



School District 27J 4-day School Week Impacts & Opportunities

May 14, 2018

Background

- SD27J Superintendent announced 4-day school week March 19, 2018
- City Council requested that staff investigate childcare services and identify options that the City may provide to assist with services
- City staff met with representatives from SD27J in February & March to determine if assistance would be needed to manage the impacts of the 4-day school week



Background

- SD27J indicated that their plans would accommodate all elementary aged youth
- Identified gap → services for middle school aged youth; SD27J looking for others to fill the gap



SD27J Programming

- SD27J sent a survey to elementary families (K-5) regarding Monday childcare
- Over 700 families expressed interest
- The district can accommodate 1000-1200 participants
- Childcare will be available for \$30/day, 6:30am-6:00pm; **scholarships available**



Bison Ridge Recreation Center

- Families and/or stay at home parents/guardians with elementary age children have drop-in activities such as open swim and open gym time as well as child watch services (parent/guardian must be on-site) available at the Bison Ridge Recreation Center



Middle School Survey Info

- SD27J sent a survey to middle school families regarding Monday programming
 - 158 respondents indicated a desire for some programming (131 full day)



City Proposed Programming (cont.)

- School time for middle school age group is 8:30 am-4:30pm
- Program planning would mirror that timeframe
- Monday program:
 - Clubs in the morning & afternoon (sports, tech, Legos, STEM, arts, junior lifeguarding, etc.)
 - Youth given opportunity for field trips and swimming throughout the day
 - 6 to 8 club options in the morning (participants can select up to 2)
 - 3 to 5 club options or swimming in the afternoon (participants can select up to 2)



City Proposed Programming – sample schedule

Group 1 (40 middle schoolers)	
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Club 1 (3-5 options)
10:15 a.m. – noon	Club 2 (3-5 options)
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Club 3 (2-3 options)
2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Club 4 (2-3 options)
4:00 p.m. – 4:32 p.m.	Pick up and/or swim lessons (pick up at gym or pool)
Group 2 (40 middle schoolers)	
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Club 1 (3-5 options)
10:15 a.m. – noon	Club 2 (3-5 options)
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Field Trip
4:00 p.m. – 4:32 p.m.	Pick up in gym

City Proposed Programming – sample schedule

Group 1	
August 20	Clubs at Bison Ridge all day
August 27	Clubs in AM and field trip in PM
September 3	Off for Labor Day
September 10	Clubs at Bison Ridge all day
September 17	Clubs in AM and field trip in PM
Group 2	
August 20	Clubs in AM and field trip in PM
August 27	Clubs at Bison Ridge all day
September 3	Off for Labor Day
September 10	Clubs in AM and field trip in PM
September 17	Clubs at Bison Ridge all day



City Proposed Programming (cont.)

- Program accommodates up to 80 kids;
residents would have priority access
- 8 variable hour staff needed to run the program, plus contractual services
- 1-2 community rooms at Bison Ridge would be needed to facilitate the program, plus technology room, pool party rooms, swimming pool, etc.



City Proposed Programming (cont.)

- Participants could register for one or more clubs OR full day program
- 2 club time slots in the morning and 2 club time slots in the afternoon
- Registration Fee (scholarships available):
 - \$15/club
 - \$30 for full day program (39% subsidy)
 - \$40 for full day program (18.7% subsidy)
 - \$49.20 for full day program (0% subsidy)
- Projected program expense: \$141,690



City Proposed Programming (cont.)

- SD27J & PRG mutually prefer to utilize the Bison Ridge Recreation Center
- SD27J agreed to provide bus service for field trips at a reduced rate
- Participants responsible for transportation to & from Bison Ridge Recreation Center
- PRG staff reached out to the City of Brighton and Reunion, as we cannot solely accommodate the anticipated middle school demand



Additional Research

- Charter Schools
 - Confirmed that Belle Creek & Landmark keeping 5-day schedule
- Belle Creek YMCA
 - Not offering any additional programs because they do not have space when school is in session
- Boys & Girls Club of Brighton
 - Planning to open on Mondays for 300 kids, all ages, first come first served for \$20/day
- The City of Brighton plans to create a similar middle school program as Commerce City
- Reunion - no additional programming at this time
- Suncor Boys & Girls Club primary service area ACSD14 and will continue to serve normal hours



Additional Research (cont.)

- Private Entities
 - Prestige: communicating with corporate; hope to offer something for up to age 12
 - Primrose: will not change or add anything
 - Goddard School: not aware of the change; limited budget and don't think anything will change
 - Numerous home based daycare providers that may or may not provide additional options



City Council Feedback

- What do you think about the proposed program offering?
- What do you think about the proposed program fee?
- If you have received feedback from your constituents regarding need for programming does the proposed level of service meet those needs?



Next Steps

If moving forward with middle school programming staff would ...

- Promote middle school age program in Fall program brochure (deadline June 6)
- Secure staff, supplies, contractual services, etc. for program
- Based on the SD27J school calendar first day of the program August 20, 2018



Questions

