

**Third Community Forum Notes  
New Cherryland School Planning Meeting  
Held in Oliver Hall at Eden United Church of Christ  
Thursday, November 4, 2015  
7:10—8:30 p.m.**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Eden United Church of Christ's Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring welcomed participants to the HUSD planning sessions for the new Cherryland School, thanked the Padres Unidos for assistance with publicity for the event, thanked the Cherryland Youth Leadership Initiative 2015 alumni/ae for providing the snack, and invited students to utilize the Cherryland Computer Café and homework help during the meeting, and introduced the presenters from HUSD.

**Design Presentation**

A [digital presentation](#) regarding initial plans for the New Cherryland School were presented by the District's consultant, Vanir Construction Management, Inc. (A copy is also posted on the Eden Church website for public review.)

**Q&A, Comments, and Recommendations**

The public was invited to ask questions and share thoughts regarding the design of the new school.

- 1) **Question:** Are there plans to include Green Construction in the new school? E. g., LEED Design/CHIPS like REACH or TVHC's Ashland Clinic? **Response:** The plan includes aligning with CA standards for LEEDs.
- 2) **Recommendation:** The nurse's office should have 2 beds in it, so that the nurse doesn't have to make a sick child who is lying down step out of the room while she/he treats another student.
- 3) **Recommendation:** The new construction should incorporate technology that supports different types of learners and provides supports for special needs and hearing impaired students within the classrooms. E.g., microphones for teachers to use have been shown to help ADHD children.
- 4) **Recommendation:** The parent center should be accessible and available to all parents, using an exterior entrance, so that parents don't have to go through the office to attend a parent meeting. **Response:** The district and the school site are asking for this design feature too.
- 5) **Question:** What facilities will stay on the Sunset Campus? **Response:** The swimming pool and possibly the athletic field.
- 6) **Question:** What about security? **Response:** The new design will address this, e.g., safer hardware on the doors. The playground area will be enclosed rather than open like Burbank. Everyone will have to pass through the main office to have access to areas used by the students.
- 7) **Question:** How much of the Sunset campus will be used for the new schools? **Response:** The current thinking is that the new school will be built on the open space between the athletic field and the current Sunset buildings.

8) **Question:** Where will the entrance be located? **Response:** That hasn't been determined yet. There are a few possibilities under consideration. The biggest consideration is safety.

9) **Observation/Concern:** The new school plans do not have to be reviewed by (or coordinated with) the City of Hayward (or Alameda County) in order for construction to move forward. As a result, problems have (and could) occur with the infrastructure and the design of traffic patterns for the new schools.

10) **Question:** What is being done to make sure that we don't have traffic problems? **Response:** the District is partnering with other local agencies. The current plan for the new school includes separate parking for employees and visitors, and drop off zones for families and busses. In addition, the drop off zone for students will be off-street. **Recommendation:** We have to do a traffic study and evaluate what we need, for instance, a traffic light, or a stop sign, etc. We need to make sure the key stakeholders are talking with each other regarding traffic and street safety. Also, keep in mind that the school community will use multiple types of transportation, e.g., buses, personal vehicles, bicycles, and walking. Other traffic and parking considerations include the plan that some facilities will be shared, e.g., athletic field, practice fields, etc.

11) **Question:** Is the new school going to be a K-6 or K-8? **Response:** The final decision has not been made. It will be made by late November/early December. The purpose of these meeting is to gather input from the stakeholders. We all want a safe, good school, and we want it yesterday

12) **Question:** What is the process to decide on K-6/K-8? **Response:** The architect will present options to the Board at an upcoming meeting, possibly Dec 15 or Jan 16.

13) **Questions:** Who will decide which is best? Will other services be added to the Sunset and old Cherryland sites? What will happen to the old Cherryland site? **Reponses:** There have been some conversations about the County's day school being hosted at the old Cherryland site, but no decisions have been made.

14) **Question:** What other features are likely to be included in the new school's design? **Response:** the multipurpose/cafeteria will be larger, have a better flow, and be more efficient, allowing more time for lunch. The new school will need to include off-site improvements, such as street expansions. The new school will include state of art technology, and Internet access. The bandwidth will be increasing at all HUSD schools. **Recommendation:** HUSD should review steps taken by San Leandro to improve infrastructure as part of the planning process.