

Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School (June 2nd and 3rd, 2009)

Feedback was gathered through “come and go” facilitated sessions. Points were recorded each time they were listed by participants. The lists are created in alphabetical order and do not denote order of rank or importance.

Major Challenges

- Employment
 - Employers lack understanding of youth (balance) (4)
 - Require time for school work
 - Require time for sports
 - Require time for socializing and family
 - Finding full time employment in summer (2)
 - Animal based employment is where the better paying jobs are.
- Lack of places where youth can go to spend time (7)
 - Teen Centers (3)
 - Recreational facilities
- Life balance (3)
- Money and cost of living (4)
 - Lack of money
 - Cost of things are too expensive
 - School too expensive
 - Scholarships (lack of)
 - Access to low cost activities (sporting and recreational) (2)
- No input from Youth
 - School Division – administration and the trustees
 - Community projects
- Parental pressure (Fighting with parents) (2)
- Peer pressure (Sex, Drugs, Alcohol) (6)
 - Underage drinking (2)
 - Drugs at school (3)
- People not believing youth (because of age)
- Police too strict with kids
- Safety in our community (downtown) (6)
 - Too many bars downtown
 - Crime (2)
 - Gang violence
 - Bullying in school and community (4)
- Skate boarding zones missing in our community
 - Skateboarding by-laws
- Stereotyping of youth
- School program cutbacks
 - Removal of Eco Odyssey
- Teen Pregnancy
- Transportation
 - Cost (7)
 - Out of City students
 - Transit

- Time (4)
- Transfers and day passes
- Cost (3)
- Overcrowded at peak times
- Stereotypes (don't want to be labelled)
- Image

Additional Tools and Programs for the Community

- Airport (improve) and get airline
- Art Gallery (improve access)
- Beach
- Bike paths
 - Expand current system linking major areas in city (6)
 - Repair/maintenance to current (improve)
 - Share the road / dedicated bike paths
- Brandon University (expand faculties offered)
 - Keep youth in Brandon
- Communication to youth (improve)
 - Surveys
 - Face to face input seeking from youth
 - Through the schools
- Drive in Theatre (3)
- Go Cart race track
- Healthier food options
 - Restaurant
 - School
- Hobby Shops
 - Card Games
 - Train Club
 - Miniatures
- Horseback riding facilities
- Imax Theatre
- Library (improve book selection)
- Mall (bigger/better) (7)
 - Different foods
 - Newer stores
- Music Festivals (youth centered)
- Off Road Bike Trail (3)
 - Bike jumps
 - Extreme riding
 - Race track
- Performance space for youth bands (The Park Theatre, Wpg)
 - Youth based music facilities
- Places to gather
 - Parks (2)
 - Fire Pits
- Parenting workshops and programs
- Pool facilities (improve)

- Waterparks (11)
 - More outdoor pools
- Recreation Facilities (improve)
 - Baseball Diamond
 - Basketball (Indoor and outdoor)
 - Beach Volleyball
 - Cricket
 - Football Stadium (2)
 - Increase hours of operation
 - Outdoor winter facilities
 - Rope Course
 - Roller blade (2)
 - Rugby (3)
 - Swimming
 - Upgrade current facility (2)
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - Recreational programs
- School Programs (Improve)
 - Arts classes (Increase courses offered, ie. Fashion only offered at Massey)
 - Disrespectful students (and parents) to be dealt with
 - Internet access (improve access)
 - Less emphasis on teacher education and focus on teachers who make a difference
 - Library (improve book selection)
 - Physical education (increased time)
 - School spending to be focused on items that benefit students
 - School Newspaper
 - Sports funding increased (2)
 - School Board involve student council in decisions affecting students (2)
 - Changing of school hours (example)
 - Teachers with better skills
 - Teach students life skills (ie mortgages and bill payments)
 - Update vocational training areas
 - Website kept up to date
 - Weight/gym facilities (improve)
- Smoking in public places (further bans)
- Summer Fair (improve)
 - New rides
- Support / Information Center
 - Tutoring
 - Share information on programs available to youth
 - Employment assistance (finding suitable employment)
 - Assistance in applying to University or College
- Skate Park (improve) (4)
- Transit

- Arrival and departure times (Improve) (2)
- Cost of access (Reduce)
- New Buses (2)
- Student card access to transit
- Teen Focused Centers (8)
 - Activity based games and support
 - Arcade (7)
 - Lazer tag (7)
 - Danceland
 - Air Hockey
- Winter activities
 - Sledding
- Volunteer opportunities (2)
- Youth Reading Program

How to Connect and Communicate with Youth

- Facebook
- You Tube
- Ebrandon
- Big Posters
- Student parking lot billboard
- School Website
- School Division mass email
- No radio or TV