



Meeting Highlights

Springhill Elementary School

School Steering Team

March 10, 2021 – via Zoom

In Attendance

1. Sheila Maddison-Alick, Principal for Junction Road and West End Elementary
2. Harold Delaney, SAC Chair for Junction Road and West End Elementary
3. Krista MacDonald, Parent of a student from West End Elementary
4. Angela McCormick, Councilor, Municipality of Cumberland County
5. Joe MacEachern, Executive Director of Finance and Facilities at EECD
6. Peter Howitt, Regional Executive Director, EECD Facilities
7. Darrell MacDonald, TIR Director, Education Facilities Project Services
8. Pedro Martinez, TIR Design Team Lead
9. Tyler Voeltz, TIR Project Manager
10. Herb Steeves, Director of Operational Services, CCRCE
11. Vernon Taylor II, Family of Schools Supervisor for Chignecto Family
12. Chris Zwicker, Coordinator of Property Services
13. Ed Ingarfield, CCRCE Project Liaison
14. Dana Stewart, CCRCE Project Services Area Manager for Chignecto Family
15. Stephen Outerbridge, Project Architect EXP
16. Melissa Wakefield, Consultant Design, EXP
17. Debbie MacDonald, Facilitator/ Executive Assistant to the Director of Operational Services
18. Trista Ashe, Parent of a student from Junction Road Elementary

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Debbie MacDonald, Facilitator.

Introductions

No introductions needed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved from previous meeting on February 17, 2021.

Design Update

Melissa Wakefield, shared her screen to provide updated details for the new school and presented a virtual tour to the committee.

Stephen Outerbridge, Project Architect, stated the design of the school was based on inspired learning and nature combined. In the reception area there is a secured modified reception check in area before entering the school.

The pre-primary classrooms will be located next to the administration office. It will have its own designated bathroom for easy access as well as a joint kitchenette between the classrooms. The doors to the bathrooms will be discussed with the teachers for their input.

The Visual Arts and Maker Zones have limited natural light on the main floor as it is in the middle of the school. To help those areas get some natural light there is a wedge in the ceiling of the building to allow natural light to enter the space from the skylight on the second floor. The outer walls of the staircase are also glass to see the outdoor landscape.

On the upper floor the library is the main attraction which will receive plenty of light from the glass skylight. Both upper and lower floor will be immersed in natural colors such as blues, greens and grays. There will be different textures to represent nature as well as some playful décor. Some of the areas will have carpet to help with the acoustics. Carpet tiles were suggested as they are easier to maintain.

Throughout the building and on the ceiling, there will be textured designs. The theme is the preservation of bees and to remind everyone of the importance of bees. There will be “hives” and “honeycombs” on the wall for students to cuddle up and read in as it is throughout the design.

The parking lot will have seventy parking spots. **The distance between the field and the drainage pond has been settled. The school has efficient circulation.**

School Colors and Logo

Sheila Maddison-Alick, Principal took a vote amongst students and staff regarding colors for the new school. The colors with the highest vote were teal and purple. The crest currently is their “school name”. One suggestion was to put it in middle of the floor of the new enhanced gymnasium. They would like the mascot to be a leopard.

Enhanced Gym Update

The enhanced gym was approved as previously stated in the last meeting. Currently there are no bleachers in the design of the new gym. The question is how many will they be able to fit in the gym and at what cost.

Other Matters

COVID-19 is making the cost of materials rise by **(should this be changed to approximately 30%)** 30%. DTIR and EECD are concerned about the financial impact it will have on the building cost and completion date. The decision was made to add a glass door for the library to close it off for quiet time. Sinks and counters to be determined in visual arts room. Sidewalk issue to be discussed but the municipality must be involved.

Next meeting

TBD – the meeting was adjourned 5:20pm.