



## New School in Springbank Hill/Discovery Ridge Feedback Form

To assist in our planning, we are asking you to complete the information below. This information will remain confidential and will only be used by the Director of Planning & Transportation and the Director of Area IV to inform decision making.

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student(s) and current grade level of students from the communities of Springbank Hill and Discovery Ridge

	Student Name	Current School	Current Grade Level
1.			Pre-K (8), K (6)
2.			1 (8), 2 (7)
3.			3 (8), 4 (4)
4.			5 (9), 6 (6)
5.			7

To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

**1 = Strongly Agree, 2 = Agree, 3 = Disagree, 4 = Strongly Disagree**

	1	2	3	4
I had the information I needed to participate in a meaningful way.	4	19	7	1
I had the opportunity to ask questions, and understood the purpose, in advance of my participation in this discussion.	4	18	5	1
I was encouraged to share my thoughts and/or feedback during this information session.	5	18	6	2

What would you like the CBE to keep in mind as we work to ensure a positive transition for students?

- Offer ample opportunities for physical activity
- Offer language programs
- Offer advanced curriculum or enriched opportunities in core subjects
- Advocate for the building of bike paths to the school from surrounding areas
- Offer opportunities for parental involvement
- Encourage student participation in the Science Fair, math/science clubs/contests
- Offer field trips for students
- Consider making the school more green with solar/wind/alternative energy and a fruit/vegetable growing program for students to learn and participate
- Thank you for building a school in our community
- It's really important to us as parents to have our children stay in the same community for jr. high and elementary school.
- When can we have a conversation about expanding the boundaries of the new school to include signal hill community? The new school is closer to us than AE Cross, and provides safer access through the community rather than across major road ways.

- I am interested in how the timing of the school hours are determined. We live near the school and worry about traffic during drop off and pick up if it is that same time as Ernest Manning High School or Ambrose College. Could this be taken into account so that the bells are staggered.
- Make sure athletic facilities are large enough for K-9 at full capacity (i.e., fire regulations). Look at other K-9/Jr. High schools.
- Open in September, rather than middle of the year and make sure all programs are in place before opening.
- Find out what's important to parents from potential students from other schools, especially since people are coming from different schools and programs
- Opening the school in September and not in the middle of a school year
- All programs and options in place when the school opens
- The least disruption as possible for the students moving, especially since my kids have been at 3 schools in 3 years. It would be difficult to move to a contingency school if the new school does not open on time.
- The greatest need is for jr. high in this community, so can the weight of students be shifted towards jr. high?
- I'm concerned if the school doesn't open on time that the kids in Gr. 7/8 will miss out on their options if they are kept or relocated to an elementary school
- I do not want grades mixed – please keep elementary kids separate from jr. high/middle ages
- That programs for jr. high such as sports teams and extra-curricular programs are established
- Safe environment for drop off and pick up is set up
- Ongoing communication on timelines and transition plans to assist parents and students to plan and anticipate changes
- My son has special needs/coded, closer to the opening I would like to be able to meet with the new school to help prepare my son with the changes, especially since he will have recently changed schools to start grade 7
- Communicate/inform parents about the programs and course offers at the middle school level in advance
- Open house should have a mailout with information to residents. If this is too expensive, have information booklets at open house. A FAQ sheet with answers would also be helpful to stimulate dialogue for parents with younger kids
- It is important to us that the grades are all fully operating at openings. This would ensure better opportunities in athletics, band and other extra-curricular/social experiences
- Jr. High options with a purposeful academic focus would be great, like business, humanitarian, robotics, in addition to options especially French
- Athletic and team opportunities are very important
- Jazz band is very important
- If the new school opens in fall of 2017 will students in grade 6 be able to finish at their current designated school?
- The process needs to be the least disruptive to the students' education.
- Parents need to be involved in the decision making process on contingency plans. There are a lot of various scenarios based on family needs that should be taken into consideration
- There do not seem to be enough classrooms to accommodate all of the grades K-9. I see that dividers are proposed to separate the classrooms. While I appreciate the ability to expand/divide the classrooms, these rooms are often noisy. Consult the teachers.
- I am concerned about the future of Jennie Elliott School, I hope that they will not be under-utilized. It is a wonderful school with an excellent staff.
- Offer French music and art along with other regular subjects
- Have filtered water in the water fountains
- Have quiet collaboration spaces for group/creative work
- I would like information about the effect of the new school opening on students remaining at Battalion Park School. How will this transition be handled in terms of number of classes for each grade, bus zone, enrolment boundary to name a few
- One of the areas zoned out of the walk zone has a pathway to the school. Currently students are required to walk up this pathway to get to their bus stop as buses cannot be sent down 81<sup>st</sup>. I don't understand why I can walk to the bus but not to the school. We walk the path every day and it would be a waste of bus dollars and effort. I would like the walk zone to be adjusted.
- A school in close proximity is needed for the "school within a school" concept
- My child is in French immersion. If this was available at the school, it would be wonderful

- Before and after care at school please
- School activity like drama, band, and other social group activity
- Teachers have each major subject like math, science, LA, etc.
- Elementary school teachers and jr/ high school teachers will teach students separately
- Traffic – reduce speeds and increase safety, there are lots of distracted drives in the area
- September intake much more preferable
- Principal selection – should be positive and constructive similar to what Jennie Elliott currently has
- Keep class sizes reasonable
- Whether students entering grade 8 in 2017 will be allowed to stay at their current school or will they have to switch to the new school.
- Will all of the jr. high aspects of the new school be ready to go (i.e., CDC, foods, outdoor ed.). Will the options be the same as at the existing junior high?
- What is being done to ensure proper sidewalks are in place for students in the walk zone. Currently much of the adjacent area have no sidewalks and vehicles travel in excess of 60km/h on these roads
- Bike lanes are given priority downtown but sidewalks for children in suburbs are not seen as important
- For students in grades 8 and 9 at AE cross will they be given the option to stay at their current school?
- Traffic signals at 26<sup>th</sup> and Springborough will be necessary. There will be huge congestion at drop off time. 26 is already a very busy route
- Drop off area assumes traffic if coming by Ernest Manning, already an incredibly busy area
- Parking for Ernest Manning and Ambrose college is along 26<sup>th</sup> ave – how will that be dealt with increased congestion, availability or parking areas for parent pick up
- Adult traffic patrols will be needed in this area due to high volumes – cannot risk children doing it
- Name should be Springbank Hill School – only option with relevancy
- Communicate classroom sizes that are expected and how many classes per grade
- Athletics, band/music
- Keep in mind the impacted schools... Battalion, Jenny Elliot, and Olympic Height. These schools will have vacancies and parents would like to know the plan for them. Discussions on what will go on at the impacted schools are vague which is surprising with new schools opening this year and next. Seems a little like an after thought
- My biggest concern is the plan for the schools that will be losing large number of students. How will parents be kept informed of the process of the changes to Battalion Park School?
- What is the jr. High Catchment area for the new school?
- Please keep posting signs in the community as to next sessions for open houses, registrations for new school, and where to look for info online. This was very helpful.