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W.H. Cushing Workplace School

Parent Meeting
December 10, 2014

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Introductions

Calvin Davies, Director Area IV

Darlene Unruh, Director, Planning & Transportation

Kathy Salmon, System Assistant Principal, Corporate Partnerships

Sherri Lambourne, Manager, Leasing & Property Management

Agenda

Thoughtexchange Process

- What we've heard

The Search for Space Downtown

- Requirements/specifications for downtown leased space
- Media release – CBE invites proposals from downtown corporations to house our workplace school.
- Timelines

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Next Steps

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Thoughtexchange

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Thoughtexchange Demographics

What Grade is your child in?	Participants	Percentage
W.H. Cushing Workplace School		
Kindergarten	6	23.08%
Grade 1	8	30.77%
Grade 2	9	34.62%
Grade 3	1	3.85%
other	2	7.69%
Grand Total	**26**	**100.00%**

Thoughtexchange Demographics

How do you commute to work/school with your child each day?	Participants	Percentage
W.H. Cushing Workplace School		
Automobile	15	57.69%
CTrain only	6	23.08%
Transit & CTrain	4	15.38%
Transit only	1	3.85%
Walk	0	0.00%
other	0	0.00%
Grand Total	**26**	**100.00%**

Question 1

When you think about your child's education, what do you value?

- I value access to before and after care
- Smaller class size
- Positive school and teachers
- Being close to parks, libraries, gym and in the downtown core.

Question 2

What do you value about W.H. Cushing Workplace School?

- High quality before and after care
- The location, staff, the curriculum
- The convenient location, its helpful for parent working in downtown area
- Being able to work and be involved with my kids at school

Question 3

Considering your response to question 2, what is most important as we consider another location for W.H. Cushing Workplace School?

- School must be coupled with on-site care, and have sufficient space for it
- Would still need access for similar facilities (library, gym, parks)
- Centralized location downtown to try and provide same experiences
- Centrally located within the downtown core

Question 4

Is there anything else you would like to share?

- Please keep a workplace school in the downtown core!
- Without Briar hill and the other community relationships the wonderful staff have built it would not be such a rich learning environment
- Please keep us involved so that we may assist in any way possible

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The Search for Space Downtown

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Requirements/Specifications for Downtown Leased Space

W.H. CUSHING SCHOOL | STANDARD SPACE REQUIREMENTS *

Information provided below is intended for reference only and may not be representative of final space requirements. Layout and location of potential lease facilities will impact final requirements as it relates to facility design and building code conformance.

Description	Sq. Meters
Standard school spaces:	
3 classrooms of 80 m2	240
1 science room	95
Ancillary rooms (ie: music, drama)	220
Learning Commons (library)	60
Flex space (student gathering space)	40
Administration Areas	200
Staff and student washrooms (separate)	18
Storage	27
Wiring network closet	30
Facility Operations storage	15
Circulation areas (ie: entryway, hallways)	195
Non-standard spaces:	
Room for before/after school care provider	100

TOTAL SQ. METERS 1,240

Requirements/Specifications for Downtown Leased Space

Other considerations:

* Reasonable access to gymnasium
* Reasonable access to outdoor play area(s)
* Reasonable access to public library (instead of learning commons)
* Staff parking option (10 stalls)
* Parent drop off availability
* Ease of access in/out of building with students
* Secured/restricted access to school

* Standard requirements for school capacity of 150 students

Source: School Capital Manual (Government of Alberta)

Media Release December 11, 2014

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news release

CBE is open to accepting expressions of interest for new downtown space for W.H. Cushing Workplace School

For Immediate Release
Dec. 11, 2014

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CALGARY— The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is open to accepting expressions of interest for a unique partnership from corporations to house a downtown workplace school.

The CBE has had a successful relationship with Telus for the past 19 years for use of space on the main floor of the Len Werry building for the W.H. Cushing Workplace School. However, due to redevelopment of the north side of the 100 block of 7 Avenue S.W. as part of the Telus' Sky building project, the current lease agreement will expire on July 31, 2016.

"We are working with parents to look for solutions for this accommodation challenge. As part of this, the CBE is open to accepting expressions of interest from any corporation in downtown Calgary that has appropriate space for a school and would see this as an opportunity," said Calvin Davies, director, Area IV.

The CBE is open to other partnerships which would support a similar mutually beneficial relationship in the downtown area. At the same time, it must work within its fiscal realities and the serious accommodation crunch that it faces. The current lease is $1 per year.

The W.H. Cushing Workplace School offers a K-3 program for approximately 100 students.

The unique setting of the school has created links in the students' learning environment and parents' workplaces. The downtown core location also allowed for access to downtown resources and venues such as the Glenbow Museum, Calgary Public Library, Art Gallery of Calgary, Prince's Island Park, Olympic Plaza and the Eau Claire YMCA.

"We continue to meet with parents to discuss options for the future accommodation of students. We are committed to providing excellent education to students and support to families as we move through this transition," said Davies.

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Expressions of Interest

CBE accepting expressions of interest through Corporate Partnerships in consultation with Facilities.

Moving Forward

December 11, 2014 – Media Release

December – March 31, 2015 – CBE accepting proposals from interested downtown corporations

December – June 30, 2015 – CBE reviews and evaluates proposals

September 2015 – Results of search for downtown space announced.

December 2015 – Official notification/designation

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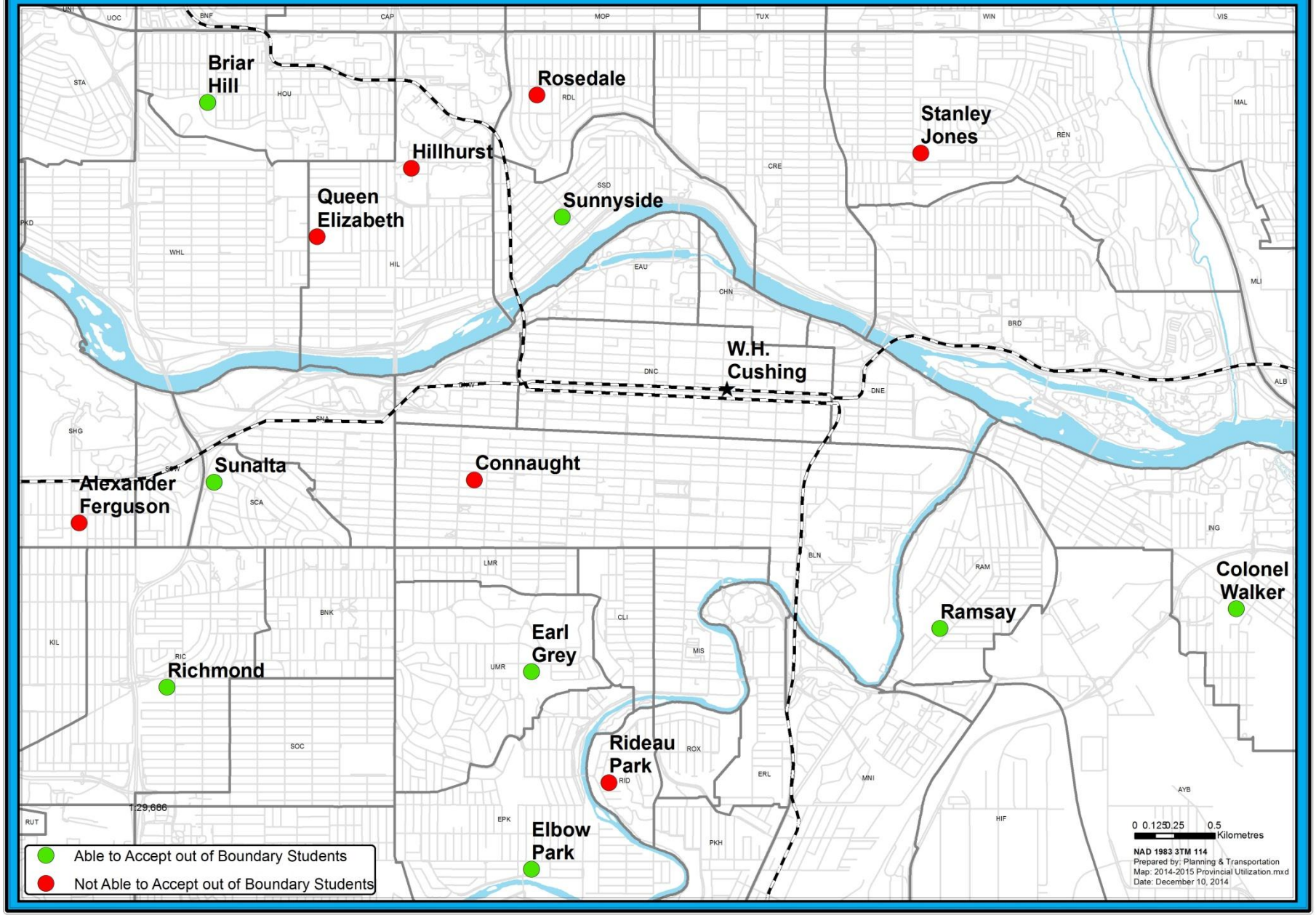
Elementary Schools in Proximity to W.H. Cushing



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Designated Schools with Lottery Process in Effect

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Current Grade of WH Cushing Students who are Designated to Schools that are Using a Lottery Process

Communities with lottery in 2014		
Community	K	GR1
ROCKY RIDGE		1
SPRINGBANK HILL	1	
TOTALS	1	1

What's next

December – March 31, 2015 – CBE accepting proposals

January 2015 – Kindergarten Registration

June 2015 – Update on expression of interest

Feedback – yourvoice@cbe.ab.ca

Fall 2015 – Parent Meeting

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