



## SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NO.2:** 

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD





300 – 152 West Hastings Street Vancouver BC, V6B 1G8 October 3, 2022

## **EVENT SUMMARY**

### Public Open House #2

Date:	March 3, 2022, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.		
Location:	Cedar Hill Middle School Gymnasium		
Participants:	75 community members, SD61 representatives, KMBR architects representatives		
Format:	In-person gallery style display of boards and Q&A		
Attendees included:  • Neighbours from Gregory Place, Garnet, and Rose Gardens			
	<ul> <li>Members of the public general from other parts of Saanich</li> </ul>		
	Teaching staff		
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- Parents/guardians of current students
- Parents/guardians of future students

The open houses were advertised in the Times Colonist and Saanich newspaper. The School District sent out a media release to promote the event and earned coverage with local radio stations and papers (CFAX, CTV, CHEK, Black Press, etc.). The media release was also sent to the School District's 3,500+ staff members. The School District advertised on all their social channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). Letters with invitations to the open house were extended to Rose Garden residents and nearby community associations. The school administration also sent invitations to the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). In addition, when the project was first announced the School District extended invitations to nearby community associations and Indigenous communities and organizations to be part of the process/conversation.

The event was organized by School District staff with the participation of the Principal and Vice-principal from Cedar Hill Middle School, KMBR Architects, and representatives from the School District. It was an in-person open house to update the public on the status of the project including the proposed location of the new school on the site, tree retention and demolition, pick up and drop off, proposed parking, driveways, and other site amenities. There were eight (8) informational boards and ten (10) boards with questions seeking public input. The 18 boards included the following:

- An introductory section that focused on the current conditions of the site, project timeline and milestones, as well as the surrounding neighbourhoods and neighbours (4 boards);
- A section that showcased the previous public engagement findings (2 boards);
- The last section that focused on the site design including: the proposed location of the new school, proposed parking, tree retention and demolition, vehicle circulation, pickup and drop-off options, pedestrian and bike access to site, site amenities desired by the community, and elements from the existing school that are desired to be retained.

Participants were encouraged to provide responses to the prompting questions using sticky notes or by adding stickers that show their preferences. A table was also set up in the center of the room with comment cards for participants to provide thoughts and comments regarding any topic that interested or concerned them. Members of KMBR's design team and the School District were on hand to answer questions and listen to comments. All feedback was recorded and incorporated into this document.



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## **BOARDS WITH PUBLIC INPUT TO QUESTIONS**



### **8.1 VEHICLE CIRCULATION**

Question: "Do you support adding a second driveway to improve vehicular circulation on site?"

The majority of the respondents supported adding a second driveway that will serve on site pick-up and drop-off, as well as parking access. Both driveways were shown from Gregory Place. Concerns were noted by numerous residents of Gregory Place and two parents who were concerned about increased volume of traffic trying to turn left from Gregory Place onto Cedar Hill Road.

8.2 PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF OPTIONS Question: "Do you support adding onsite pick-up and drop-off in addition to the existing pick-up and drop-off on street?"

Respondents raised concerns that adding on site drop-off could increase traffi on Gregory Place and create a traffi back up for lefthand turns onto Cedar Hill Road off Gregory Place. There were people supportive of the idea of on site pick-up and drop-off as it could improve safety on Cedar Hill Road. This item created a split opinion between residents of Gregory Place who do not wish to see more traffi added to their street and parents who were mostly in support of the idea. There were also voices that suggest increase bike use could alleviate traffi.



Note: Green dots denote when a respondent agreed with someone else's statement.



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8.3 REDUCED PARKING OPTION Question: "Would you support reducing the number of parking stalls on site by up to 15% to free up more green space?"

The majority of the respondents voted to have more parking. Twelve responded to reduce. Twenty-one responded to provide the full parking count per the bylaw to ensure that teachers and visitors have enough parking on site and to alleviate street parking pressures. The voices that supported the decrease in number of parking stalls asked for reassurance that the new facility has enough secure bike-parking spots as well as end-of-trip shower and secure bike facilities for teachers.

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## **BOARDS WITH PUBLIC INPUT QUESTIONS - CONTINUED**



### 9.2 PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ACCESS Question: "Where do you want to see access to the site: for bikes; for pedestrians?"

Green dots on the site plan indicate desired access points. The majority express their desire to have bike lanes leading to the site to improve bike safety, including bike routes to connect to other schools in vicinity. Respondents noted that the lack of safe bike routes to the school deters the student and staff from commuting by bike.

### 10.0 SITE AMENITIES Question: "What site amenities would you like the school district to prioritize?"

The majority of respondents requested a new climbing structure, the retention of two sports fields, an outdoor classroom, outdoor gathering area, a gaga ball court, bike parking, and a basketball court. There was interest in covered and uncovered outdoor space for students. Although the prompting question did not ask about interior building amenities, there were answers that pointed to prioritizing the continuation of the shop program as well as music classes.



## **BOARDS WITH PUBLIC INPUT QUESTIONS - CONTINUED**



### **11.0 ELEMENTS TO RETAIN**

Question: "What elements do you value the most and would like to see included in the new build? / What elements of the current building or site are most challenging?"

Participants expressed a desire to retain the current music, shop and art programs, and to ensure the new build is suitably sized for them. Other features of the existing school that were identified by respondents were the stained glass panels, art work by former students, important trees, the flag pole and/or pole base (which may house a time capsule), and the two fields. Participants noted the main challenge for the existing school is lack of natural light.



### 12.0 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Question: "What other ideas / needs should be considered when planning for the future CHMS?"

Respondents noted a desire to retaining the current music and exploratory programs, and sufficient space for these activities. Participants also want to see a balance of open gathering spaces and quiet semienclosed spaces, a large library, and space for lunch and gathering. Others noted that the new build should act as a local hub where community can gather in designated spaces. Some expressed that the school should be designed as sustainable as possible with as much outdoor space and green areas as possible.

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) COMMENTS:

The PAC leadership noted they were unable to attend the second open house and provided a letter in lieu. Their priorities include:

- · Separated bikeways
- A new flashing crosswalk close to Garnet Road (NE corner of site)
- Improved safety and flow for drop-off /pick-up to be secure and connected with the school

The PAC letter is included as Appendix A.

# **APPENDICES**

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## ALL BOARDS

NEW CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

The Project Team wishes to acknowledge that Cedar Hill School is located in the traditional territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations and we wish to express gratitude for the opportunity to work, learn, and share ideas on their traditional territories.



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KMBR Architects Planners Inc. Acknowledgment:

KM88 Architects Planner inc. is committed to the process of decolorization, and reconciliation with First Nations and Urban Indigenous communities. We recognize that we live and work on the unceded territories of the Coast Satish Peoples including the \*mail\*ayam (Musquem). Sysyew/Zmesh (Sauamish), and Selivisuh (Saui-Wathy) Nations.

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Current enrollment of 515 students

H-1 seismic rating = highest priority

Built 1931 with multiple renovations and additions between 1953 and 1975

2017 - Building Conditions Assessment found it did not meet current seismic code and other building code requirements

2019 - Project Definition Report (PDR) to the Ministry of Education

2020 - Funding from the Ministry of Education for full-seismic replacement

2021 - Board approves additional funding for Net Zero Energy by Design.



## 2.0 SCHOOL BACKGROUND INFO CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022





## 3.1 ENROLLMENT + PROJECTIONS CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022



#### **NEIGHBOURS LEGEND**

 Rose Bank Gardens Victoria's Independent Living, seniors condominium
 Greater Victoria Public Library - Nellie McClung Branch
 Braefoot Elementary School

4. University Heights Mall

5. Tuscany Village Shopping Mall

6. Braefoot Park

7. Campus View Elementary School

8. Mount Douglas Secondary School

9. University of Victoria

10. Shelbourne Plaza

Cedar Hill Middle School Site Commercial Use New Development NEW UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT (MALL)

NEW MCKENZIE

NEW CEDAR HILL TOWNHOUSES



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	Description	Date	Status
Visioning	Tours of Existing Middle Schools Steering Committee Visioning Session Staff Visioning Session Student Visioning Sessions Feeder School Student Visioning Sessions Public Information Session # 1 Online Survey for Parents, PAC, Neighbourhood	October 2021 October 22, 2021 October 28, 2021 November 2021 November 2021 November 9, 2021 November 9-26, 2021	******
Programming	Consultation with Songhees and Esquimalt Nations Steering Committee Programming Workshop Consultation with Rose Bank Gardens Living Programming Workshops with School Staff Final Programming Workshop with steering committee	Ongoing December 6, 2021 Mid December, 2021 December 8, 2021 December 14, 2021	****
Schematic Design	Schematic Design W/shop #1 - Steering committee Schematic Design W/shop #2 - Steering Committee Schematic Design Workshop #3 + #4 - Staff <b>Public Open House #2</b> Schematic Design Final Review & Acceptance	December 6, 2021 January 7, 2022 January 13 + 14, 2022 <b>March 3, 2022</b> End March, 2022	***
Design Development	Cedar Hill Stakeholder Design Development Workshop #1 Cedar Hill Stakeholder Design Development Workshop #2 Cedar Hill Stakeholder Design Development Workshop #3 Cedar Hill Stakeholder Design Development Workshop #4 Public Open House #3 Approval to proceed to Construction Doc. Phase	March 28 - 31, 2022 TBC March 28 - 31, 2022 TBC April 1- 7, 2022 TBC April 1- 7, 2022 TBC May 28, 2022 TBC June 1, 2022	



Field

(multipurpose)

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## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

PHASE	TIMELINE	
Pre-design: Visioning + Programming	October - December 2021	
First Public Information Meeting	November 9, 2021	
Schematic Design Phase	January 2 - March 11, 2022	
Second Public Information Meeting	March 3, 2022 - TODAY	
Design Development Phase	March 14 - May 29, 2022	
Third Public Information Meeting	May 28, 2022. TBC	
Working Drawing Phase	June 1 - November 20, 2022	
Building Permit Submission	August 24, 2022	
Ministerial Approval	November 30, 2022	
Tender	December 2022 - January 2023	
Construction Phase (20 months)	February 2023 - August 2025	



## 4.2 PROJECT TIMELINE CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022





#### **Key Themes**

- The importance of long-term environmental sustainability;
   The need for flexible and adaptable facilities that reflect current ways of learning and teaching;





### **Design Drivers**

During the Visioning Process, a number of themes began to emerge. These themes or high-level design goals serve as "design drivers" that steer the design in the coming months.





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## 5.1 WHAT WE HEARD CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022





Impact to Surrounding



Learning Objectives /

**NLC** Priorities



## Outdoor Features



### **Sustainable Priorities**



From November 9, 2021 Public Survey, 367 Respondents.



## 5.2 WHAT WE HEARD CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022



- 575 students
- 64 parking stalls
- accessible parking
- •3 electric vehicle parking
- •6 Secure Bike Parking
- •72 non-secure bike parking
- 2 storey with ample daylight
- built to current accessibility standards
- spaces that better support contemporary, studentcentric learning
- sustainable building design designed for Net Zero Energy with solar panels and air-toair and/or ground-source heat exchange

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING DESIGN

POTENTIAL -GEOTHERMAL FIELD UNDER NEW PLAYFIELD LOCATED ON EXISTING SCHOOL FOOTPRINT

# STEEP BLUFF -







DESIGN INTENT IS TO RETAIN TREES WHERE POSSIBLE. SOME TREES WILL BE REMOVED FOR DRIVEWAY AND BUILDING ENTRIES, AND SOME FOR FIELD #2

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## 8.2 PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF OPTIONS CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022



The Municipality has indicated that the site has good access to walking and cycling paths, and public transit. They support a reduction in the number of parking stalls to free up more green space on site. The Parking Bylaw requires between 61 and 64 stalls.

### Question:

Would you support reducing the number of parking stalls on site by up to 15% to free up more green space on site?

> place sticky notes here



**OPTION 1: ±64 PARKING STALLS** 

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OPTION 2: 54 PARKING STALLS (REDUCE BY 15%)

## 8.3 REDUCED PARKING OPTION CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022



**QUESTION:** WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE ACCESS TO THE SITE:

- FOR BIKES?
- FOR PEDESTRIANS?

place sticky notes on adjacent board

### LEGEND

- Bus stop
- Traffic signal
- ( Controlled crossings
- Pedestrial signal
- ← Pedestrial connectivity
- Cycling connectivity
- •••• Greenway



## 9.1 PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ACCESS CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022



QUESTION: WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE ACCESS TO THE SITE:

- FOR BIKES?

- FOR PEDESTRIANS?

place sticky notes on the board without covering the site



9.2 PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ACCESS (NOTES) CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022





10.0 SITE AMENITIES CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL • GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 • MARCH 2022



### Questions:

What elements do you value the most and would like to see included in the new build?

What elements of the current building or site are most challenging?



place sticky notes here

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QUESTION: WHAT OTHER IDEAS/ NEEDS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL?









## BOARDS WITH STICKY NOTE COMMENTS

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## COMMENT CARDS

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# QUESTION: WHAT OTHER IDEAS OR COMMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH US TODAY?

I would like to see the classic middle school areas retained - Music room (specific For acoustics) - wood shop/metal work -library I would like to see less "WOW" factor and innovative design and more practical use areas.





QUESTION: WHAT OTHER IDEAS OR COMMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH US TODAY?

A major review of Gregory / Gedar Hill Road traffic needs to be done Pick-up and drop-off on Gregory - getting in and out of Gregory during peak times is horrific






In I think that all the exploratories especially shop and Drama should have dedicated spaces and that all sports teams should be available for students. I am astudent and I know for a fact that all students the ensor shop and Drama and We learn a ton of New SKILLS.





Drop off + Pick of

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#### QUESTION: WHAT OTHER IDEAS OR

COMMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO

SHARE WITH US TODAY?

The current plan could be flipped, moving the common area/b.b. court/gaza ball court to the front of the School. Where it currently Sits it is hidden - this 18 a problem Lunless you have video survalance) + A big YES to the path around the provinction of the property - so great for the students, staff and community. I hope it is paved = so that our etderly community members

#### QUESTION: WHAT OTHER IDEAS OR

COMMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO

SHARE WITH US TODAY? I think the parking should be on the front of the School, Staff parking Should be depende from pick up / drop off. ve have staff, especially EA'S, who heave t 000to a second job at bell and they won't able to heave because the conjection fr the parents.





#### QUESTION: WHAT OTHER IDEAS OR

COMMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO

SHARE WITH US TODAY? - In hill in the back, could this have benches of some Sort placed in the hill for outdace class room? (on a slope) Sæms like such a waste of space. - Parking, in past, residents of Bregory have complained about parent parking on that street. There must be other parking for prents. The parking along Ledat this needs to stry. The proposed arrangement well cruse a complete trattic goon on Gregory, Statt will be trapped in and likely there will be a buck-log UCTORIA School District

- Concern will Saying School 15 For 575 When approved # is less than. This amount of spots available on enrollment of the new building needs to be shown to the Community. XStagesplay space, -Arca ot basketball court need to be more visable to the public-perhaps

on the other side of the school.



keep the shops





Traffic flow + congestion on Cedar Rd, Consider Hill extra cross walk 1- front of school bike lanes separat traffic/drop off from Sidewalk





Please focus further design on intesior / classroom design => include consideration of music space (choir, band), performing arts, shop, Science + technology learning + open meet Space





Would like to see the mockup of the new school. toget a better idea. need more acadenics along with sports + lifestyle elanco





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Please keep the space for all of the music programs (band, strings, choir) That currently exist at Cedarthill. And also keep the wood working + wets Ishqp fraitities so our kills have th same opportunities as other I mildle school kids w district





Consider putty a scheral shop into the space. Students Need this early exposure to The trades to help sport the desperate reid for skilled noters.





Lobby government to not mandate installation of gus for back up just for a few cold days. Today's heat pumps can work the - 20°C Key pucking BC. Hydro for more solar.





My family in Indigenous. Indigenous child Do play strings, band instruments, sing in the choir and ARE GIFTED!





Music is critical. If you want to keep kids in school, if you want to increase graduation rates. -> Have options For ALL students. Not all kids are academically or athletically minded. Middle schools NEED Music-strings, band AND choir, Shop-metal, wood. Home EC - ALL these are of utmost importance Rooms need to i adequate size.

Keeping green for fit. vre growing population is a priority. Selling school land is so sighted. sho Studen a)s advoca For them





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# **APPENDIX D**

#### PAC LETTER

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#### From the Cedar Hill Middle School Parent Advisory Council President:

March 10, 2022

Dear Maryanne Trofimuk:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Cedar Hill Middle School PAC as part of our ongoing school safety promotion. The request is that the new school planning committee work in conjunction with the Saanich Engineering Department. In doing so, we can ensure that the active and safe routes to school be strengthened as part of the new school design. Transportation concerns relating to the school were identified in the CRD Active and Safe Routes to School program in 2016 and have yet to be resolved.

Some examples of where the planning committee and engineering department could work together are:

1) Developing bike lanes to encourage safe riding that does not involve sidewalk, walkways or road usage and that lead to bike parking at the school;

2) Implementing a flashing crosswalk close to Garnet that meets up with the gate and walking and bike pathways that students enter and exit from to decrease jaywalking; and

3) That parent pull-over pickup spots be filled, paved, and marked to maximize space- and to extend sidewalks by building parallel and conjoined pathways on the school grounds (currently there are potholes in pull-off areas decreasing use of the space and a narrow sidewalk that does not allow for safe walking between cars and pedestrians).

The partnership between you and the Saanich Engineering Department is a great opportunity to meet the above identified needs. Matching school design and function with that of the neighbourhood makes sense for cohesion and safety.

Mrs. Trofimuk, we are asking that you please bring forward our request to the Cedar Hill new school planning committee before plans finalize. Thank you for your attention and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Morgan Fankboner

Cedar Hill PAC President

## DESIGNING FOR HUMAN POTENTIAL.





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