



Central Student Interest Programs
Westview Centennial SS
Secondary Arts

Program Area Review Team

Meeting #1

April 4, 2023

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississauga's of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples

Meeting Norms

- Meetings will be chaired by **Kurt McIntosh**, Superintendent
- Members will arrive on time and we will ensure that the meeting ends at the scheduled time
- The chair will follow the meeting agenda
- Members will treat each other, and the opinions of each other, with respect
- Meaningful information sharing comes through dialogue and collaboration

Setting the Context: Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy

- The LTPAS advances the system goal to “provide equity of access to learning opportunities for all students”
- The document identifies a number of studies to be undertaken to resolve existing and future accommodation pressures in the City

Secondary Program Review

Program Priorities:

To improve equity of access to programs, staff will also undertake a review to determine two locations for new centralized Arts programs



Setting the Context: Why are we here?

- As part of the Secondary Program Review, access to Student Interest Programs in the Arts was identified as a gap to be addressed.
- The Board's Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy includes a study to examine opportunities for new Arts-based Student Interest Programs in the northwest and northeast parts of the City.
- Goal is to build rich, high quality Arts-based programs that reflect student voice, and focus less on replicating what exists now in other Arts-based programs.
- Programs would open students to a variety of experiences in the Arts.
- Programs would be advertised through the 2023-24 school year and opened for September 2024.

Setting the Context: Actions To Date

Over the summer of 2022, central staff reviewed and visited a total of 7 secondary schools through the lenses of:

Facilities

- Specialized rooms and spaces to accommodate a variety of arts programs

Staffing

- Qualified teachers, existing courses and sections on which to build

Enrolment and Space

- Sufficient capacity to accommodate the program over the long-term

Access and Equity

- Geography, improved access for marginalized communities

Local Feasibility Study

- Studies in the LTPAS are approved by Central Accommodation Team (CAT) to commence Local Feasibility Team (LFT) work
- The LFT met in between June 2022 to March 2023
- The LFT was comprised of: local Trustees, Superintendents, Principals, Central TDSB Staff, and other support staff as required
- LFT reviewed options to select a preferred site for a new arts program
- LFT determined that Westview Centennial SS is a school that that should be explored, and therefore recommended that a Program Area Review be established

Program Area Review Process

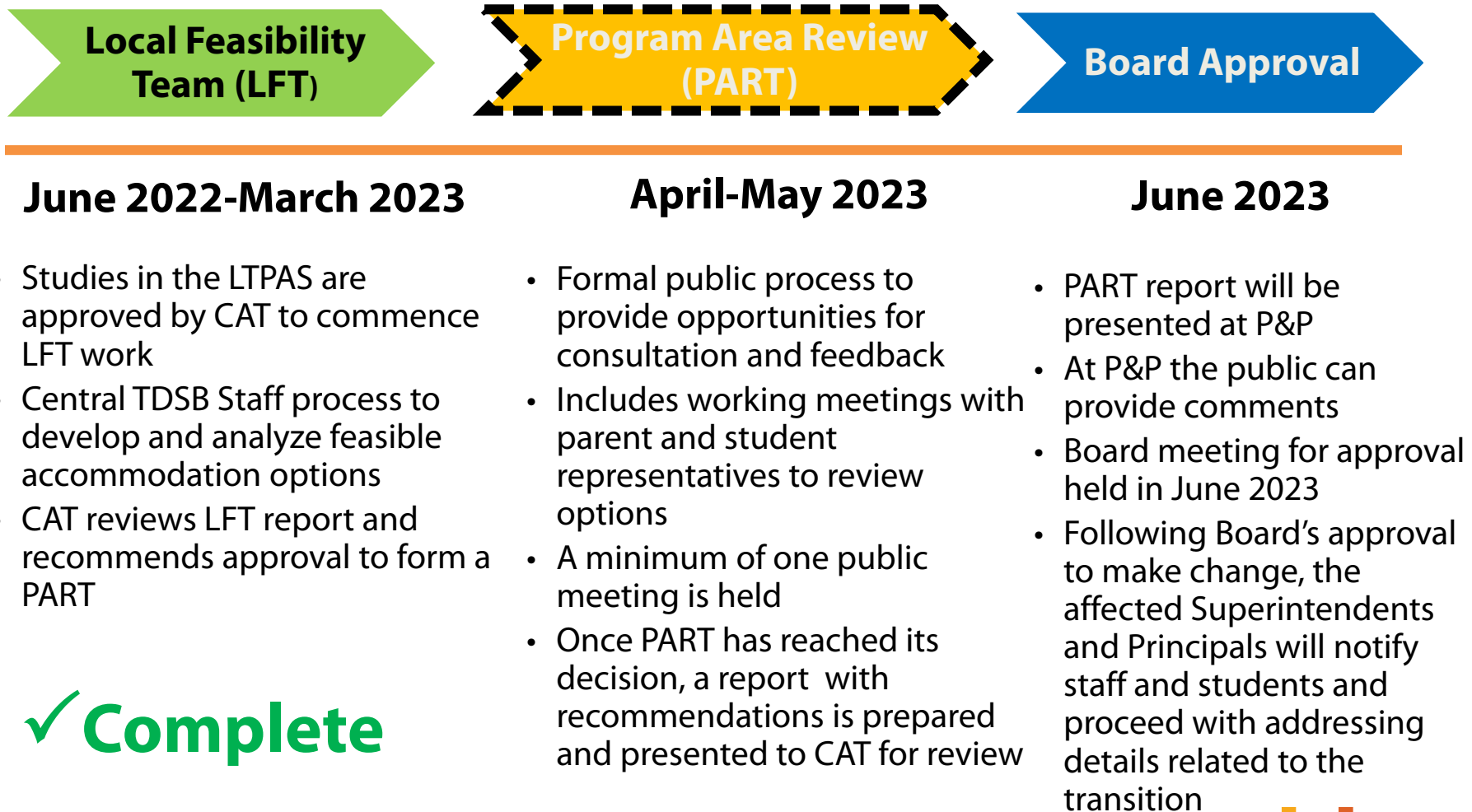
What is a Program Area Review?

- A process that the TDSB follows when considering:
 - Changes to the grade range of a school (excluding changes to grade configurations of French Immersion or Extended French programs and programs for students with special needs)
 - The establishment of new schools or specialized programs
 - Changes to an attendance boundary

What is the role of a PART member?

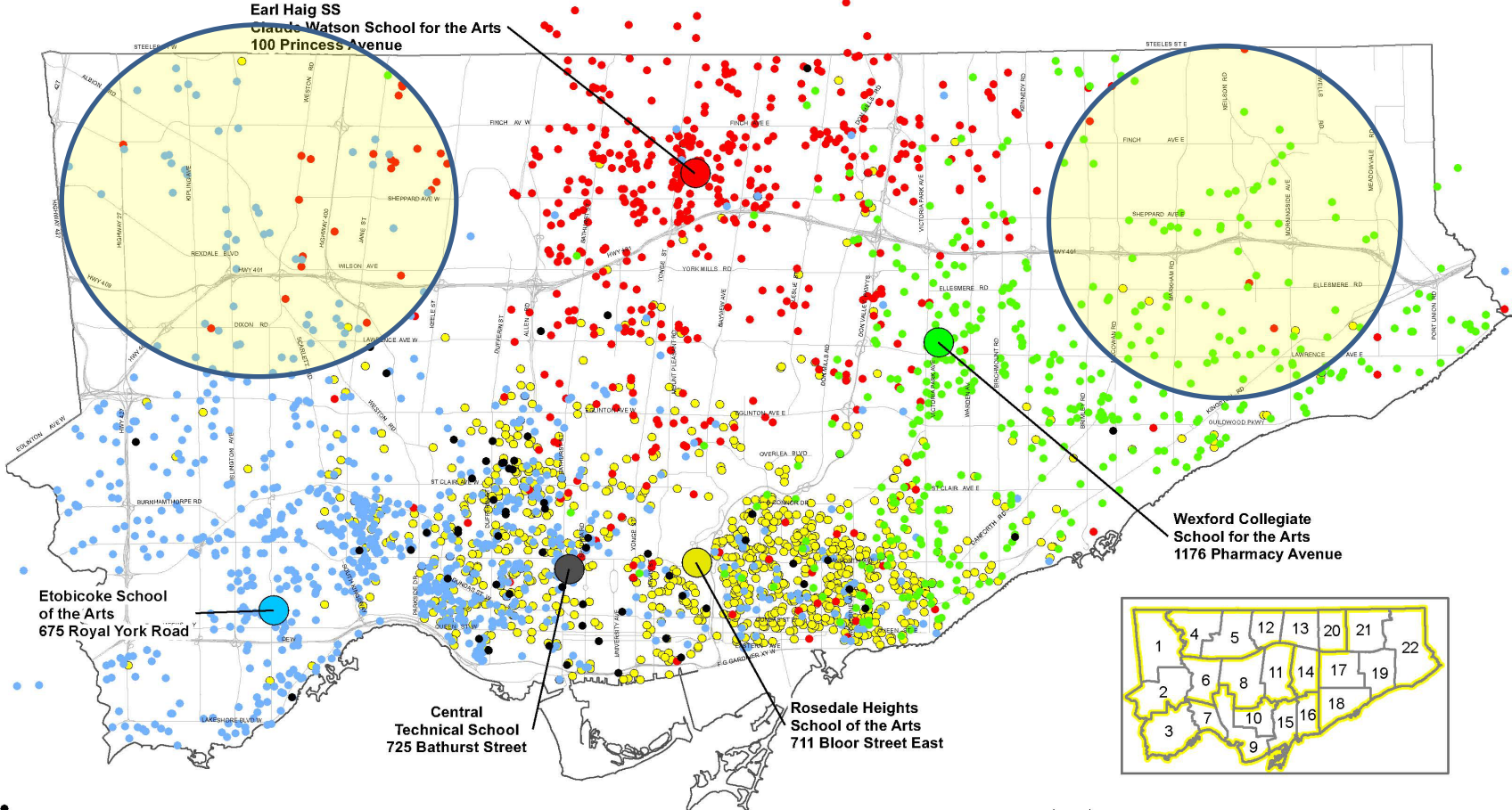
- An advisory role
- Members are tasked with reviewing information gathered during the Local Feasibility process, providing feedback and discussing any new ideas
- To share information with the school community
- The PART will make recommendations to inform staff and Board
- PART recommendation(s) may be modified by staff and/or Board members

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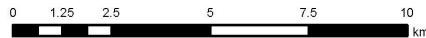


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Existing Secondary Art Programs



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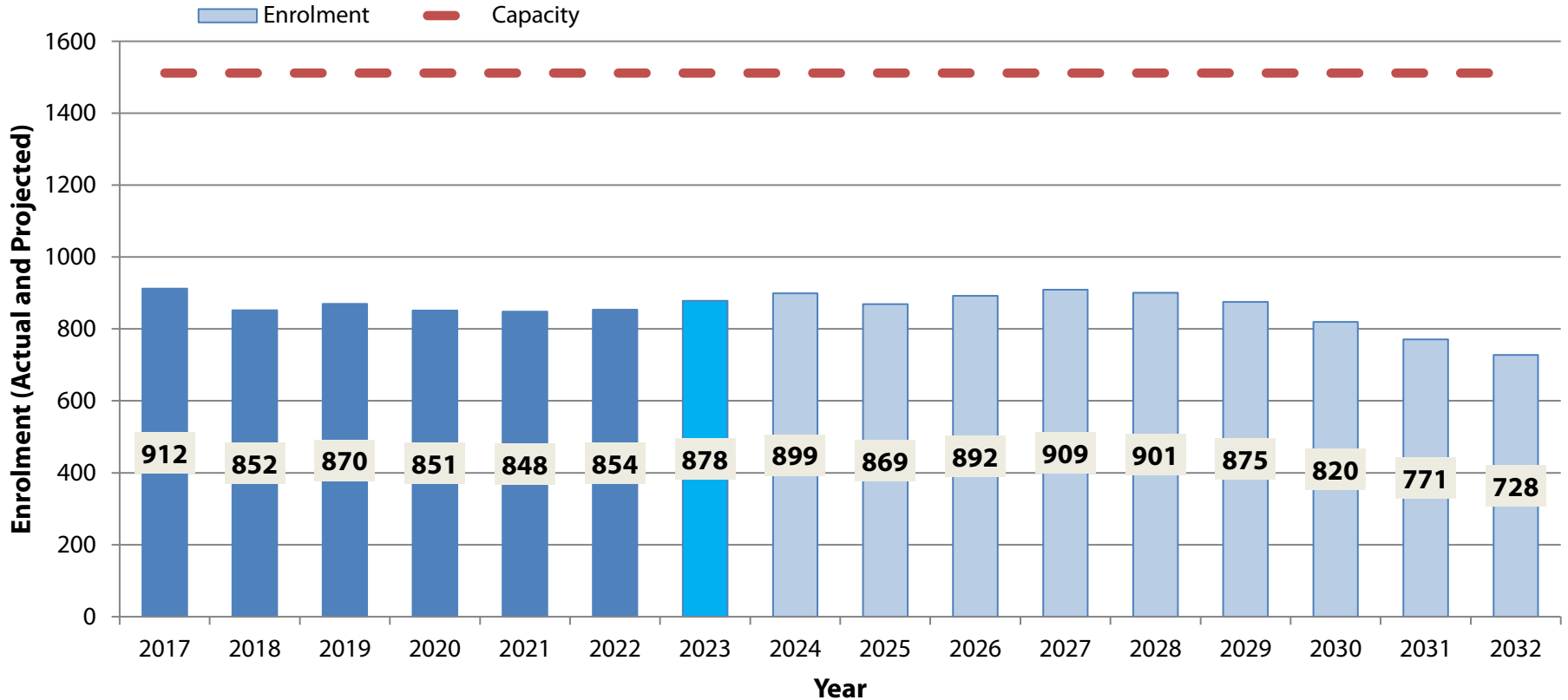
Legend

- Central Technical School
- Earl Haig SS
Claude Watson School for the Arts
- Etobicoke School of the Arts
- Rosedale Heights School of the Arts
- Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts

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Enrolment Projection – Westview Centennial SS Status Quo

Westview Centennial SS - Historical and Projected Enrolment



Existing Programs: Regular Track, LD, MID, DD/DH

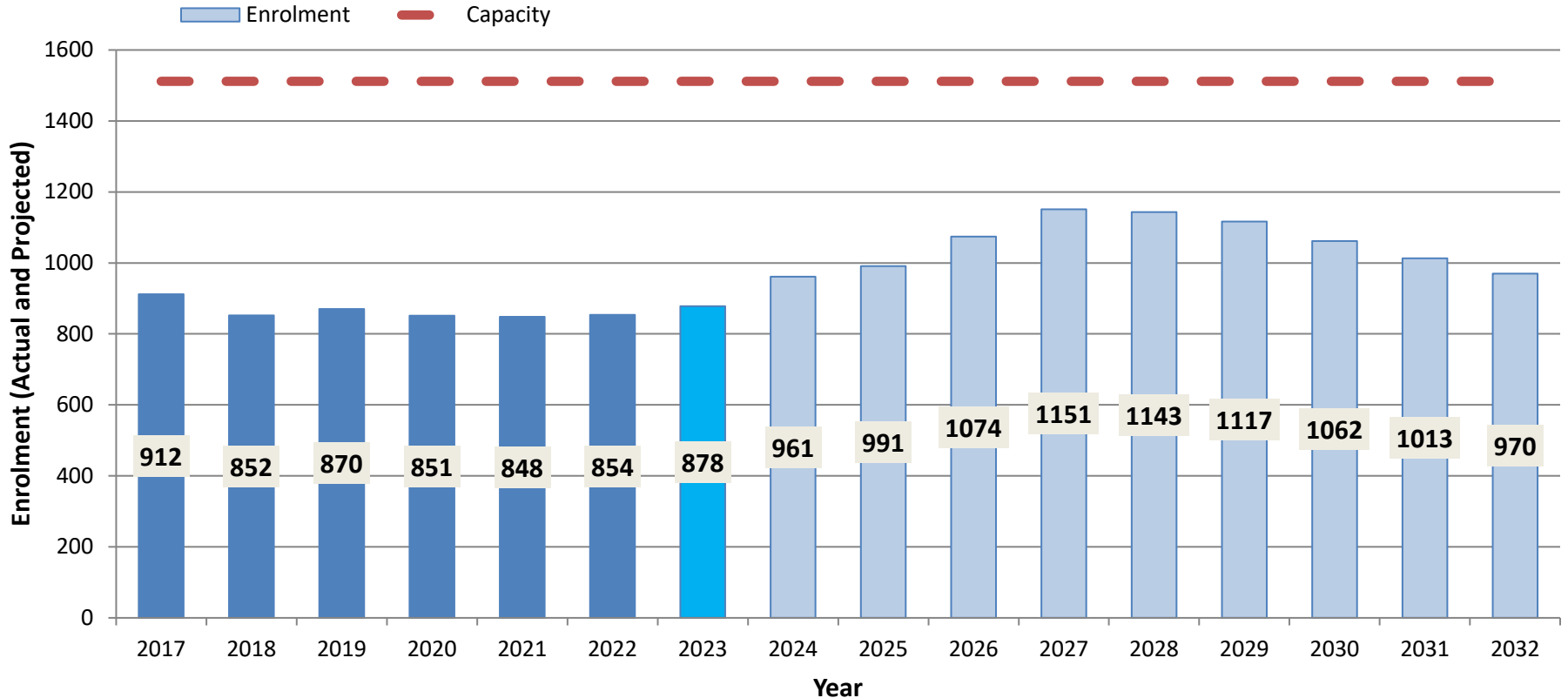
2022 Actual Enrolment (Oct 31 2022): 854 pupil places

Building Capacity (2023): 1512 pupil places

Current Building Utilization: 56%

Enrolment Projection – Westview Centennial SS Scenario

Westview Centennial SS - Projected Enrolment with Arts Program



2024 Enrolment & Building Utilization: 961 pupil places, 64%

2028 Enrolment & Building Utilization: 1143 pupil places, 76%

2032 Enrolment & Building Utilization: 970 pupil places, 64%

Recommended Site

Westview Centennial SS

Staffing:

- The school has a strong existing arts presence with an Arts & Culture SHSM in place.
- The school already has the staffing that is required to support growth in all areas of the arts.

Access and Equity:

- The school would go the farthest in terms of improving access for priority underserved neighbourhoods.
- Although there are no designated accessible entrances equipped with power-operated doors, there are two accessible washrooms.
- Most of the school interior is accessible as there is an elevator present. However, there are some sunken areas that are not addressed by a ramp or lift.
- The school is located along the Finch corridor, in close proximity to future higher-order transit (Finch West LRT).

Enrolment and Space:

- The school is projected to have sufficient space available over the long-term to support an arts program.

Recommended Site

Westview Centennial SS

Facility:

- There are strong instructional spaces for each of the areas of the arts.
- The stage/school has a significant termite problem. Work to repair the stage in the large and bright cafeteria is required.

- Arts courses currently offered:
 - Dramatic Arts,
 - Instrumental Music (Band),
 - Vocal Music,
 - Digital Arts (Yearbook),
 - Dance,
 - Dance (performance practice),
 - Visual Arts,
 - Visual Arts - Non-Traditional,
 - Photography,
 - Technological Design (Fashion) and
 - Graphic Arts -Communication Technology

Vision for Arts Central Student Interest Programs

- Program comprised of 7 - 12 courses from Grades 9 - 12
 - 2 program courses each year
 - Senior grades might have more options
 - Courses will be based on student interest
- Program structure will be developed with local school staff, based on feedback from the broader school community
 - E.g. Visual Arts program portfolio and Performing Arts program portfolio
- Centred around student voice, infused with topics that are relevant to students and the community

Vision for Arts Central Student Interest Programs

Guiding Principles:

- Breaking from the traditional Euro-centric Arts program model
- Strong integration of digital media/arts (music, film, production, media arts, photography etc.)
- Focus on student generated content and the creative process
- Involvement of outside artists and establishing community partnerships

Proposed Implementation Plan

September 2023

- Program Development continues based on feedback from PART process involving central and school staff
- Central Student Interest Program Website is updated to reflect new program

November 2023

- School Open House to include Arts Program
- Program is included in the centralized online application for Grade 9 admission in September 2024
- A new Grade 9 cohort will be added each year

2023-2024 School Year

- Professional Learning will be provided to support the development of course outlines focused on the guiding principles

Visioning

What skills should students be developing as part of an arts focus program?

How could this benefit students in their other classes and in their post-secondary lives?

Visioning

If you could imagine an arts-focus program at Westview Centennial SS, what would it look like?

Visioning

What art forms would **you** like to see at Westview Centennial SS?

Next Steps

- Based on PART feedback and discussion, the Arts Programming team will refine the vision for the preferred arts program
- Arts Programming team will meet with school staff to gather feedback and preliminary ideas for the new program structure

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Working PART Meeting #1
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Working PART Meeting #2
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Working PART Meeting #3



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