

Memorial SC - Mountain View Transition New Consolidation Information Night

Thursday, April 5, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Memorial School

MINUTES

Committee Members:

- Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Achievement
 - Jeff Beattie, Ward 9 Trustee
 - Nadeen Shehaiber, Manager Capital Projects
 - Susan Dunn, Memorial SC Principal
 - Darrin Griffiths, Mountain View Principal
 - Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant
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Welcome

Jeff Gillies welcomed all and introduced the committee members as well as Maureen O'Shaughnessy, Principal Architect.

The Ministry has provided funding for a new JK – 8 Elementary school for 495 students to be built on the existing Memorial SC site (Royce and Kilbourn Streets). This meeting is to share plans of the new school and timelines as we move forward.

Power Point Presentation

The Power Point Presentation from this meeting will be posted on the HWDSB website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-renewal/boundary-reviews/>

Power Point Includes:

- Agenda
 - Lower Stoney Creek School Consolidation Overview
 - Plans for New School on Memorial SC Site
 - Memorial SC – Mountain View Transition Process
 - Timelines and Next Steps
- Land Acknowledgement
- Accommodation Review Resolution
- School Consolidation Plan
- Enrolment Projections
- New School Layout
- Construction Timelines
- Transition Planning
- Transition Committee
- Next Steps

Lower Stoney Creek School Consolidation Plan Overview

- Zone 4 (Mountain View) students remain at Mountain View and move to new school on Memorial site when construction is complete. Mountain View to close.
- Zone 5 (Memorial SC) students remain at Memorial and move to new school on Memorial site when construction is complete. Memorial to be demolished after closing.

Highlights of Architect Presentation from Nadeen Shehaiber and Maureen O'Shaughnessy

- Site is large enough that the new school can be built while students remain in old building.
- When students move into new building, the old school will be demolished and playground area established
- Will be a two-storey school.
 - Learning Commons and Special classes are on first floor to ease of access.
 - Most younger students will have classrooms on first floor and older students on second
- Gym will be 5500 square feet with divider, scoreboard, fixed stage and sports flooring
- Learning commons will have natural light and flexible seating
- Music room will have lockable cupboards for storage and sink for cleaning instruments
- Science will have open islands and teacher demonstration station
- Classrooms will have teaching wall with white board and interactive short throw projector

Next Steps

- When all the approvals are in place for the building we then can begin the transition planning.
 - A committee will be formed to include parents, staff and students
 - This will start approximately a year beforehand
- A separate advisory group will be established to address the transition of students and staff
- Regular updates will be on HWDSB website as well as in school newsletters and school website
 - Community/ neighbours will be notified of upcoming construction
 - Signage will go up on the site

Questions/Comments

Will there be Computer rooms?

- Technology is now in each classroom

Will the School Name change?

- There is a policy for naming schools that will be followed
- This will be looked at closer to the time when construction has started

How long for approval process?

- Working with the city currently; hopefully within 6-8 months for final approvals
- Goal is for school to be available and ready for opening in approximately two years. However there are many factors that can impact timelines.

Why is there a need for portables?

- We have to build to the Ministry Funding and follow projections
- We do not want to over build schools
- In the design there is a designated area set aside for portables

- The new school is designed to allow for an addition if necessary

Will the building use solar power?

- Ministry does not fund for solar power but the building will include energy efficient systems and components (i.e. lighting, heating, windows and doors, etc.).

Where do students enter the building?

- Students arrive on playground through a number of fenced access areas and enter at the rear of the building as well as Kindergarten entry.
- Three entrance area for students in total
- Kindergarten has separate and fenced area

Parents drop off students in same area as the entrances and this could cause a traffic jam of cars as well as pedestrians.

- All regulations have been followed for bus entrance ways and parking

Are there enough parking spots?

- There are 39 parking spots
- This meets zoning by-laws for the number of classrooms

Will there be a traffic guard on highway 8?

- We will submit to the city a request for a crossing guard

Will the sidewalks be improved?

- We do not know if the city have plans for an improvement to the sidewalks

When the kids move into Mountain View do the teachers go with them as well?

- Staff at Mountain View will have an opportunity to follow their students
- This is a union agreement

Will the school have all new or used furnishings?

- Funding is for the building only. Furniture will be moved from existing schools (Memorial and Mountain View)