DOING TOGETHER WHAT WE CAN'T DO ALONE

1993

In partnership with the Calgary Zoo, a forward-thinking educator (Kittian Kydd, Calgary Board of Education), a creative teacher (Angela Rokne, Calgary Board of Education), and a philanthropist (Don Harvie) collaborated to create the concept of learning beyond the classroom; Open Minds and Zoo School was launched.

1994

First 10 pilot classes introduced at the Calgary Zoo. Funded by Calgary Board of Education, Calgary Zoo, Petro-Canada, Rotary Foundation, Marigold Foundation, Desmond Foundation, Kahanoff Foundation and H.W. Sobeno Foundation.

1995

Classes increase from 10 to 35 classes at the Calgary Zoo. Funded by Chevron Canada.

1996

Glenbow Museum pilot classes begin with Museum School (1996-present). Funded by Glenbow Canada.

1997

Chevron Canada officially launches Chevron Open Minds School Program and contributes $1,000,000 over 5 years to help students learn in hands-on environments at the Calgary Zoo, Glenbow Museum and Calgary Science Centre.

Science Centre pilot classes are introduced at Science School (1997-present). Funded by Chevron Canada.

Canada Olympic Park (Winsport) Campus Calgary classes are introduced (1997-2012). Funded by Transalta, CIDA and RBC Foundation.

Inglewood Bird Sanctuary joins Campus Calgary as Bird School and Nature School (1997-2013). Funded by Petro-Canada/Suncor.

University of Calgary classes are offered (1997-2007). Funded by Petro, an anonymous donor, Nort-Rib, and U of C Continuing Education.

Chevron Open Minds receives Calgary Downtown Merchants Award.

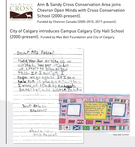
1998

1999

Centre for Performing Arts joins Campus Calgary (1999-2001). Funded by Centre for Performing Arts.

Campus Calgary / Open Minds receives the Conference Board of Canada: Broad Community Collaboration Award.

2000



Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area joins Chevron Open Minds with Cross Conservation School (2000-present). Funded by Chevron Canada (2000-2010, 2011-present).

City of Calgary introduces Campus Calgary City Hall School (2000-present). Funded by Max Bell Foundation and City of Calgary.

2001

2002

City of Calgary, Calgary Parks pilots Campus Calgary site at Riverwalk Park (2002-2003). Funded by City of Calgary, Calgary Parks.

Campus Calgary / Open Minds receives 2002 Mayor's Excellence Award – Calgary Partnerships in Education Foundation – City Hall School: Professional Development Award.

2003

Stampede Park introduces Campus Calgary: Stampede School (2003-present). Funded by Nat Christie Foundation and Calgary Stampede Foundation.

2004

Campus Calgary / Open Minds receives 2004 Mayor's Excellence Award – Calgary Partnerships in Education Foundation – Stampede School: Curriculum Enhancement & Development.

2005

Aero Space Museum (Hangar Flight Museum) launches Campus Calgary Aero Space School (2005-2011). Funded by Port of Calgary, Calgary Co-Op, Spitfire Energy and Fort The Lions of Soldiers' Security.

Chevron Open Minds receives 2005 Mayor's Excellence Award – Calgary Partnerships in Education Foundation – Aero Space Open Minds School: Settings Award.

2006

Talisman Centre launches Campus Calgary (2006-2009). Funded by City of Calgary.

2007

Leighton Arts Centre pilots Campus Calgary (2007).

City of Calgary, Calgary Parks pilots Campus Calgary at Reader Rock Garden (2007, 2012-2013). Funded by City of Calgary, Calgary Parks.

Fire Training Academy introduces Campus Calgary Fire School (2007-2013). Funded by ATCO Gas.

Mayor Bronconnier proclaims November 19-23, 2007 to be Campus Calgary / Open Minds Week.

2008

Campus Calgary / Open Minds receives Global Best Award for Building Learning Communities, International Partnership Network, Helsinki, Finland.

2009

2010

City of Calgary, Calgary Parks pilots Bridgeland-Riverside Park.

Ivy River Campus Calgary roster as Eco Action School (2010-2013). Funded by City of Calgary.

The Calgary Board of Education launches Campus Calgary: ZSchool at the CBE Education Centre (2010). Funded by the Calgary Board of Education.

2011

Cardel Place (2010-2011) YMCA for Healthier Generations (2011 – present) Campus Calgary and Healthy Living School (2011). Funded by Cenovus Energy.

2012

Campus Calgary / Open Minds receives Global Best Award for Building Learning Communities, International Partnership Network, Durban, South Africa.

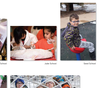
Campus Calgary receives Mayor's Excellence Award, Calgary Partnerships in Education Foundation.

2013

2014

The Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School Board sign Memorandum of Understanding.

2015



2016

Campus Campus Open Minds celebrates 100,000th student enrollment mark.

Mayor Nenshi proclaims April 4-8, 2016 to be Campus Calgary / Open Minds Week.

Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium introduces the Campus Calgary Jubilee School (2016-present). Funded by Jubilee Auditorium Society.

The Manning Foundation pilots Campus Calgary Democracy School (2016). Funded by the Manning Foundation.

2017

Five new pilots were introduced to Campus Calgary:

The Calgary Public Library – Library School

The Mustard Seed – Seed School

Gray Family (Sea Cians) YMCA – Strong Kids School

STEM Learning Lab – Social Enterprise

STEM Learning Lab – Tinker School

2018

Campus Calgary / Open Minds celebrates 25 years.

2019

Healthy Living School moves to YMCA.

2020

Covid-19 pandemic forces closure of all sites.

Sites shift to online/virtual/in community experiences.

Healthy Living School expands to 2 locations – Shane Homes YMCA in Rocky Ridge & Brookfield Residential YMCA at Seton.

City Ecoduction School rejoins as a Campus Calgary site at Ralph Klein Park.

2021

Museum School goes on hiatus for Glenbow Museum renovations.

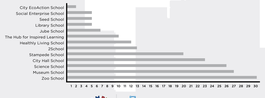
Calgary Zoo renamed Wilder Institute Calgary Zoo

2022

City Ecoduction School relocates from Ralph Klein to Inglewood Bird Sanctuary as a Campus Calgary site.

2023

Campus Calgary / Open Minds celebrates 30 years of doing together what we can't do alone and learning beyond the classroom.



Social Return on Investment

For every dollar that Chevron Canada invests, there is a tremendous benefit to the community.

The Open Minds ratios are extremely positive, measured community programs provide