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Tech High School
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Chronology of New Tech High School

2014

- September District team interviews prospective firms to facilitate plans for high school design. Cunningham Architecture Group and IIW Minnesota Architects were selected.
- November St. Cloud Area School District 742 invites participation from all key stakeholder groups to create a shared vision for all St. Cloud Area high school students. The High School Design Task Force forms with 90 students, principals, teachers, district leadership, city leaders and district partners.
- Nov - Dec Cunningham Architecture Group and IIW Minnesota facilitate a design charrette consisting of four visioning workshops, meeting at both Apollo and Tech High Schools.
- November 19 Workshop 1: Creating a Shared Vision for Our Future—What We Want for St. Cloud Area High School Learners. Task force meets to begin the creative design process for a comprehensive high school solution in all of District 742.
- November 21 Workshop 2: What's Working/Not Working with Our Existing Schools. An opportunities/challenges analysis is done on both Apollo and Tech.
- December 2 Workshop 3: Exploring Our Options—Design Scenarios. Workshop participants consider a broad range of conceptual design scenarios to meet the vision including: remodeling/additions to Technical High School to support 1800 students; remodeling/additions to Apollo to support 1800 students; a new high school to replace Tech for 1800 students. Multiple-concept design options are created, reviewed and discussed.
- December 3 Workshop 4: Synthesis and Recommendation—Final Design Recommendations. Task force meets to review and synthesize options, then finalize design recommendations for each high school. Final decision is to recommend to Board of Education that a new high school be built on 33rd Street South site in St. Cloud to replace Technical High School and to renovate Apollo High School.

December 3	The Board of Education immediately meets following Workshop 4 to hear the recommendation from workshop participants and the Cuningham Group and IIW Minnesota. Board members ask questions of the panel and share concerns and insights.
December 18	Board of Education approves the Task Force recommendations.
2015	
February	Workshop 5: Refinement and Conceptual Design of a New Tech High School and Improved Apollo High School. Task force meets to discuss and design conceptual space for the new high school and improved Apollo.
	Workshop 6: Refinement and Conceptual Design of a New Tech High School and Improved Apollo High School. Participants hear presentation on 33 rd Street site plan, including use of woodlands and wetlands, and view input on two options for the new Tech High School; they also assess conceptual work on improvements to Apollo High School.
May 7	Staff and community members are invited to a High School Design Forum to generate big, visionary programming ideas for the two high school projects. Timelines for the projects are shared.
June 25	Board of Education approves a resolution to fund through bond referendum a new Tech High School at 33 rd Street South and renovated Apollo for a November special election.
June – October	Schematic Design begins for the construction of the new Tech High School and for the renovation of Apollo High School. To help guide the design, the district forms the High School Design Committee (10 representatives each from Apollo and Tech) to provide direction and guide the design of both projects. Specific programming sub-groups also are named to address specific needs at both schools.
Sept-October	Community Forums on referendum Building tours at Tech and Apollo
November 3	Referendum to fund a new Tech High School and renovate Apollo High School is defeated in a special election.

December School district commits to gather further community input and hires Clear Path Consulting to analyze election results and facilitate community listening sessions.

2016

January Superintendent Advisory Group is created to review feedback and prepare recommendations to school board.

Jan – March Sixteen community listening sessions with a total of 150 participants are held throughout the district.

March 16 Superintendent Jett brings a recommendation based on Advisory Group input and listening sessions feedback to the Board of Education.

July 28 Board approves resolution to fund through bond referendum a new Tech High School and renovated Apollo High School for November special election.

Sept – November Community Forums

November 8 Referendum Question 1 to fund a new Tech High School at 33rd Street South passes. Question 2 to fund a renovated Apollo High School is defeated.

2017

January Architects and Construction Manager present to Board of Education new plan to build 320,000 square foot high school to house 1600 students, with core spaces sized to accommodate 1800 students, on 33rd Street South, St. Cloud. Space is also set aside for expansion of learning spaces to accommodate 1800 students, and for expansion to activities areas.

Process begins to acquire permits needed for trout stream crossing.

Jan – Ongoing Tech High School construction and design updates are presented monthly to Board of Education and public.

February Architects, Construction Manager and design committee continue to meet and work on plans for new high school. The schedule and timelines for the project are approved. The project will include four separate bid packages to facilitate the start of construction while design is being completed.

February 28	Technology visioning workshop with teachers, students, administrators, architects and community members
April 27	Board approves name of new high school as St. Cloud Tech High School.
May 18	Safety and Security Workshop is held and facilitated by Carol Martinson, Intentional Security Design. The workshop is attended by school district leadership, teachers, parents, and local law enforcement agencies.
August 1	Bid Package 1 for site development is released for bid.
August 28	Historic groundbreaking on site of new Tech High School
September 5	Construction begins – site work
Sept – Ongoing	Design committee and Tech staff sub-groups meet and plan.
September 25	Bid Package 2 for foundations, slabs, structural steel is released for bid.
November 17	Bid Package 3 for the remaining design is released for bid.
December	Foundation and footings go in for new school.
2018	
January	Final permit received (of 17 required) to allow the entry from 33 rd Street to cross the stream.
March	Structural steel and precast wall installation begins.
May	Wall, plumbing and electrical installation begins.
June	Furniture sit-ins with staff and students are conducted to select furnishings.
July	Grading and installation of athletic fields begin.

August	Tech staff tours construction site for first time.
October	Pilot classrooms installed at (old) Tech site and Apollo High School to test furniture and technology and to provide staff development in preparation of occupying the new school.
2019	
January	Career and Technical Education lab equipment is finalized. Furniture pricing is finalized, and furniture is ordered. Tech Grand Opening committee forms.
January 23	Bids are released for audio/visual equipment.
Jan – August	Construction activity continues.
August 27	Student Orientation Day
September 3	Tech High School officially opens.
September 16	Tech Grand Opening to public