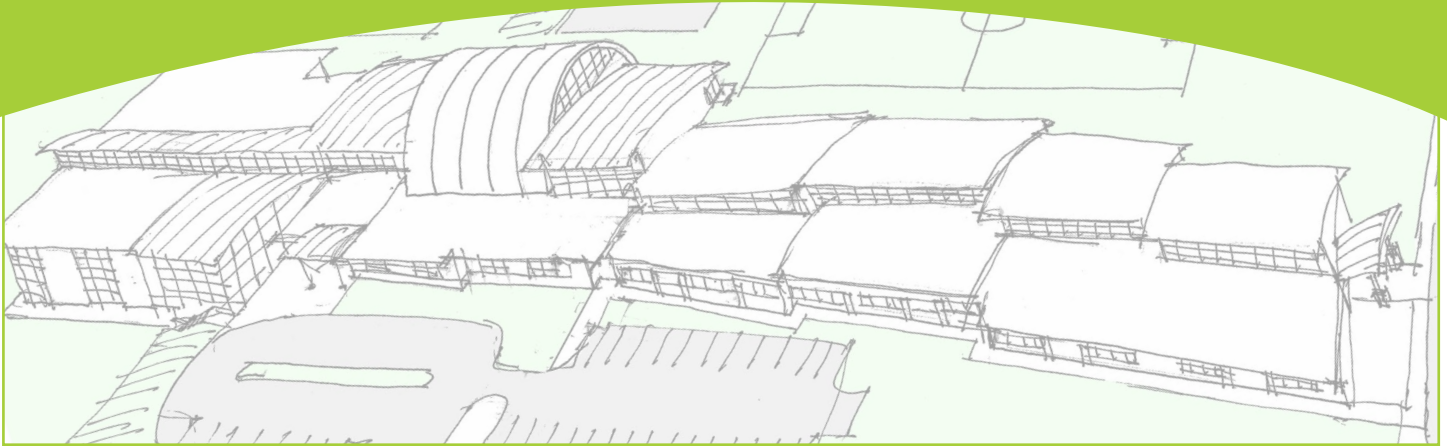


Imagine the possibilities: UBC/University Endowment Lands school projects



A preliminary massing study of the new University Hill K-8 school on the Acadia Road site.

January 2008: Educational Facilities Review Phase I – UBC to Dunbar

In January 2008, the Vancouver Board of Education initiated an Educational Facilities Review of its schools in the University of B.C. to Dunbar neighbourhoods of Vancouver. The district needed to address three challenges: educational priorities, financial sustainability and seismic mitigation of existing schools.

June 2008: UBC to Dunbar Neighbourhood of Learning Development Plan

An outcome of that process was a new way of envisioning how to organize and deliver education – the creation of Neighbourhoods of Learning within a Network of Learning. The UBC to Dunbar Neighbourhood of Learning development plan, which was approved by the board in June 2008, is designed to guide future decision making for the area.

The UBC/UEL area has experienced rapid development during the past decade, and there are plans for even more residential housing. Already, the number of school-aged children in the catchment area exceeds the available spaces by a ratio of 2 to 1. The total Kindergarten to Grade 12 school capacity is 735 students (410 elementary school spaces and 325 secondary school spaces), while the in-catchment K-12 population stands at 1,459 students (797 elementary, 662 secondary).

Building for the Future

The situation has created a rare and unique opportunity for the school district to establish an educational program and set of facilities that will combine the best professional practices, physical facilities and educational resources to accommodate the learning needs of the community.

The Vancouver Board of Education and UBC are currently finalizing the transfer of the National Research Council building (3250 East Mall) in order for it to be redeveloped as a Grade 9-12 school.

It is proposed that the existing University Hill Secondary school (2896 Acadia Rd.) will be redeveloped, creating essentially two schools within a school. Kindergarten through Grade 5 will be housed in one wing, while a second wing will house Grades 6-8, with the two schools sharing core facilities to maximize learning opportunities. This site can also be expanded to accommodate future growth in the south campus area.

It is also proposed that University Hill Elementary school (5395 Chancellor Blvd.) be realigned to create a kindergarten through Grade 5 school, which is more appropriately matched to the building's capacity. University Hill Elementary school was built for 380 students.

Educational Prospectus

Key elements of the educational program:



- A continuum of learning from early childhood to post secondary,
- Emphasis on engagement and experiential learning
- Student to student learning, collaboration and mentorship
- French immersion
- A science and technology focus
- Sustainability and global citizenship
- Multi-level active partnerships with UBC

Design elements to deliver the key educational objectives:



- Adaptable learning spaces for large and small groupings
- Central, flexible group assembly, presentation & performance space
- Seminar, conference
- Design for environmental sustainability (LEED® Gold target for new construction)

The project consists of three sites all located in the UBC/UEL catchment area of the Vancouver School Board.



Reconfigure existing University Hill Elementary School:

- 60 full time Kindergarten
- 350 Grade 1-5

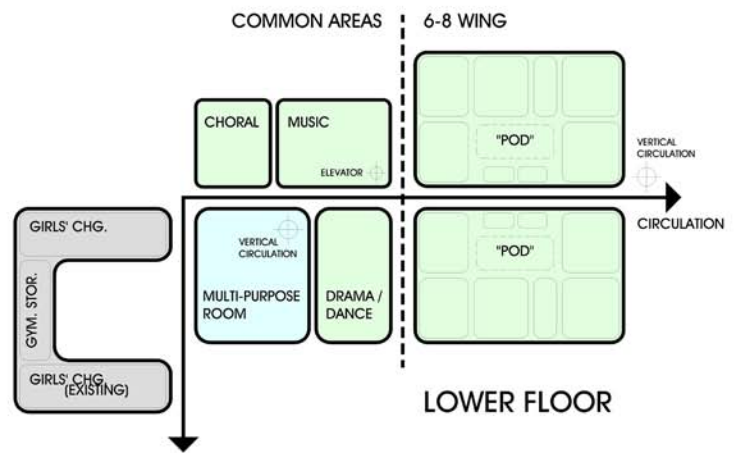
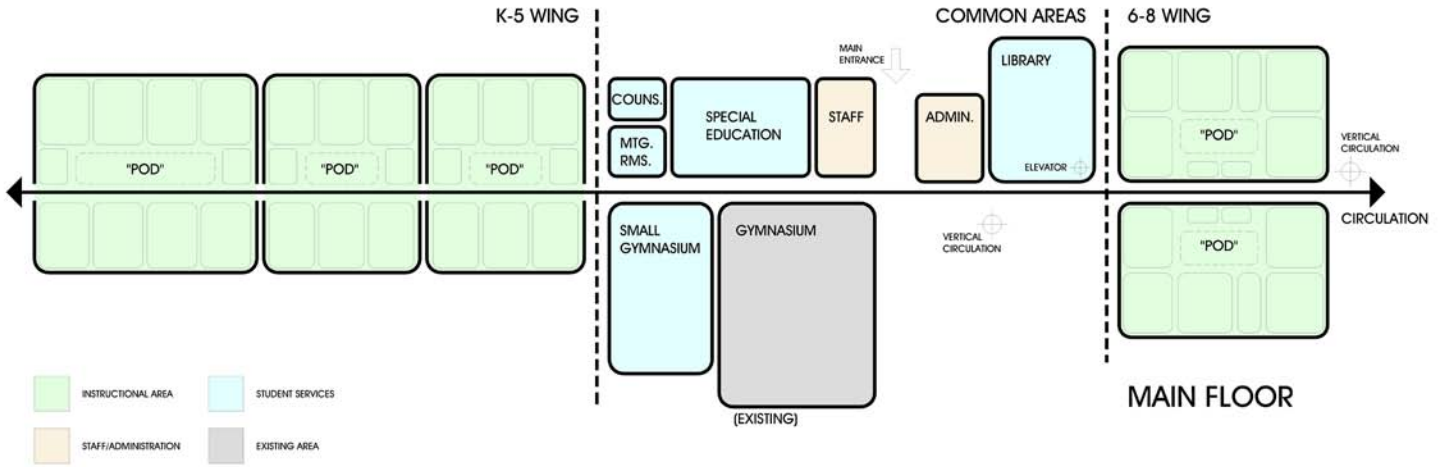
Replace existing University Hill Secondary School Site (Acadia Road)

- 60 full time Kindergarten
- 350 Grade 1-5
- 450 Grade 6-8

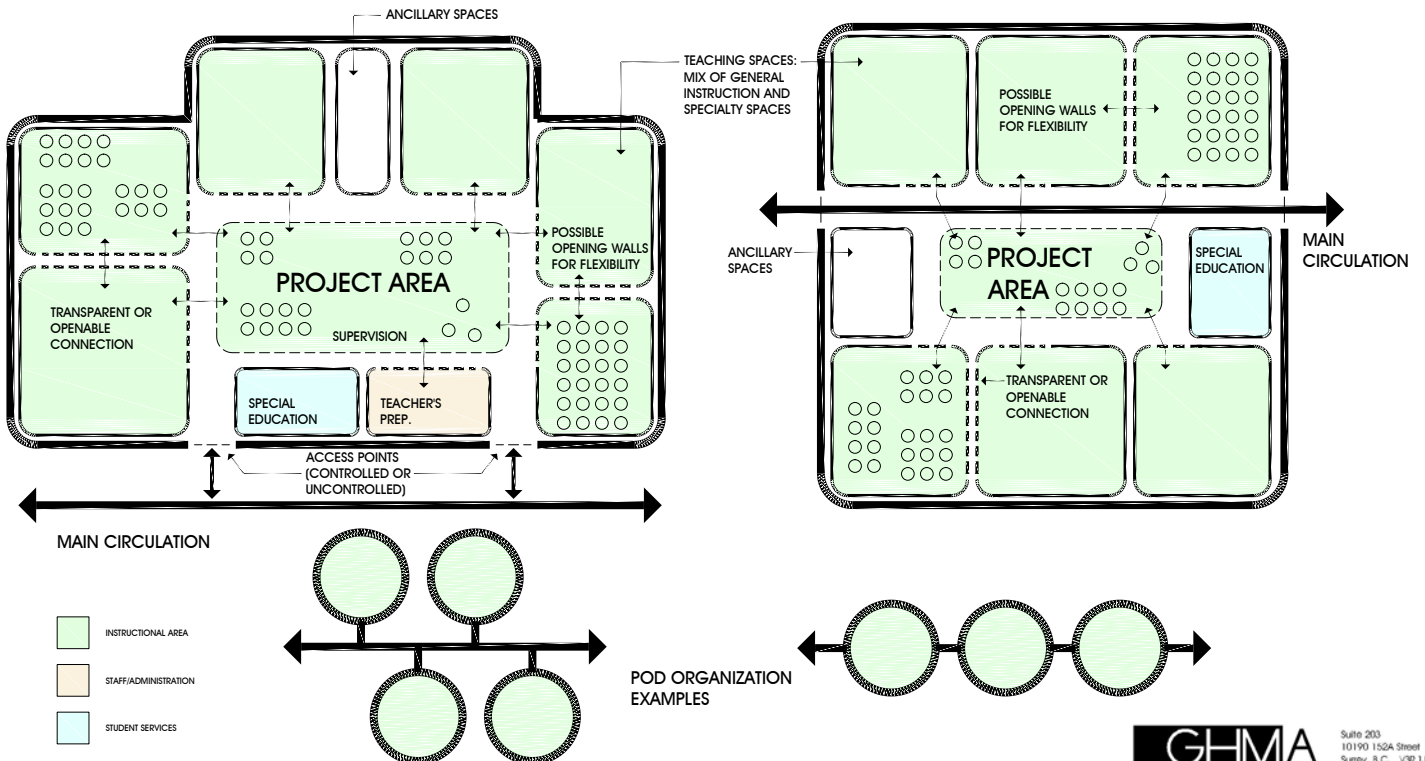
Redevelop existing NRC Building to accommodate new University Hill Secondary School

- 800 Grade 9-12

Preliminary Organization Concept

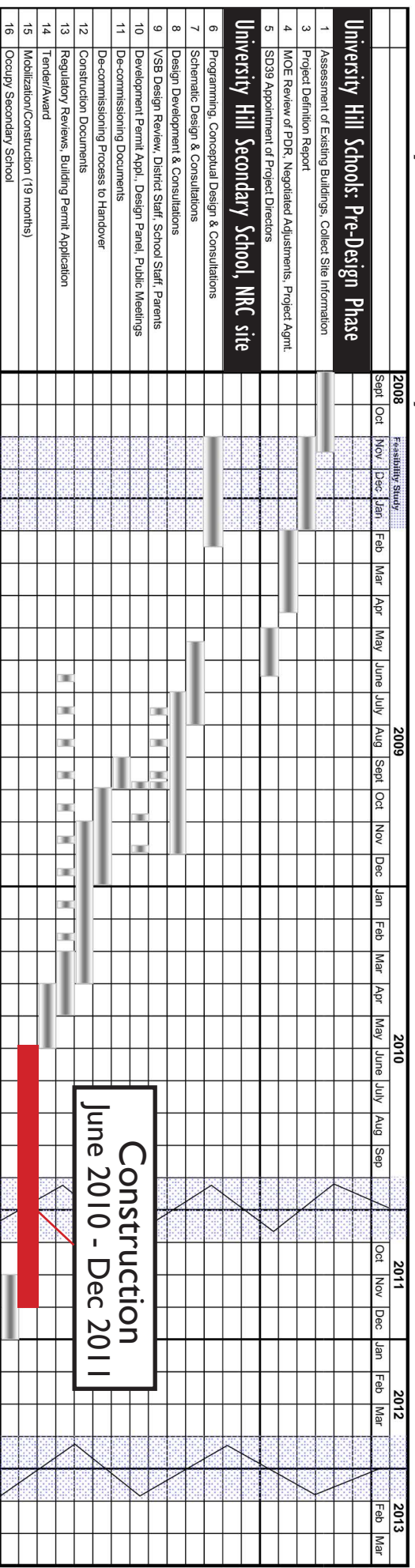


Classroom Clusters - Flexible Learning Areas



University Hill Schools - Project Schedule

University Hill Secondary School, NRC site



Construction
June 2010 - Dec 2011

Phase 1 - Mobilization and Construction
Sept 2010 - Dec 2011

Phase 2 - Mobilization and Construction
March 2012 - March 2013

University Hill K-8 School, Acadia Road site

