

School Modernization Set to Begin

Fencing to be put in place this weekend; vacant west side portables to come down during Fall Break

November 4, 2016

After almost two years of planning, the multimillion-dollar modernization of our school is about to begin.

Fillmore Construction of Edmonton, which was recently awarded the construction contract for the project, plans to start work on the site later this week, beginning with the installation of fencing around portions of the building and playground on Saturday, November 5. This will provide a laydown area for the contractor's supplies and materials (current outdoor basketball court), an off-limits zone around the existing unoccupied west side portable classrooms (scheduled for demolition during Fall Break), as well as safe passageways for students to travel back and forth from the school building to the play structure and playing fields.

The \$8 million modernization, which is planned to take more than a year to complete, will include the following key components:

- Removal of the unoccupied west wing of portable classrooms and replacement with six new modular classrooms, as well as a connecting link.
- A series of upgrades so as to bring the facility up to current health and safety standards. These include upgrades to the building envelope (roof), barrier free upgrades, life safety and regulatory code upgrades, interior upgrades, and electrical & mechanical upgrades. Included will be a new heating and ventilation system, new light fixtures throughout the facility, installation of a fire sprinkler system, and provision of water service in all classrooms.
- Modernization of the school's administration area to meet functional requirements.
- A new entrance feature designed to create a more visible and welcoming entrance to the school.

The project will be undertaken in phases, so as to enable classes to continue to operate throughout the modernization process. Because the space presently available in the school is greater than our current enrolment, we will be able to move students to vacant areas of the school while other portions are renovated. At present, the phasing of the project is scheduled as follows (although it is subject to change):

Phase 1 (November 2016 to February 2017)

- Demolition of existing empty west wing portable classrooms – scheduled for Fall Break 2016
- Installation of six new modular classrooms on west side – month of December 2016
- Occupancy of new modular classrooms – Christmas Break (Grade 1-3 classes, as well as the grade 3/4 class, will move into the new modular west classroom wing following its completion. This will enable other classes to move into the existing east wing of portable classrooms as needed during the remainder of the project.)

- Renovation of northeast portion of the facility, including the kitchen, music room, existing change rooms, former grade 6 classroom and maker room, but excluding the gym, stage and gym storage room.

Phase 2 (February to late April 2017)

- Renovation of Learning Commons
- Renovation of three classrooms immediately adjacent to Learning Commons
- Renovation of staff room and east corridor student washrooms

Phase 3 (April to June 2017)

- Renovation of Science classroom and the two adjacent classrooms along the main south corridor.
- Renovation of the kindergarten classroom and adjacent student washrooms.
- Conversion of the office area currently occupied by the superintendent, secretary-treasurer, counsellor, and resource teacher into an instructional classroom adjacent to the kitchen. Relocation of the administrative offices (i.e. superintendent etc.) to another location in the building.

Phase 4 (June to August 2017)

- Renovation of the gym, stage, and gym storage room.
- Renovation of school offices (general office, principal, vice principal, teacher work room).

Phase 5 (August to October 2017)

- Demolition of existing east wing of portable classrooms.

Please take note that representatives of the Modernization Project Team (Alberta Infrastructure, ONPA Architects, Fillmore Construction, Golder Associates [hazardous materials consultant]) will share information regarding the project at the meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. All parents are invited to attend.