

Springhill Elementary School

School Steering Team

January 27, 2021 at 4:00pm

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

Welcome

Debbie MacDonald called the meeting to order at 4:06pm. The meeting took place via Zoom platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction

All committee members were introduced by name and title by Debbie MacDonald, the facilitator of the meeting.

Terms of Reference

The Province of Nova Scotia is building a new elementary school in Springhill, Nova Scotia. Herb Steeves, Director of Operational Service explained the role of this committee. Part of the process is building a committee partnered with the Department of Transportation Infrastructure and Renewal (TIR) building the school as well as community members and parents of the students attending. The committee acts as a conduit for the Province and the community. Smaller groups made up of various involvements will be meeting off site to discuss details of the project but the committee will be updated at each meeting. The communication is needed more at the front end of the development when decisions have been made to the infrastructure to the building.

Preliminary Design Plan

A preliminary designed was shared by Darrell MacDonald, TIR Director. After viewing the school all folks are getting excited to move on with the project. The project is mirroring the design used in Eastern Passage High School to expedite the process, although there will be modifications made to the floorplan to support elementary school student needs.

The design will have a modern feel and will be placed at the top of Princess Street in Springhill with a natural landscape. The site offers 9.5 acres to incorporate bus planning drop offs and pick-ups as well as parking. The new school offers lots of natural light with a high-quality ventilation system.

For the interior design the Administration offices are at the front of the building for easy access but are still to be determined as for what room is going where examples – sick room/ office admin. The visual arts and music room will be on a raised area “stage” off of the gym. Design team is looking to get feedback from visual arts teachers for space ideas. The change rooms in the new space have a non-binary approach, great for anti-bullying. The changerooms and bathrooms are closed off for individual use, only. The library will be open concept with some possible quiet spaces off to the side for collaborative work spaces. The gymnasium design is still to be determined.

Enhancement Process

The gym is under review as to what size will fit and for what cost. A chart was presented at the meeting showing the cost of a standard elementary school gym, junior high, enhanced junior high, high school and enhanced high school. The cost and size are significant. From a community perspective a larger gym would be appreciated as they do not have a community center in the area. Access doors to the gym will definitely be considered when it comes to community use. The final decision for the enhancement, rests with Education.

Future Meeting

February 10, 2021 at 4:00pm

Adjourned

5:26pm