

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Acting Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Update on the New High School in Riverbend - Terwillegar

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### RESOURCE

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### INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with an update on the status of the new Riverbend-Terwillegar high school project.

#### The Project Management Team

Cohos Evamy has been appointed the architectural firm for the Riverbend – Terwillegar High School Project. Project team discussions to address initial stages of the project, which include components such as site plans, conceptual design, facility requirements and program needs, are now underway between administration and Cohos Evamy.

The administration has established a three member high school principal advisory team to provide input and information that is needed for planning in the design phase of the project.

A comprehensive communication plan will be developed for the duration of the project beginning early in the design stage.

The project will be managed through a Steering Committee. As well, a Design Committee and Construction Committee have been established to provide input into the project. A Principal Advisory Team will also provide input into the project until such time as a principal for the school is designated.

The roles of the various committees are outlined as follows-

- Management Steering Committee
  - ensure adherence to overall project objectives and timelines
- Design Committee
  - gather user, stakeholder, regulatory data
  - define project parameters
  - formulate design solutions

- Principal Advisory Team
  - during design phase-provide district high school pedagogical, operational, cultural terms of reference, guidance and expertise to the design committee
  - sign off on the education portion of the design of the school
- Construction Committee
  - manage construction contract administration
  - coordinate final-fit up and move-in

(Appendix 1)

### Site Information

The City of Edmonton Community Services hosted a joint Value Search Exploratory Workshop to explore the ideas, challenges and opportunities of integrating the proposed South West Recreation Complex with the new high school. The attendees involved in the workshop included representatives from the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Schools, Edmonton Catholic Schools and Terwillegar-Riverbend Advisory Council. The outcome of this workshop will be a joint communiqué / Memorandum of Understanding outlining ongoing cooperation of all parties to pursue integration.

The administration and the City of Edmonton officials have been working cooperatively to integrate the school with the proposed South West Recreational Center. Numerous meetings have been held with the City of Edmonton and community stakeholders. The district's ability to contribute is severely restricted by the limited budget for the project and timelines; however, administration is working to maximize the potential for community use, keeping in mind the first priority is to build a high school.

The City of Edmonton is proposing a comprehensive re-design of their site and the collector roadway to allow their facility to move closer to the high school. The school site remains unchanged with the school being built on the school site. Administration supports this proposal as it enhances the integration and improves the roadway. By relocating the road around the recreation center the road is lengthened and will reduce the attractiveness for non-school /arena traffic and shortcutting. (Appendix II, Appendix III)

If the proposal proceeds, as it is anticipated it will, a revision to the Area Structure Plan will be required as well as a bylaw amendment. This will take time but a delay to the project is not anticipated.

Administration is conducting site investigation work required to initiate construction on the school building site. A geotechnical investigation of the soils is required for the architects to facilitate the design of the building.

### Preliminary Project Schedule

Cohos Evamy has prepared a preliminary project schedule (Appendix IV). The schedule identifies the various tasks involved to complete the project, including duration of the task, start and finish dates. The tasks are also separated in sub-tasks outlining the process.

The Design Stage is currently underway. The project is scheduled for tender in January 2007 with school opening September 2008. In order for the school to open in September 2008 the project must be tendered not later than January, 2007.

### Next Steps

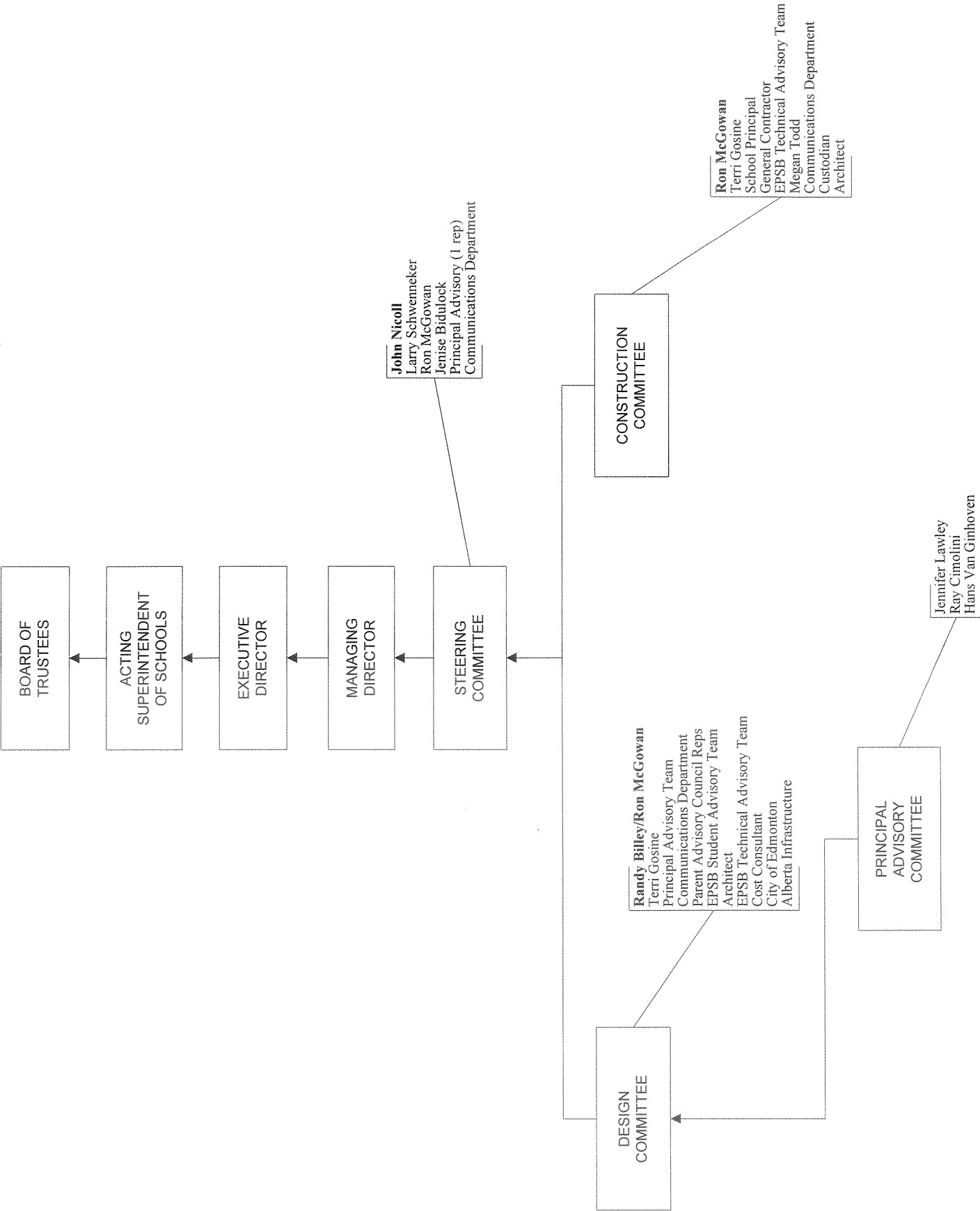
Next steps in this project will involve a consultation plan and schedule that will include district staff and the public (Appendix V). The upcoming tasks and timelines in the initial planning stage of this project include:

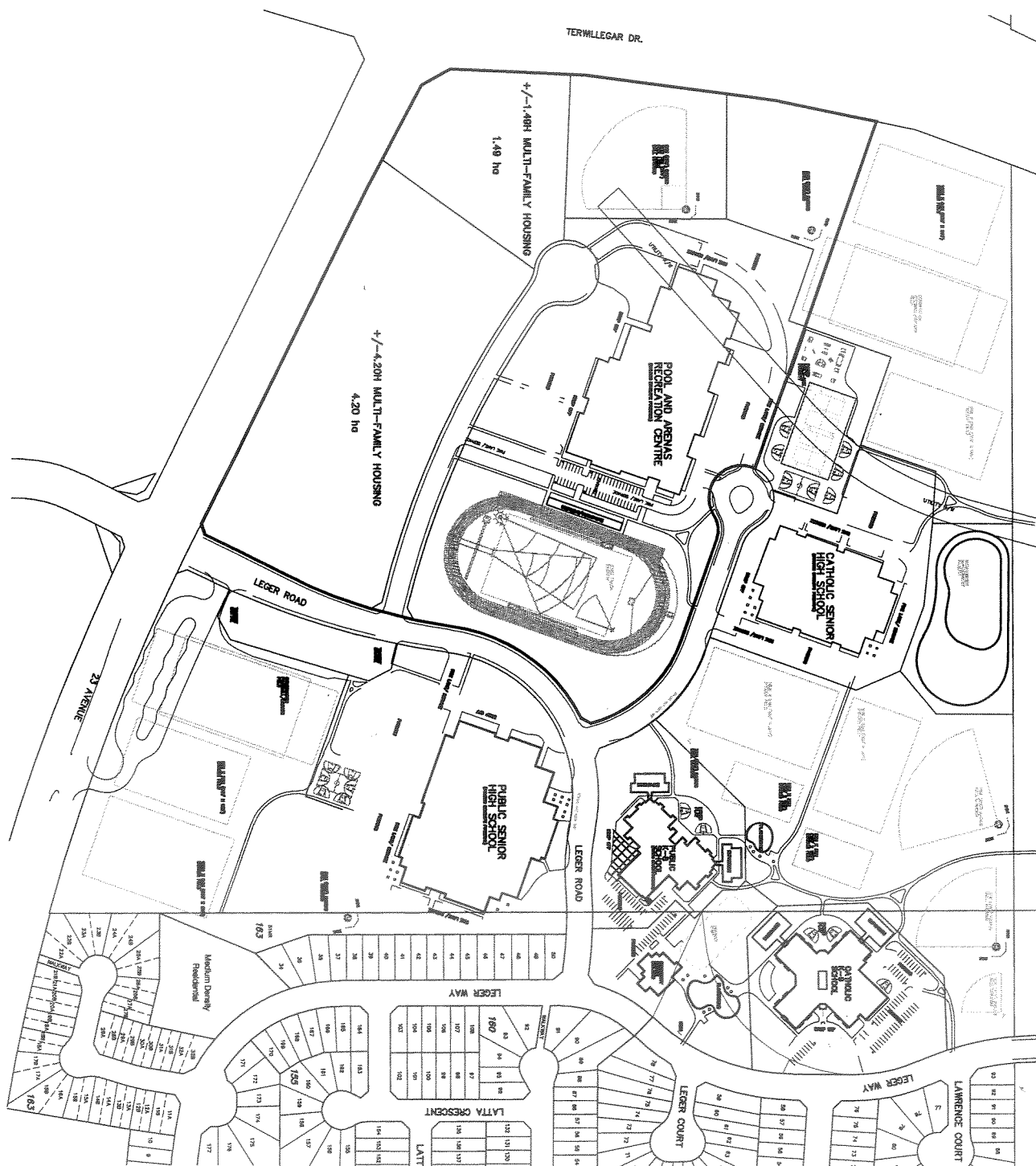
- Ongoing Discussions and Communication with Principal Advisory Committee  
Information will be gathered and shared through a three member high school principal committee that will engage in regularly scheduled meetings with Planning staff as they liaison with the project design committee. Information will be exchanged on a regular basis with the high school principal support group by this committee at support group meetings. The principal committee will be formed by March 14, 2006.
- Process to Name the School  
The process to name the new high school is currently underway. Opportunities for input from the public, district staff and Trustees will be integrated into this process. The naming of the new high school will be completed by April 28, 2006.
- Assigning a Principal  
The position of the principal for the new high school will be appointed by the Superintendent at a date to be determined.
- Involvement of Focus Groups in Terms of Input to Preliminary Design  
Planning staff will be coordinating meetings involving educational focus groups to provide input to the architectural team for the preliminary design. These focus groups will include district staff, high school principals and assistant principals, consultants, and school stakeholders. Trustees will be advised of the dates of these upcoming meetings. These focus group meetings are anticipated to begin in April, 2006.
- Public Consultation on Proposed Attendance Boundaries  
Planning continues to study demographics and analyze the proposed attendance areas that were presented to Board on November 29, 2005. Prior to finalization of the revised attendance areas for high schools in South West Edmonton, a meeting will be held for public to respond and provide input. The public meeting is planned for April 2006 with the new attendance areas being formalized by May 31, 2006.

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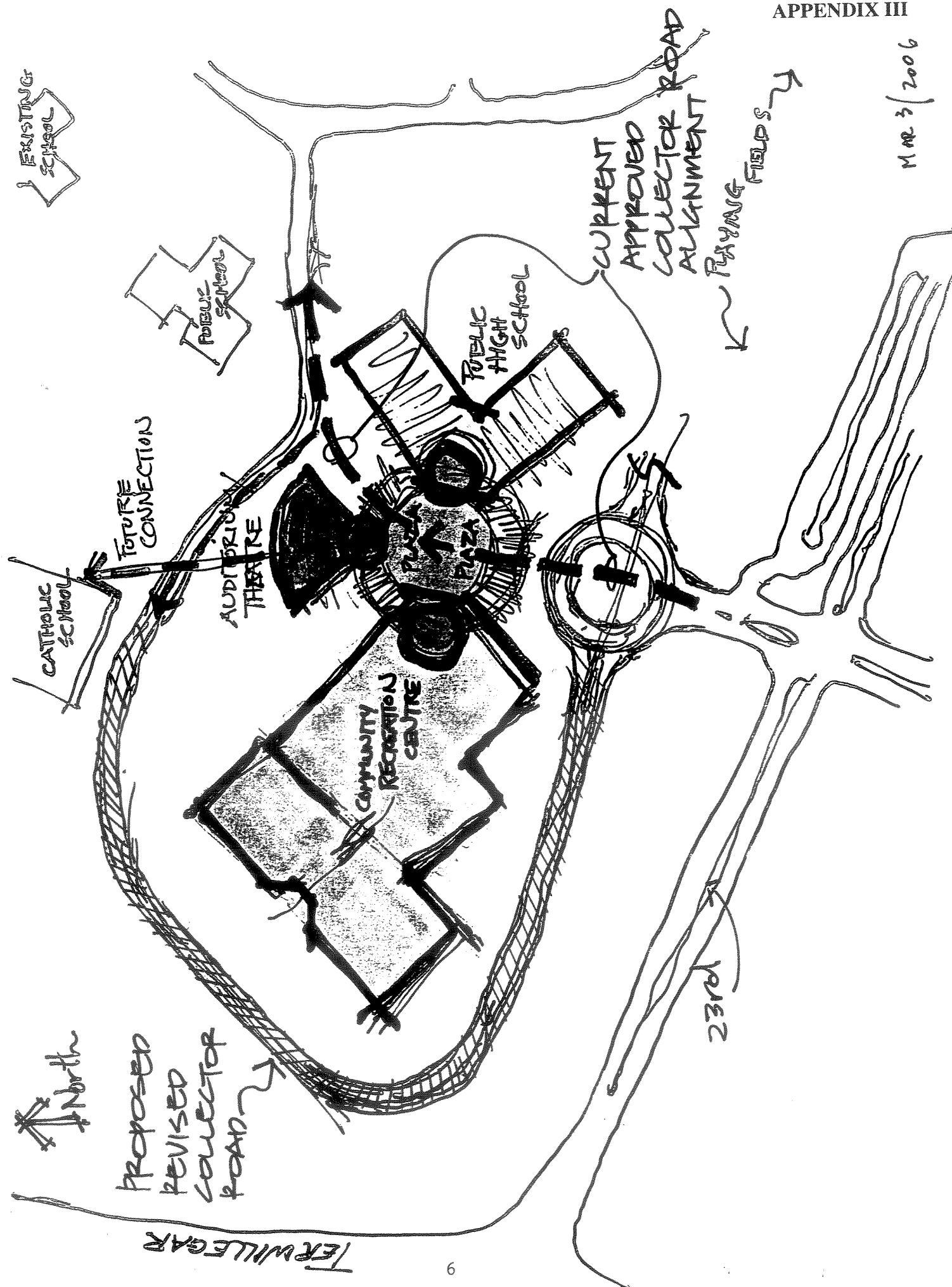
Appendix I	Riverbend – Terwillegar Committee Structure
Appendix II	Riverbend – Terwillegar Area Structure Plan
Appendix III	Riverbend – Terwillegar Revised Collector Road System
Appendix IV	Riverbend – Terwillegar High School Preliminary Project Schedule
Appendix V	Riverbend – Terwillegar High School Consultation Plan and Schedule

RIVERBEND-TERWEILLEGAR PROJECT



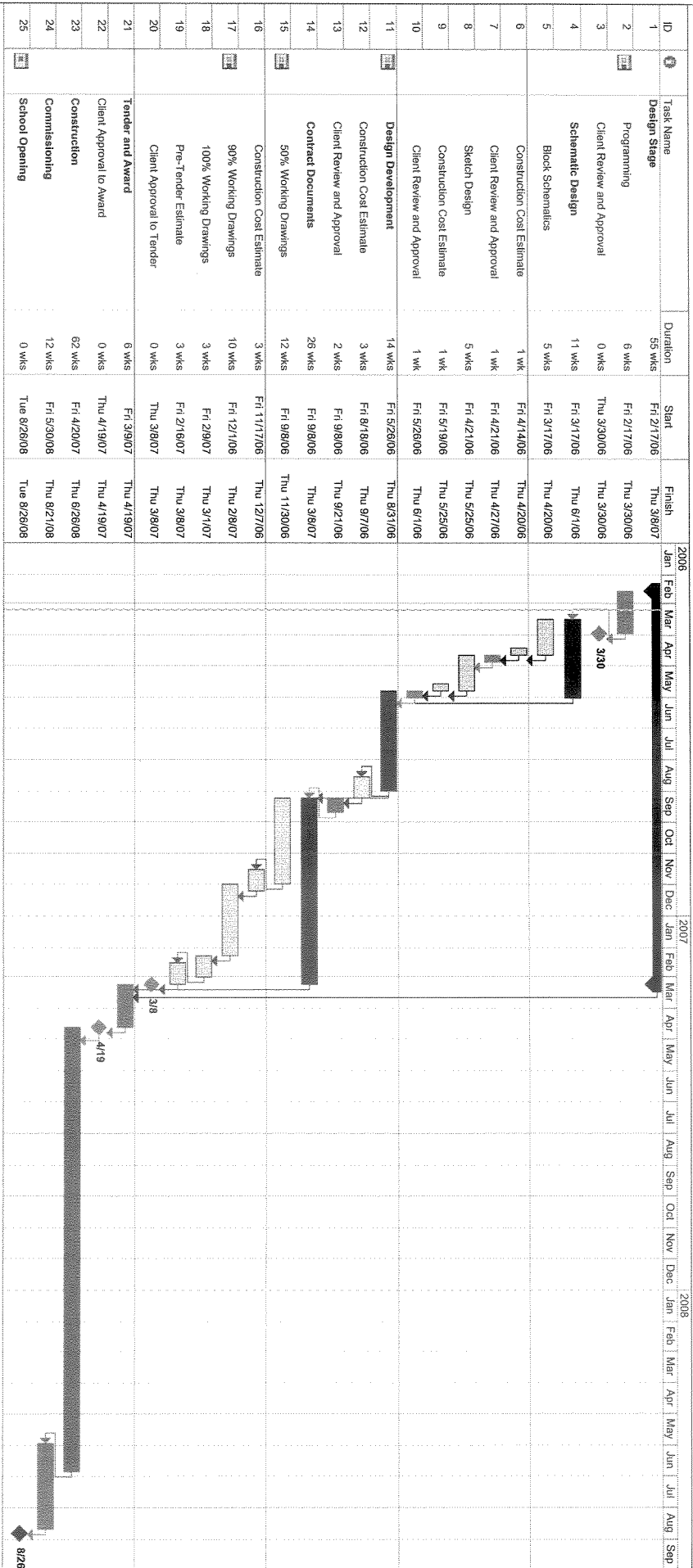


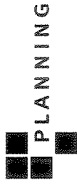
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TERWILLEGAR RIVERBEND HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE





**RIVERBEND-TERWILLEGAR HIGH SCHOOL  
CONSULTATION PLAN AND SCHEDULE**

TASK	PARTICIPANTS	COMPLETION DATE
1. Initial design input to architects with regard to programs and facility needs	Planning and Facilities Services Staff Senior Administration	February 16, 2006
2. Consult with past principals that have been involved with the opening of schools to seek advice and input with regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. their roles</li> <li>b. what have been the successes and unsuccessful experiences they had</li> <li>c. when is the best time for the principal to be designated and be involved</li> </ul>	Ron McGowan, Project Manager Randy Billey, Education Team Leader Laurie Elkow Ronda Borchert Other principals that have been involved in the building and opening of schools	February 24, 2006



4. Formation of 3 member high school principal committee to serve in a liaison/consulting role with the project management team and the high school principal group	Ron McGowan, Project Manager Planning High School Principals	February 28, 2006
5. Meeting with Communications to develop a communication plan for this project	Ron McGowan Randy Billey Cory Sinclair	February 28, 2006
6. Progress Update to Board	Facilities and Planning Staff	April 25, 2006
7. Naming of School	Public/Community Trustees Planning Staff	April 28, 2006
9. Involvement of focus groups in terms of input to draft of architect's preliminary design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. District staff; high school principals and assistant principals, high school staff, consultants, Planning, facilities and other district staff</li> <li>b. Public/Community</li> <li>c. Trustees</li> </ul>	As indicated in task column	April 2006
8. Board approved concept	Facilities and Planning Staff	June 13, 2006
9. Designating the new principal to the school	Superintendent of Schools	To be determined 2007

For additional information on this plan and schedule as well as for other related information on the new Riverbend – Terwilliger High School Project please contact Ron McGowan in Facilities Services at 429-8114 or Randy Billey in Planning at 429-8003.