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Here's the third installment of Berry Architecture's Westpark Middle School project newsletter. We are so pleased to be attending the sod-turning and construction kick-off for the new school on October 4th, 2017! Construction completion will be Summer of 2019 for school opening in September. Demolition of the existing school will take place after the new school is occupied.



Project Newsletter

Construction Update

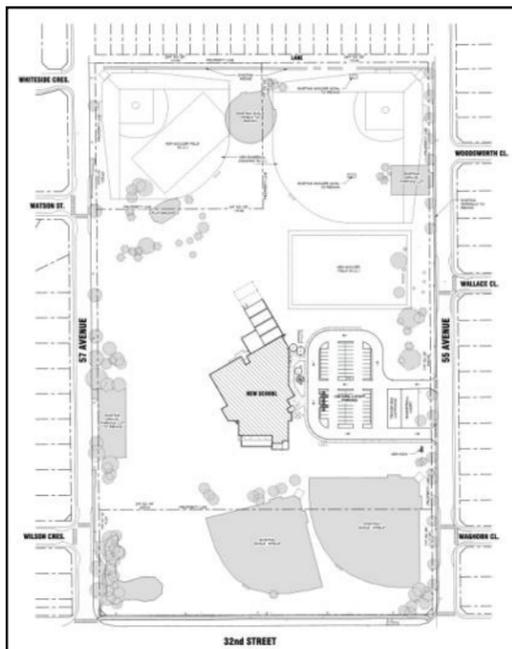
The new Westpark Middle School underwent cost saving measures over the summer and was re-tendered to the five pre-qualified general contractors in August/September. The construction contract has been awarded to Shunda Consulting & Construction Management Ltd., a highly experienced local contractor.



East Elevation

New Design

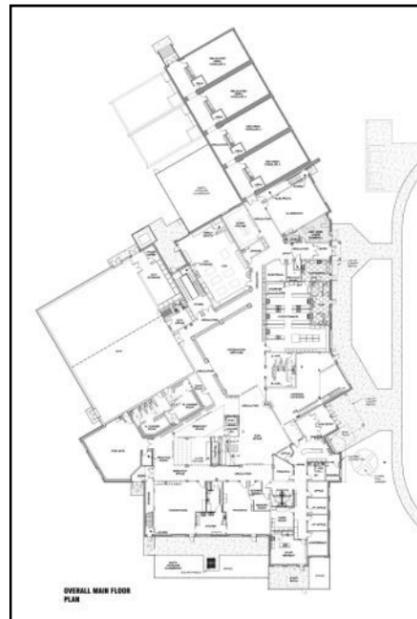
The project cost savings undertaken between the first and second design included simplifying the central auditorium area, moving the new school 25 m to the east to reduce impact on the site, locating the bus drop off lane around the parking lot on the east side of the site, and changing four planned modular classrooms into permanent construction. The original design intent of the entire school functioning as a learning environment remains intact as does the environmental plan for a LEED Gold building. As you can see, the overall appearance of the school has been maintained and was impacted very little by the cost saving measures. Dimensions of the new school are: main floor (including community spaces and modulares) - 3,376 m² (36,340 ft²); second floor - 1,713 m² (18,439 ft²); and third floor - 88 m² (947 ft²).



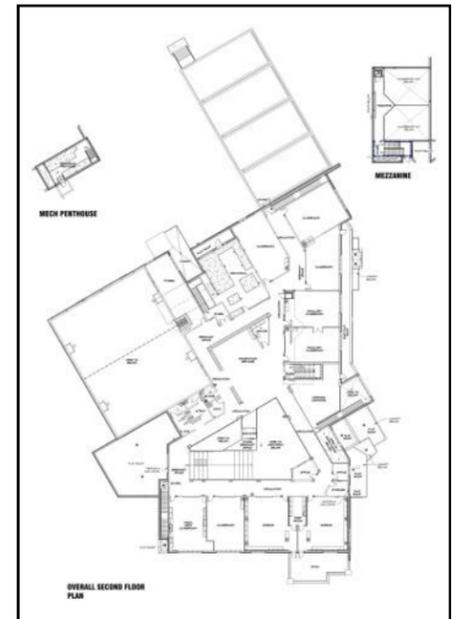
Site Plan



Southeast Elevation



Main Floor Plan



Second Floor Plan

Community Partnerships

The new Westpark Middle School will incorporate a number of community partnerships, including a concession and exterior washrooms for community use, funded by the City of Red Deer; an office for Red Deer Minor Baseball; and a third floor teaching/observation mezzanine for Red Deer College. These partnerships will be beneficial to both the school and the community and will be important ongoing elements of the school and site for many years to come.



Southwest Elevation

Student Design Committee

The Student Design Committee will continue working with Berry Architecture throughout the construction process. Shunda Consulting & Construction and the sub-trades will also be involved with the committee on an ongoing basis. The current structure of the Student Design Committee will evolve once construction has started. Stay tuned for more details!

