

Proposed Plan For Central Christian School

Background

The Central Christian School was established as a non-government assisted, private school, in September of 2000; it is a non-profit organization. The purpose of the school is to provide a good, sound, Christian, and educational foundation of high quality, in a wholesome environment.

The school is licensed by the Government of Anguilla, in accordance with the education act, and is under the leadership of seven board members. The school first opened its doors with twenty (20) students. Each year a grade was added and presently there is a total of one hundred and sixty-four (164) students in attendance.

The Justification

Since its inception, the Central Christian School has experienced steady growth. It has also outgrown its present facilities at the church annex in Rey Hill. Since the availability of land in Rey Hill is limited, it is necessary to seek land elsewhere to facilitate the future growth of the pre-school, elementary, and eventually high school. To this end we have purchased six acres of land in Caul's Pond, Anguilla. Each year the school denies 30-40 students due to the lack of space. We earnestly believe that this new location and building will provide adequate space for many more students.

The focus on discipline, manners, and respect will be high, thus producing improved behavior among the students and creating a wholesome environment for each child.

Proposed Project

The proposed facility will consist of a modern pre-school, elementary, and eventually high school on a six acre lot of land in Caul's Pond, Anguilla. This will be done in six phases of which two have already been completed:

Phase 1 – Purchase Land

We have located and purchased six acres of land for the school. This land cost USD \$315,000.00 for the entire parcel of six acres, including fees. The school and Central Baptist Church have secured a loan in order to facilitate this purchase.

Phase 2 – Drawing of plans

The plans for the proposed school have been drawn and submitted to the Government's planning board for approval. The building will provide us with 27000 sqft of floor space.

Phase 3 – Groundbreaking and Construction

A ground breaking ceremony will be held to launch the construction of the modern school building. This phase of the construction will facilitate both the pre-school and the elementary school. The estimated cost of this building we are proposing to build will range from USD \$3,000,000.00 - \$4,000,000.00. Funds are being sought from financial agencies and well-wishers. The church and school will also contribute significantly to this stage of the project.

Phase 4 - Furnishing

This phase will entail the equipping of each classroom with the appropriate furniture for a modern school. This phase will also facilitate the setting up of a computer lab, science lab, library, and cafeteria.

Phase 5 - Landscaping

The landscaping and layout of a recreational ground that will include a football, cricket, baseball, and track field. We are proponents of the fact that physical activity is vital for a child's development, and will therefore provide adequate facilities for such development.

Phase 6 – High School Construction

The construction of a high school section to this facility will be done at this point.

Time Table

- Phase 1 has already been completed
- Phase 2 is in progress and will be finalized shortly
- Phase 3 is expected to begin in June 2008 and should be completed by August 2009.
- Phase 4 & 5 will be completed by September 2009 in preparation for the start of the new school year.
- Phase 6 will come into existence as the need arises and the finances become available.

Conclusion

This project is designed to meet the growing need for private education on the island. It will provide more adequate space for each child. It will also help to improve the behavior and performance of students as we provide a wholesome environment conducive to teaching and learning.

We hereby solicit any financial contribution; of whatever amount you can give to this worthy cause for the future development of our children and our nation as a whole.

Design

Central Christian School is a in a class by itself. A school that addresses the educational, social, physical and spiritual needs of the Anguillan youths.

The existing school is bursting at its seams and the proposed development will not only provide more space but also create the bench mark for educational institutions on Anguilla as well as the rest of the Caribbean.

The design not only gives respect to the culture of the West Indies it also adheres to the needs and wants of the kids and staff. The combination of form and function can be easily found in the layout.

The efficiency of the building will help maximize the limited time that staff has to impart knowledge into eager minds.

With the availability of:

- i. State of the art equipment in the Laboratories.
- ii. The access to the information highway in every classroom.
- iii. A fully stocked Library.
- iv. Space wholly dedicated to the art of music.
- v. Ample Rest rooms on every floor
- vi. Lockers
- vii. A fully functioning kitchen and cafeteria.
- viii. 18 spacious classrooms with drinking water access in each class.
- ix. Administration Block.
- x. Agricultural Field
- xi. Multipurpose Playing Area
- xii. Possibility for expansion.

This school will be the catalyst for a well rounded, multifaceted approach to education.

By using sustainable construction techniques and materials:

- i. Floor Coverings made from recyclable materials
- ii. Low VOC' emitting materials like paint and natural carpet.
- iii. Using Dry Erase Board instead of the traditional Chalk Board.
- iv. Creating cross ventilation to minimize air conditioning and maximizing air circulation.
- v. Capturing surface water run off to be used as irrigation for landscape.

We can further ensure that the building which will expand their educational, social and moral boundaries will not stunt their physical beings.

The design will create a safe, comfortable and sustainable environment geared towards the holistic grooming of the kids.

Construction

The buildings will be constructed through a potential combination of reinforced concrete, masonry brick walls and steel frame structure.

The finishes will be recycled material to ensure a level of green sustainable design.

Cost

Square Footage of Phase 1= 27,000

Cost of Construction per Square Foot = usd \$120.00

Total Cost of Construction of Phase 1 - usd \$ 3,240,000.00