

Parent Council Committee Meeting – 08 11 17

New Build - Update from pre-Stakeholder Meeting - 07 11 17

John McLeod from the Project Team presented an update to representatives of both the Academy and St Andrews School Parent Councils.

A few key dates to note are –

- the funding is in place
- the main contractor and the Facilities Management Company who will be responsible for the maintenance to of the school for the next 25 years have been appointed
- the school will remain the property of Aberdeenshire Council who will manage the Campus.
- the likely opening hours will be between 6am and 10pm.

The Enabling Works will begin from January next year when the playing fields will be taken out of use. Creating the car parking in Victoria Park will be one of the first construction tasks and will remain as the Staff Car Park following the Build. The number of car parking spaces will be similar those currently available.

The Planning Application opened on 18th August this year and the period for submitting queries/comments has closed. The Project Team are currently in the process of preparing responses to the queries received.

The Project is now in the Detailed Design phase with plans being drawn up for all rooms. The position of the furniture and equipment may mean that location of doors/lighting may have to be altered etc. Final Plans are almost ready for publication. John will provide the latest version of these drawings for inclusion on school's website.

The Access Strategy has involved wide consultation with both schools and community groups and is currently being applied to the Design. School has had the opportunity to assess access of the General Public throughout the day. They will use a single entrance, sign into and out of Campus and will be escorted whilst they are on site. The Young Scot card will act as a key card for pupils to assess different areas of the Campus. Some funding will be retained to allow the access procedures for pupils to be tweaked once they are using the Campus.

The Commercial Close is early next year, the Financial Close will be in March 2018 and construction begins on the 2nd April next year and will last until 28th February 2020. The keys will be handed to the Head on 30th March that year and there will be a phased entrance for the pupils. The demolition phase will probably take a year and all current estate will be removed apart from Crichton Cottage. Landscaping will be the last phase of project.

A History and Heritage Group will consider all of the artefacts in the school and what will be retained and incorporated into new school and what will be donated to groups such as the Garioch Heritage Society. Learning & Estates, former teachers and the artist who is creating the decoration plan for the Campus will also be involved.

Suggestion to introduce a "Campus Emblem" in addition to the Academy and St Andrews Emblems.