to utilize this area for park planning for the same demographic (eg. spraypark).

Behind (east of) the Wellness Centre also has a nice open area that could be developed. However, due to its very secluded nature, it would not be a proper fit for a skatepark, as skateparks tend to have many users at the same time, sometimes far upwards of 50.

Approximately 30 letters were dropped off in the residential areas around the current skatepark (near Kin Kourt and across MBCI), as well as Verendrye. Of these, two emails did get sent back to us, both encouraging us to use the current skatepark location. One writer mentioned how supportive their family was of such a park, but that they were not in favour of having such a park literally a few feet behind their house.

It may be suggested that the area directly east (behind) Wellness Center may be more suited for lower-volume-user parks such as basketball, hockey, or tennis. It may be an option to consider that if the tennis courts are to be relocated; this would be a suitable area. It may also be cost effective to use a strategy similar to other multi-use parks that combine basketball courts with hockey boards for summer / winter use. In this way, an efficient use of space can take place.

While the current skatepark location does seem like the most suitable area to develop plans, because of the shared nature of this entire area between KRC and KSD, some challenges will need to be addressed. Further, it would be most advantageous to tap into what the future users of the park believe suits their needs.

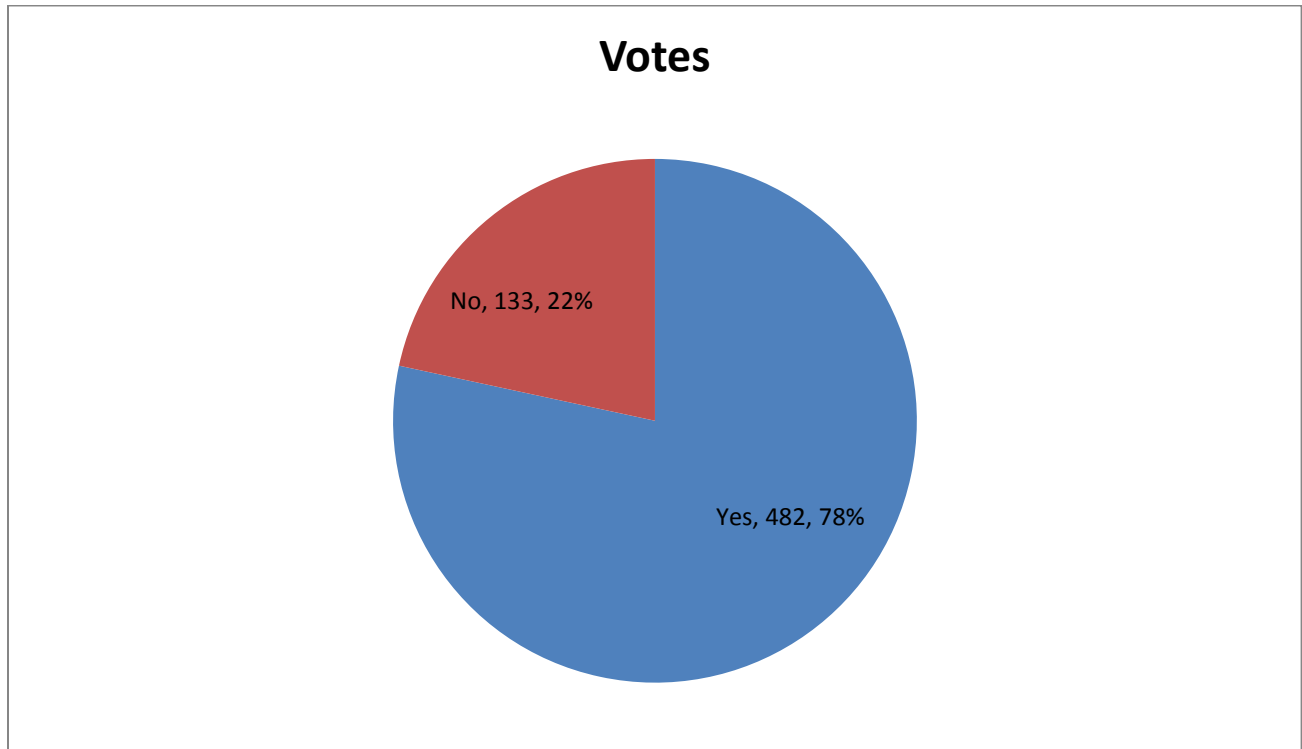
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6. Student Questionnaire

With the help of KSD, we were able to get questionnaires out to the students of both MBCI and SBMS in late November 2014. Approximately 617 questionnaires were filled out.

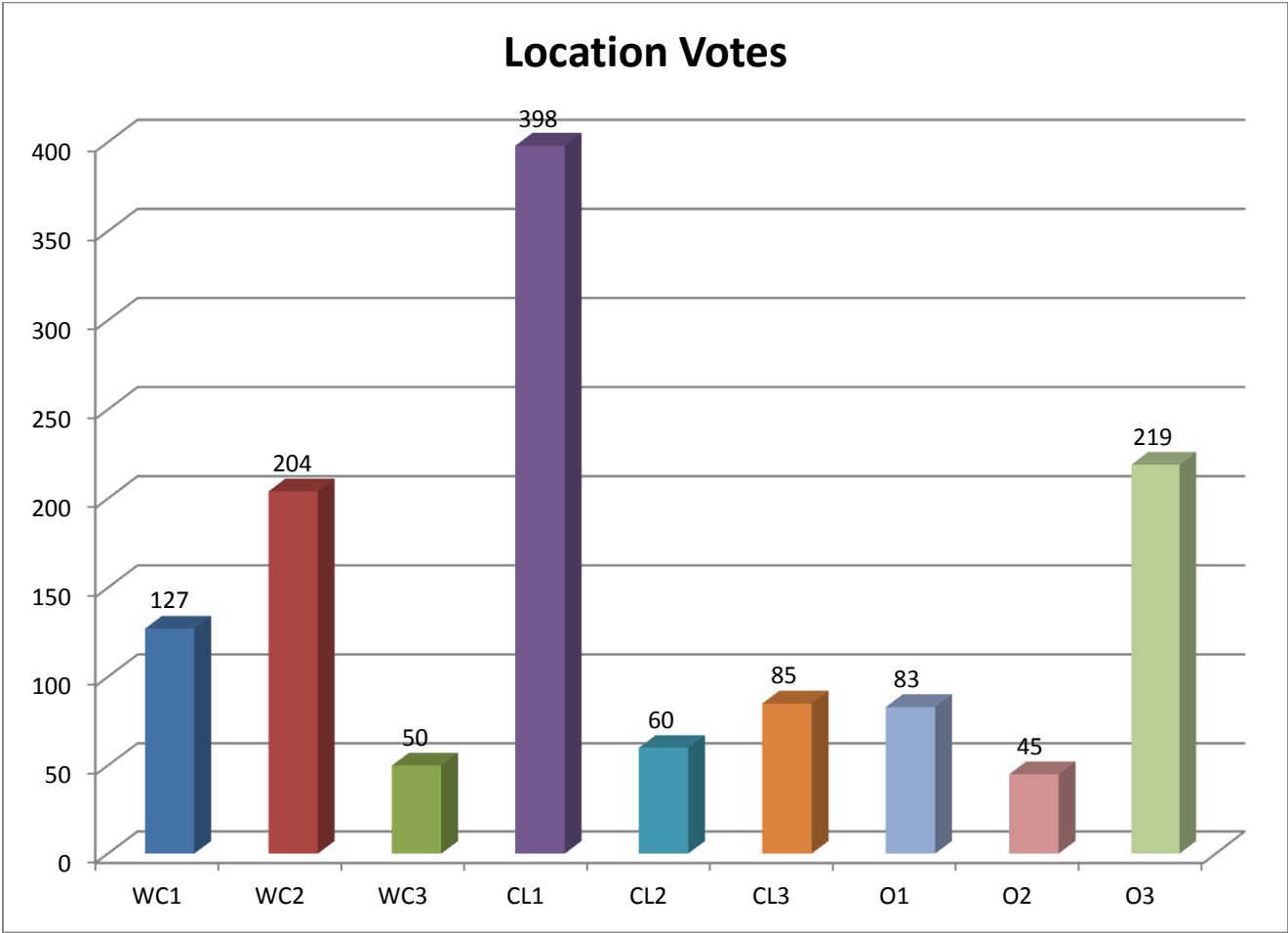
It should be noted that not everyone filled out every answer, and a very small amount of them were ruined / illegible. Despite this, we are confident that the results do give us a good idea of what our community's students think of our local skatepark. While we did not copy down every single comment they wrote, approximately half of the surveys did have comments, and we did attempt to transcribe the majority of the thoughts to get a good gauge of what their opinion is overall. These form the appendix at end of this report.

6.1 Question 1 – Do you like the current skatepark location?



Out of 615 responses to this question, **482** of students replied *yes*, **133** said *no*. In looking over some of the notable comments, the vast majority of students liked the very close proximity to their schools. A small minority did mention negative actions such as drugs, graffiti, litter, catcalling, bullying etc. However, all these negative actions would likely increase as the park moved farther away from a central open location, to an area that is less visible.

6.2 Question 2 – Which of the following locations do you prefer for a potential new park? Mark 1,2,3 for order of preference.

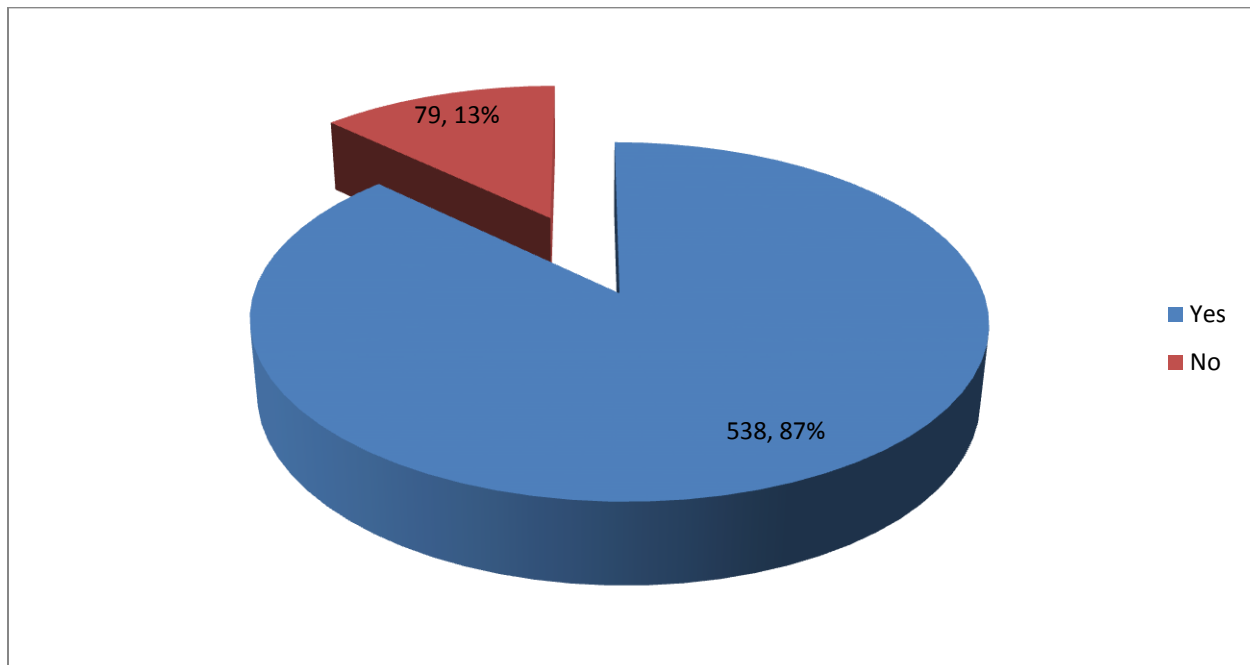


It should be noted that the way this question was designed was to give the option of where they best felt the park would serve the community. We asked that the students write 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices, and left the “other” option blank so as to get more ideas of suitable locations. The graph shows “WC”, or behind Wellness Centre, “CL” Current Location, and “O” Other.

There were few other options suggested by students. Some mentioned were “by post office, by Snakland, at police station, by UCN, Bell Ave, Mary Duncan”. However, the vast majority, 65% of students had current location as their first choice.

In reading over the comments, most seemed happy with the locations being as close to school as possible, and spoke of the nice proximity to arena and Grub Box. Again, the negative actions being brought forward by some students included skipping, graffiti, bullying, catcalling, drinking / smoking / drugs.

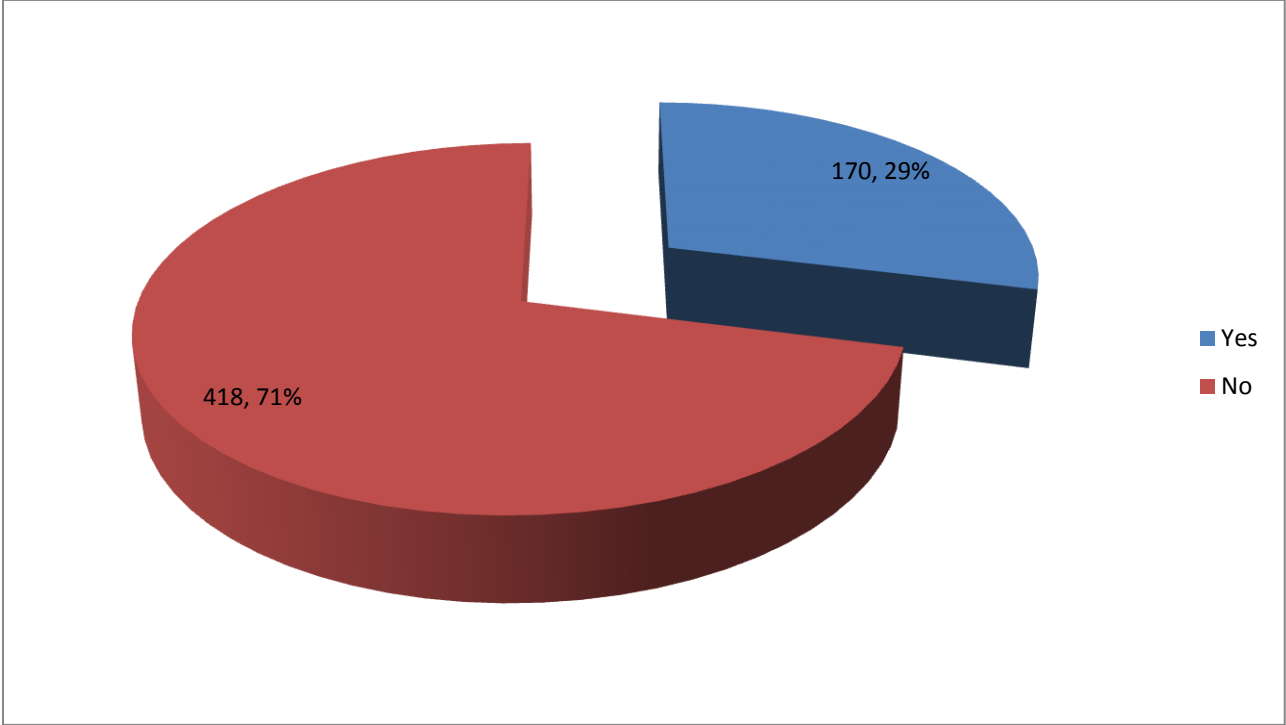
6.3 Question 3 – Do you feel the current skatepark is in need to be upgraded?



The vast majority of the students believed the skatepark should be upgraded, 87%. Only 13% of students answered no, and it should be noted that some of these that voted no, also stated in their comments that an upgrade wasn't necessary, but that a "new park" should be built.

Most said they disliked the graffiti, the asphalt surface was too rough and dangerous, the paint on the ramps have made them unsafe and slippery, and parts of park are literally falling apart. A few mentioned potential ideas for upgrade including expanding the size, bowl, halfpipes, rails, lighting, shaded areas and seating.

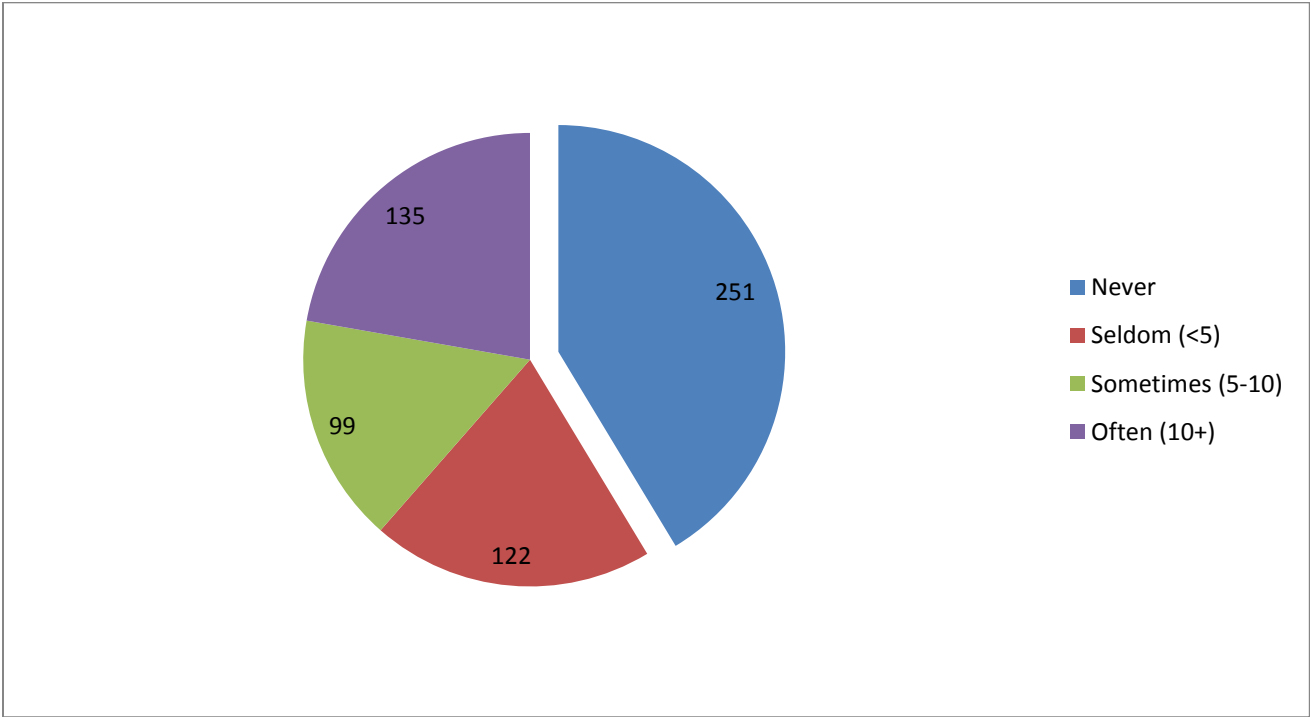
6.4 Question 4 – Kelsey School Division and KRC’s agreement have the right to limit use of the current skatepark to only outside school hours. Do you feel this meets the needs of skatepark users?



A contentious issue is that of the policy regarding the use of the park, 71% answered *no* to if it met the needs of skatepark users, 29% answered *yes*.

It’s fair to say that the majority of those who answered did feel that this policy was not fair to students who are on spare, or users of park who may be from out of town or not in school. It should be noted that there were some who felt the policy may help with reducing skipping, although there is no available data to correlate rates of skipping in the schools with the adoption of this policy, or skipping due to proximity of the park to school.

6.5 Question 5 – How often have you used the skatepark facility in the past year?



Out of 607 students, 41% considered themselves non-users of the current park, while 59% considered themselves users of the park. Of those who considered themselves users of park, 34% claimed to use the park seldom (less than 5 times in the past year), 28% claimed to sometimes use park (5-10 times), and 38% said they used the park often.

6.6 Questionnaire Summary

Some important conclusions can be drawn from this student survey data.

1. Youth believe in safe, fun, healthy activities, in centrally located areas
2. Youth prefer close proximity of parks to school and other recreational activities
3. Youth want their park areas clean, safe, and not vandalized
4. Youth want access to their parks, but understand that parks should not interfere with schooling, and that education is a top priority

This is eye-opening data, as it shows that the majority of youth who go to MBCI and SBMS consider themselves users of the park, most believe that an upgrade is necessary, and most believe the current location is best-suited for them.

This makes sense since skateparks, over the past two decades have internationally become a place of choice for physical activity, sports, and socializing. Having a location close to the safety of a "school zone" would lower rates of negative actions, and be more conducive to easily accessible recreation.

It also shows the degree of importance of skateparks within our community, as they are directly a way to engage *60% of our middle-school and high school youth* in physical activity, a number much higher than anticipated by the writer.

7. Conclusion

While the current park location is seemingly the logical choice for the new park, before further planning occurs the following will need to take place:

1. Meaningful dialogue between KRC and KSD will need to be immediately developed that encompasses the community needs, with that of the safety of students in care of KSD. Clear user policies will need to be made for both groups, in a spirit of cooperation.
2. The Town/KRC will need to accept and exercise its role in park upkeep. The cost is minimal, which is one major reason why cities across the world choose to build skateparks. Garbage removal, recycling removal, and proper (as suggested by manufacturer) and regular graffiti coverage will show the public, school and youth that the community cares about its park. Much in the same way abandoned buildings become targets for vandalism because they are not taken care of, a well-maintained, busy park will be less target for deviant acts.
3. Clear, concise policy is required by KSD. There appears to be varying thoughts and interpretations between various admin, teachers, and even the public. Without clear, definitive policy in place, it will be difficult to proceed.
4. The community should support KSD with its role in student safety. Any recreation use in the area should be prioritized for school use first, then public use. If any specific area (baseball, track, basketball, skatepark etc.) is not being used by KSD for physical education programming, priority should automatically shift to public use. Students banned from school should not be allowed on or near school property, and the community should support that policy.
5. Recommendation to utilize the area east of Wellness Centre for Tennis, Basketball Courts, Hockey Rink. Planning for this would be advantageous to start immediately between organizations (KRC, KSD, TPMHA).
6. Extension of skateboard park to encompass area west of current skatepark would best suit project. In order to accommodate student concerns over proximity to track, it would be wise to concentrate the area for "beginners" towards the eastern portion (current skatepark) and more "advanced" area towards the western portion (current tennis courts).

7. Use of basic Crime Prevention by Design principles should govern a new park including:
 - high visibility,
 - proximity to services / roads,
 - easy accessibility
 - regular maintenance (garbage/recycling/covering over graffiti immediately),
 - having it community-friendly (seating areas)
 - lighting
 - potential for cameras

8. Organizing of youth groups to assist in the design and further down the road, upkeep of park should be initiated.

Rather than adopt a “why we can’t” ideology, we should aim for the “how can we?” attitude. Skateparks have become the community place of choice for the majority of our youth, we will all need to work together to develop a strategy that works for all community partners.

This is a prime opportunity for our youth, local organizations and the public at large to come together to work cohesively towards solutions that will benefit our young people, and community as a whole.

Appendix

Notable comments regarding location:

Q – 1. Do you like the current skatepark location? Yes/No (Explain optional)

Yes, I like location it's right close to the school

Yes, I like the location where it is

Yes, it's right beside the two schools.

Yes, it's good for the students to go there after school and have fun since it's so close to the school.

Yes, Current Location good because it's close to Grub Box

Yes, I like where it is now

Yes, because it's close to my house and my brother loves going there.

No, I think it should be moved so there is more freedom and less graffiti and vandalism.

No, because I don't like the current location because there is a lot of graffiti and there isn't a lot of ramps.

Yes, it's easy access for everyone and for all the kids.

It's close to friends' houses and school and the track.

Yes, because it's close to the school.

Yes, because I can go skate at lunch.

It's in a good place by the high school, middle school by Grub Box and the rink.

Yes, it's close to the schools.

Yes, because it's close to school and kids go there lots.

Yes, because it's close to SBMS.

Yes, because in the morning we can go there.

Yes, because it's near the school and easy to get to.

Yes, because we could go to the skatepark at lunch.

Yeah it's fine, kind of close to the school though and teachers really kill everyone's vibe sometimes.

The ease of access is preferred.

Yes, because it's fun to hang out there.

Yes, because it's nice and close to the school.

Yes, because lots of people could go there right after school.

Yes, because it's close to my school.

I like the spot that our current skate park is in now.

Yes, it is a great place to hang out.

Yes, because it's close to the school.

Yes, because it is close to the Grub Box.

Yes, because I can go right after school.

I like this location because it's close to both the high school and the middle school but you should keep the old one and the new one so there's lots to do.

No, it is too close to our school.

Yes, it is close to the school.

Yes, I like where it is because it's close to go to after school.

Yes, I like it because it's close to the school and close to my home.

No, it's too close to our school and a lot of people go there at lunch time and hog it, some kids don't let us there at the skate park.

No, I think it being close to the schools is good, but really it's a place for kids to do drugs and skip class.

No, me and my brothers walk to the park when my parents play baseball but there are always freaky looking people there (My brothers are young)

Yes, because it's in a public area where a lot of people visit.

Yes, because it's close to schools, MBCI / SBMS

No, too much university kids plus high school kids are there.

Yes because it's in like the middle of the community.

Yes, because it is right near the school, my house and the track.

Yes, it's easy to get to.

Yes, it is a very central location so it is a very good location.

Yes, because it's close to our school.

Yes, middle of town.

No, its too close to the school.

Yes, because I can skate right after school.

Yes, it's a good location but it's too small and cramped in one place.

Yes, it's right by the schools.

No, because there is lots of graffiti and it is kinda small and crowded.

I like the current location because when school hours are over, students usually go to the skatepark. So if we keep it their students don't have to go far.

No, its next to sports where little kids play.

No, it's too close to school.

Yes, because it is close to school.

Yes, I kinda like it where it is but not really.

Yes, whenever I am bored at the pool I go to the skatepark if I have rollerskates.

Yes, it's close to my house.

Yes, I like it in the current location near the Wellness Centre because it's close to places like the rink, Grub Box and I like it there.

Yes, I like the location because it's close to everything.

Yes, I like it the same location by the running track.

Yes, because you can go there after school or during lunch.

Yes, it's the perfect place already.

No, I hate running the track when people are at the skatepark.

Yes, it's in a good closed off field where no one should complain.

No, it's outdated and hard to do tricks on.

Yes, it's easy to get to after school

Yes, the reason is because it is close to the schools. MBCI / SB

Yes, close to schools.

Yes, because it's right next to the school and next to arena.

Yes, I like that it is close to the arena and the baseball diamond, and the track.

No, I want to run on the track but I don't like running when those guys are there. Also I think it shouldn't be right by the schools.

No, because if I'm jogging on the bike path they like whistling and staring at me and I don't want them to do that.

Yes, because it's close to Wellness Centre. And there's more things to do by the park and if you go to the track to run your siblings can play there if there wasn't all the swearing and smoking.

No, eye sore.

No, rude sayings.

No, I don't like the skatepark because they did graffiti on it and I just like the basketball nets.

No, too many little kids.

Yes, it's within close proximity to the school so you don't have to walk 10 blocks from school to get there.

No, it's too close to MBCI and SBMS.

No, it's scary to walk past when walking on the bike path. The people who usually hang out there aren't kid-friendly.

No, teachers keep on coming and telling students not to be on the middle school grounds if they're in high school.

Yes, because it is by both schools that contain most of the kids who use the skatepark.

Yes, the skatepark is close to school.

No, I don't like the current location because it belongs to school property.

No, it's too small.

No, people don't treat it like a skatepark cause kids are always smoking up there and breaking glass bottles.

Yes, I do, it is a good location but when the school tries to kick people off that's not ok.

Yes, it's good closer to the school.

Yes, it's nice and close to my school.

No, it's awkward walking by it and boys suck.

Yes, because it's right beside school for teens to go to after school or in evening.

Notable comments for Q2:

Which of the following locations to you prefer for a potential park? Please explain preference.

Make room to make a bigger park.

I like the location where it is.

Perfect where it is, students go there after school and have fun since it's close to school.

I like where it is now.

Wellness Centre wouldn't be a good spot and the current location makes the schools think they own it.

I'd like to have shade when I skate, I want it for easy access on a main street like at Rotary Park.

I think the park is fine where it is because students can easily get to school.

I think you should expand the current one and make it better.

I want it close to UCN.

It's a pretty decent spot now, close to schools but not too far.

Put it far away from here wherever.

I think the park is in a good location right now.

Behind the Wellness Centre is bad and our current location is good. And other place will be around um... Mary Duncan.

I like where it is it's close to my school and easy to get a drink.

Anywhere away from schools, we are not able to do anything there even though it's not school property.

It's perfect where it is it's by the school which is safe.

It is good where is now.

I like the spot that our current skatepark is in now.

Like it, it's easy to get to school and Grub Box.

It's good where it is. Easy to get to hockey.

It's nice and close to schools.

I think it looks good where it is but if they put it somewhere else I would say near Bell.

Near UCN

It should be farther away it's too close to baseball and someone might get hurt if a ball is flying.

Behind the Wellness won't make a difference, put it in the police station parking lot.

Not by Wellness, that's practically same location how about by the Ag Grounds.

Move it because kids ditch school to go to the skatepark so it should be farther away from school.

I think you should move it either close to Snakland or that place just a little out of town where the fair goes, or where that baseball diamond is, but then again people usually go to the skatepark after school so you don't want to make the walk too far.

I like the current location because it's out in the open.

Move it far so kids can't take drugs.

It is in the perfect spot.

I like it because where it is i can watch people use it.

Leave it where it is it's near my school my house and the track.

I like the current location because the schools are right there so it keeps people out of trouble. Behind the Wellness Centre is too secluded.

I like where it is so all my friends can get there fast.

It's good now, close for lots of people in middle of our town.

Middle of town is good now.

Move it to where we can have more shade.

I like that we can go back and forth between park and school now.

Current spot is good place.

I think it should stay because the people who play hockey have somewhere to go until it's their time on ice.

Kids skateboard park should stay there so the kids don't have to go so far and get cold and if they are on the bus they can run there and get there faster.

Good location now it is close to school and a lot of people bring bikes and skateboards to school.

Move it far, i think too much little kids would go in it and get bullied.

Behind Wellness is not a good place to put it because the soccer program during summer.

I like the current location, I think you should just expand it and update.

Move it anywhere there's shade and closer to water.

Leave it close to school.

It's good near the pool.

The skatepark needs to be near the schools.

There isn't enough room for a skatepark behind the wellness centre.

I would like it by UCN.

I like it now it's close to everything.

Location good now, moving it is pointless.

Keep it close to SBMS and MBCI, it's a hop-skip-jump away.

It's good where it is.

When the school day ends the park is nice and close so when the bell rings we can go directly there.

It's perfect now, kids can go there before school and still get to school on time.

Beside post office is good location.

It's convenient where it is now.

It's close to Grub Box and school.

Behind wellness isn't really safe and current location people already get in trouble.

Too many thugs would rob me.

Current location is in the open, expand it and add lights.

I like where it is.

Keep it, it's not hidden and easy to find.

Move it so I can run the track without people staring.

It doesn't matter where it is just make them pick up their garbage.

The location now is perfect.

Move it downtown.

Move it closer to stores.

What's the point of moving it behind Wellness it's already next to it.

The current location isn't a very bad location, it doesn't cause any trouble, also it's easy to catch someone skipping.

Leave it near to school.

The area in general is a nice spot.

It's annoying near school.

I don't care.

Where it is now is perfect, it's right in the open.

Current location works, I don't use it though.

Notable comments regarding potential upgrade:

Q – 3. Do you feel the current skatepark is in need to be upgraded ? Yes/No (Explain optional)

Yes, needs more ramps, even if they are duplicates

Needs better ramps. Bigger and better rails.

It needs to be upgraded to full cement ramps instead of metal hunks of crap.

Yes, it's vandalized.

It's too small and vandalized.

Ramps are chipping, needs to be bigger.

There is a lot of graffiti and there isn't a lot of ramps.

We need pavement and not gravel. If you fall you will scrape yourself. Also we need a bowl and a big QP.

Too much graffiti.

Equipment falling apart.

Graffiti and it's falling apart plus small and crowded.

Skatepark is damaged too much graffiti and the colours aren't nice plus paint is chipping off.

Yes, i think because it is way too rough.

Ya because that'd be cool and better and it's rough.

It doesn't look all that fun it's been that way for a long time and it would be cool to have new stuff.

The ground is too bumpy.

It's too rough.

It's rough. Need new ramps.

Build a new one.

Because the cement makes it hard to skateboard on rough cement.

Yes, some people are getting really good and a lot of people enjoy skatepark.

Because it's rough

It's kind of shitty, needs new ramps, it should be concrete, the colours are ugly sorry.

There should be rails and stuff too.

No, cause everyone there sucks.

Need new ramps, more space and different colours.

Need less ramps and more rails, street stuff.

It would be nice to have a skatepark like Yorkton's or Prince Albert's.

Need more ramps.

Maybe new paint or more ramps that's bigger.

Ramps should be repainted because there is too much graffiti on them.

Because it's too small and other good bmxers or scooter people can learn new tricks.

It is breaking.

I think there should be cameras because people keep vandalizing the current one.

The cement is rough and spraypaint should be banned.

There is lots of graffiti on it.

Because it looks old.

Bigger flyout and bigger half pipe, a bowl, more rails and boxes and stuff to grind, a lot smoother ground.

I don't like the vandalism on the ramps.

Bigger ramps and the reason skatepark is spraypainted too much.

Smooth ground, big halfpipe. Need bowl and things to grind.

There's too much graffiti.

Because all there is are ramps, some of them are steep and people could get badly hurt if they fell off their bikes.

It needs a bowl.

Yes, there is a lot of vandalism and if we got a new one, it would maybe be safer.

It's run down, we don't want people to put graffiti on it.

New paint, etc

Personally, I think it's fine.

Because there's lots of spraypaint on it.

Too small, it gets crowded.

I've been to skateparks with big paths, I want that.

It's too small.

We don't need the upgrade just a new one the one we have stinks.

It looks old.

Needs new stuff.

With the bad graffiti it needs an upgrade.

There is a lot of vandalism.

Yes, because its getting beat up and the ramps are starting to fall apart.

It's no good need more ramps and smoother pavement and maybe more rails.

Ramps are outdated and falling apart, the ground has like gravel in it so everytime you bail you almost have to get stitches.

We need a bowl and more plaza type and more vert style skatepark.

You need to paint it.

It's ghetto.

It's ghetto. (2)

The pavement sucks.

Its fine where it is and how it looks there is a lot of obstacle courses and no need for more.

It has very limited __ (illegible) __ and lots of graffiti.

Yes, instead of making a whole new skatepark just upgrade our current one.

Too small, more ramps, too much graffiti.

Needs bowl.

Because it is old and the paint is chipped.

Yes, it can be smoother. Little, too small. Make it bigger.

It's too small and it gets crowded. The concrete is terrible.

Because it is full of spraypaint and old and boring.

It is too small.

The ground is cracked.

The skatepark we have is way too small.

It's really vandalized and there is really easy ramps.

I think it should be upgraded because it's so old and I would like a new skatepark and there's too much graffiti on it.

Because the old skatepark is boring and there's no new ramps and too much graffiti.

So they have more room.

For people to be able to do more tricks, should get a bowl.

There are more and more people going so I think it should be bigger and better.

All the graffiti ruins it.

It needs new ramps so it will be fun and it's been vandalized so they need to be painted.

Don't cover / replace the spray paintings, it gives it some life.

Some of the ramps are boring we could use some new cool ramps.

Add more depth and rails and stuff.

Doesn't matter to me.

Because it's getting boring.

The ramps are crumbling which makes it dangerous for the youth.

No don't upgrade, save your money and get a new park.

It's too small.

It needs better flooring like the one on the res.

There are spray paint all over skatepark, needs more recycling and garbage bins.

It's too old and needs to be upgraded.

Leave it ghetto.

It's too small and lots of vandalism.

Most of the ramps are old and there is no good halfpipe.

Its outdated.

No, because it's just going to get vandalized. Only guys use that why don't we spend money on making something that a whole family can use.

No, bad culture.

It's good the way it is.

Ours is too old.

If you can help kids to upgrade their skills, they might make something out of it.

Yes because the current one is too small and the ramps aren't good.

Needs a bowl and more rails and no paint on the ramps it makes them slippery.

More of an expansion would be nice.

It's very small and old.

Yes, it's wrecked, vandalized and needs to have new equipment.

The ramps are slippery and it's easier to mess up.

It's old and dangerous.

It's so rundown and breaking down.

It's graffitied all to hell, burned and broken glass is everywhere.

It doesn't look nice.

It's very run down there seems to be graffiti everywhere.

Too small, not enough room in summer.

It's Crap (get some spray paint artists to do all the artwork!)

It's bunk.

The ramps are too close, we need an upgrade definitely.

I don't care.

I don't even use it and I feel it needs a HUGE upgrade.

There are more people going and it's rather small.

It's getting a little boring and it's getting wrecked.

It's really ghetto looking.

It looks really ugly.

Because it's small and boring.

I would want more of a street park like Swan River it's ten times better and super smooth which is awesome everytime you fall you don't have to worry about scars and stuff.

Notable comments regarding potential “limited” usage of park:

Q – 4. KSD and KRC’s agreement have the right to limit use of the current skatepark to only outside school hours, do you feel this meets the needs of skatepark users? (Explain optional)

No, If students have a spare they should be able to use it.

No, you can only go outside of school hours.

No, you should be able to go anytime unless you have school. (and it needs lights)

No, we won’t have a class during a period sometimes and some kids live out of town.

No, because older kids who skate should be able to use it too.

No, some people that are not in school might want to use it.

No, because what are the kids that go to the skatepark at lunch going to do. They might go there because it is too boring activities at school.

No, because sometimes they go there at lunch and we’re not supposed to.

No, I think it should be public to all hours because people should be able to go there whenever.

No, we should have the right to use it for lunch hours.

No, you should be able to skate whenever you want to.

No, because it’s not school property.

Yes, so kids want to skip and go to the skatepark, and No because we aren’t even allowed to go there at lunch.

Yes, they need to go to school.

No, let us use it at lunch!

No, we should be allowed there at lunch!!

No, most kids like to go to the park at lunch.

No, because lunch and spares.

No, we should have access to the skatepark at all times.

No, because it’s not the school’s property.

No, it’s not school property!

No, because it’s not the school’s skatepark.

No, it's not school property and we can't even go at lunch ☹️

No, because they need something to do during lunch or other things.

No, people have spares you know. Not everyone is in school or has a full schedule, this isn't doing anything good, it's just lowering the use of the park.

No, it's stupid what they do.

No, isn't it Town property?

Yes, because you can't always be at the skatepark, school is more important.

No, let us use it whenever we want.

No, because what if some people are new to town and wanna skate or what if people are home-schooled.

No, because what if you live out of town and come as often.

No, we should use it whenever we want.

Yes, skatepark users often go there to enjoy or pass time over lunch hour or if you get a spare.

No, you should be allowed to go when you want.

No, it's not fair.

Yes, because they want to go to it, and there's a reason for skids to skate/bike.

No, people hang out there for lunch.

No, because people go outside at lunch can go to the skatepark.

No, we should go there any time of day.

No some people have free periods.

No, people at lunch should be able to skate, it's not fair.

Yes, because they shouldn't skip.

No, because if you live out of town and forgot to bring your lunch you can just hang out there.

No, because what if you had a spare.

Yes, because skateboarders need to get better grades.

Yes, because they should worry about their school work and homework if they finish their school work then go to the skatepark.

Yes, I think you should only use it outside of school hours so there isn't people skipping class.

Yes, we don't want people to graffiti it.

Yes, that way it's not distracting during school, like when people go to the track for gym class.

Yes, I think the kids should be allowed to go to the skatepark.

Yes, if the kids are supposed to be in school, no if they are not in school anymore.

No, because we go there at lunch.

No, I say the skatepark should be open at grade 6 recess.

Yes, because kids skip and go to the park.

Yes, there is no reason to go to a skatepark during school.

No, we need sk8 24/7.

No, what if people in high school have a spare? They love to go there.

No, some kids go there for lunch.

No, it should be open all the time.

No, they should not be able to because it is our decision what to do at lunch, just let us use it!

No, because people go there for lunch and stuff.

No, because I go there every lunch hour and skateboarding makes me happy and I can't have a good day unless I do it.

Yes, they need to focus on school.

Yes, because all boys care about is the skatepark and how many tricks they can land.

No, we want to have fun on recess.

Yes, I think students shouldn't go to the skatepark during recesses they can't skip and it will be bad credit so students should go only after school.

Yes, I'd rather use it only after school anyway.

No, people should be allowed to use the skatepark all the time, during school hours and after school.

No, just a note, skatepark should be shovelled in winter!

No, because we like to go there every lunch.

No, I get how they don't want to be responsible if they get hurt but the kids should be allowed to play/hang there whenever they want.

Yes, it will be funner.

No, everyone goes there.

No, forces you to go home when you want to skate.

No, because some people might want to go at lunch or recess.

No, some people would probably want to use it during lunch hour.

Yes, because during Fall people like to go there at lunch.

Yes, we go to the skatepark at lunch!

Yes, because kids can play or ride bikes at the skatepark on school hours.

No, should use ANYTIME!

No, people have spares.

No, should be able to go at ALL hours.

Yes, school first then skateboard,

No, people should be able to go there at lunch and breaks.

No, you should be able to use whenever you need/want. It's everyone's not just ours.

No, it's a public location, we should be able to use it whenever.

No, because if you have a spare and have nothing to do, you can go to the skatepark.

No, what if people want to practice on spare?

No, people who have spares should be allowed to go there if they wish.

No, we want to use it whenever we want.

No, you should go when you want, not when someone tells you.

No, because what if someone has a spare and wants to go but you're not allowed.

No, if someone has spare or maybe even they won't be able to go.

No, people on spare should be able to go for a ride.

No, if we have a spare and feel like riding then we shouldn't get kicked out!

No, what about our spare?

Yes, because kids might skip to go skateboarding.

No, there are always people using it after school so the little kids might feel scared to go because of people doing drugs.

No, because they sometimes like to go at lunch or to skip.

No, yolo.

No, not everyone has school.

No, some people have spares.

No, some people have spares, others will skip class anyway.

Yes, when you are in high school wait to go to it on your spare.

No, they will still go there's no point.

Yes, kids need to be in school not skating or biking.

Yes, because they should be in school not skipping class to be skateboarding.

Yes, students skip to go there.

Yes, who cares.

Yes, do not need to skip classes to be there.

Yes, don't need to be there during the day.

Yes, it's good the way it is.

Yes, people are always there anyway.

No, kids with spares might want to practice during those hours because they have afterschool jobs.

No, we should be able to use it whenever we want.

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No, it's stupid that we get kicked off.

No, you should be able to use it whenever you want.

No, what about those outside of school, or on lunch break?

No, it's completely stupid.

No, people have spares or don't have school at all. It should be available to people at all times for something positive to do.

No, should be allowed whenever.

Yes, it makes sense regarding kids skipping on school property.

No, people should be able to skateboard whenever they want, not just after school.

No, we should be able to use our park whenever, lunch or mornings.

No, should be allowed to use it whenever.

No, because if you go to the skatepark during a spare it's not like you're doing anything you're just exercising.

No, some kids are lazy and tired of school hours, plus it's a hangout spot now during lunch or spares.

No, some people have spare and wanna skate, it's a park, should be open 24/7.

No, we should use it whenever.

No, it's a public place, the schools should have NO say in it. It's annoying.

No, because kids love skateparks if they wanna get better they need the time to practice.

No, people should go there on spares.

No, I'd be there every day if I could.

No, they should be allowed on the park whenever they want.

No, if you have a spare class you might want to go there.

No, should be able to use it whenever.

No, should be able to use at anytime.

No, why does it matter when they use it?

No, because some people have spares.

No, because I go there at lunch all the time to learn new tricks.

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