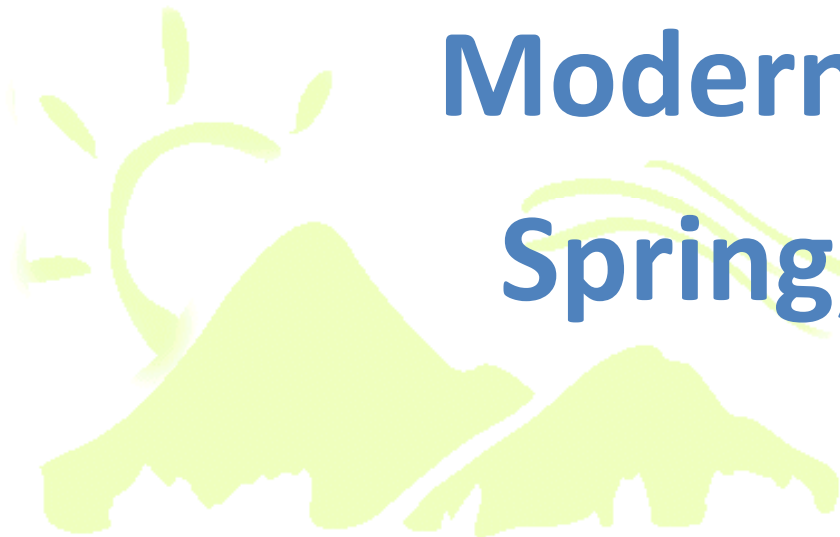


# **Willow Creek Composite High School**

## **Modernization**

### **Spring, 2011**



# Purpose of the Meeting

- To provide a timeline of events regarding the modernization of WCCHS
- To present information about the visioning and planning that has occurred to date
- To provide information about what we need to know before we can make further decisions
- To review options to date for student placement during the modernization
- To share how we plan to proceed
- To share how updates and information will be communicated throughout the process
- To identify items that will be addressed as the work moves forward

# Timelines

- May 25, 2011** Alberta Education and Infrastructure's funding announcement
- June 7, 2011** Don Olsen and Mike Mahaffy met with the Director South, Capital Projects Division of AB Infrastructure
- June 9, 2011** Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure met to discuss and determine the process for managing capital projects and plan a schedule for visiting with school jurisdictions identified in the funding announcement. A date will be announced for a meeting with AB Education and AB Infrastructure and LRSD.
- Branch** Through phone call from the Director South, Capital Planning of AB Education, Livingstone Range was given the green light to move ahead with their project with the intent that construction commence in the fall of 2011. WCCHS will not be bundled with the schools in Cardston and Bow Island as was suggested in the news release because the planning for WCCHS is much further along than either of the other sites.
- June 10, 2011** Central Office met with administration from WCCHS and WMES
- June 13, 2011** Ellie Elliott and Don Olsen met with staff of WCCHS and WMES and student council for the 7-8 campus.
- Public meeting scheduled at WCCHS at 7:00 p.m.

# Timelines & Planning That Has Occurred To-Date

- Aug. 30, 2007** Minister's announcement of funding for Claresholm ECS-Gr. 6 school modernization in the amount of \$10,472,508. Some of this funding is to go towards the planning of the modernization of the Gr. 7 – 12 school.
- Sept. 12, 2007** Letters sent out to various stakeholder organizations to appoint representatives on the Divisional planning/visioning committee.
- Sept. 25, 2007** LRSD held a public meeting to provide information related to modernization of Claresholm schools.
- Oct. 16, 2007** CTS sharing of information meeting was held. The purpose was to help to understand what high schools can do to help prepare students for entry into the workplace and/or post secondary institutions. Representatives from AB Education, Lethbridge College, Careers: The Next Generation, Palliser School Division, and Elk Island School Division were in attendance to present some of their views and what they are doing.
- Nov. 13, 2007** First formal meeting of the Claresholm Gr. 7 – 12 visioning committee.
- Jan. 30, 2008** Shared session with staffs from both West Meadow and WCCHS to discuss programming needs for Gr. 7 – 12 students.

# Timelines & Planning That Has Occurred To-Date

- Feb. 6, 2008** Meeting with WCCHS student council to get input from students into high school programming.
- April 17, 2008** Cost benefit analysis (Value Management Session) (6 options were discussed with option 5a agreed to as the footprint for future discussions)
- Nov. 25, 2008** Schematic plans were presented to the Visioning Committee. Breakout groups spent time discussing their wants for the four different types of spaces: instruction, ancillary, common, and administration.
- Dec. 9, 2008** West Meadow and WCCHS staffs were involved in a similar process as the visioning committee undertook on November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Jan. 27, 2009** The visioning committee and school staffs attended a meeting to view the schematic designs as drawn up by the consultants based upon input received to-date.
- Feb. 5, 2009** The Board meets with the Minister of Education and MLA to discuss the WCCHS project.

# Timelines & Planning That Has Occurred To-Date

Various meetings held where the consultants met with staff representatives to discuss their own department areas and the needs and wants.

Plan design has been completed with blueprints awaiting funding approval to commence the project.

May 20, 2011

Ellie received a phone call to indicate that the Minister of Education would be coming to Claresholm on May 25, 2011 to make an announcement. The purpose of the announcement cannot be revealed at this time.

May 25, 2011

Minister Ray Danyluk attended at WCCHS to announce funding for the modernization of WCCHS.

June 3, 2011

Avi Habinski's secretary phoned to arrange a meeting for June 14th with LRSD and AB Education and AB Infrastructure to discuss modernization process. We suggested that it would be better if the meeting could be held prior to June 13<sup>th</sup> as a public meeting has been scheduled. They would see what they could do and get back to us on Monday.

June 6, 2011

Avi's secretary phoned to indicate that the meeting cannot proceed sooner as AB Education and AB Infrastructure are not meeting until June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the process and rules. Avi will phone Don Olsen after their June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to give a heads up to LRSD of the process and where LRSD fits.

# Timelines & Planning That Has Occurred To-Date

- June 7, 2011**      Mike and Don met with Judith Wright (AB Infrastructure) in Calgary to present LRSD situation and need to move ahead in a timely matter to accommodate current options available.
- June 9, 2011**      Avi Habinski phoned to indicate that we had the green light to proceed to clear out WCCHS for September and get to an early construction date. Details still to be worked out, but we will not be bundled together with other projects.
- June 10, 2011**      Ellie, Don, Mike met with WCCHS administration (Randy & Bev only as Darryl away) and Kathy Charchun (Kurtis away) to discuss decanting options and plan for public meeting scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Information Required Before Further Decisions Can Occur

- Rules and requirements as set out by Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure
- How the project will be managed
- How funding will be allocated

# Options Proposed / Investigated To-Date For Student Placement During Modernization

- Inflatable Structure
- Hangar
- Warehouse
- Portables
- Keeping Grades 7 & 8 Together and finding another location to house Grades 9-12

# How We Plan to Proceed

With the green light to go ahead, move all students out of WCCHS by September 1

Use a combination of buildings that are in close proximity to offer programs

- Lease the Beauchamp building for band, mechanics, welding and beauty culture
- Approach the Community Centre Board about the use of the kitchen for Foods
- Get approval for the use of the McLean Hall gym
- Obtain 4 portables from Calgary Catholic and place them on the north side of the elementary school
- Keep the grade 7 students at WMES
- Accommodate grades 8-12 at the old Claresholm Elementary (Grade 7-8 campus of WCCHS) including the 4 portables

# **Communication**

**Updates and information related to the modernization will be posted on the divisional website as well as both schools' websites.**

# Other Items to be Addressed

- Transportation
- Physical Education
- Bus Loading & Unloading
- Parking for Staff and Students
- Extra Curricular
- Timelines
- Grade Level Configurations & Placement
- Packing Resources and Storing Materials
- Staff Assignments
- VC Course Delivery

# **Building Design**

**Questions**