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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Introductory Meeting
Crouse Elementary School
Wednesday April 13, 2005**

In Attendance

K. Waller.....AAG
L. Nunnally.....AAG
D. James.....Akron Public Schools
J. Beal.....Akron Public Schools
J. George.....Akron Public Schools
K. Balchak.....Akron Public Schools
M. Pekins.....Akron Public Schools
T. Long.....City of Akron
M. Walker.....Akron Public Schools
P. McCluskey.....School Staff
C. Acklin.....School Staff
C. Preston.....School Staff
E. Jenkins.....School Staff
T. Hudson.....School Staff
C. McNabb.....School Staff
B. Isaiah.....School Staff
B. Duncan.....School Staff
J. Wood.....School Staff
D. Owen.....School Staff
T. Lundy.....Crouse Caring
J. Butler.....Crouse Caring
J. Isaiah.....CPT
A. Fry.....CPT
B. Lindsey.....CPT
J. Toles.....CPT
D. Curran.....CPT

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M. Williamson.....	City of Akron
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L. Jennings.....	Burges and Burges

The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

1. D. James opened the meeting and introduced representatives from Akron Public Schools, the Akron Architectural Group, the City of Akron and a video presentation. He then discussed several items to be covered in the upcoming meetings as well as the process guiding the upcoming meetings.
2. T. Long discussed the role of the City of Akron in the development of the Community Learning Centers.
3. J. Beal covered slides which described the role of the Ohio School Facilities Commission, the process that was used to develop the Master Plan, and the role of the Ohio School Design Manual. He also discussed project scheduling and the relationships between APS, City of Akron, OSFC, AAG, CPT and RKPS.
4. K. Waller covered several slides containing information specific to the Crouse CLC project. He also covered several other slides which discussed items common to all schools constructed with OSFC funding.
5. J. Beal and T. Long discussed many of opportunities for the community to utilize the Crouse CLC. The emphasis was getting more out of our buildings. They also cited potential partnerships with other entities in the community. These partners could plan projects in conjunction with the CLC projects and could program activity of their own in concert with APS.
6. **Can existing furniture be re-used in the new building to offset the cost of new furniture purchases?** J. Beal responded that items in the existing building would likely be transferred to another public entity or auctioned off.
7. T. Lundy described the programming carried out by Crouse Caring within the existing building. Such activities include day programs and after school activities as well as maintaining an office in the existing Crouse building.
8. Some CPT members discussed the possibility of re-using artifacts in the new facility. One item mentioned was the mural on the west side of the building. The Spicer Hall project at the University of Akron was cited as an example. J. Beal brought up the expense involved with similar attempts at preserving existing historic building elements in new facilities. Any re-use would have to be limited as budgets don't typically carry an allocation for those purposes.
9. Questions regarding use of the site during construction were raised. J. Beal responded that play areas will likely have to be re-positioned to provide adequate and safe outdoor

play areas for the students during construction. We will also have to address how the site is accessed by pedestrians and vehicles during construction.

10. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 20 at 6:00.
11. The meeting adjourned around 8:00 p.m.

The preceding is AAG's interpretation of the meeting. Any changes, additions, or clarifications should be forwarded to our office as soon as possible. Unless these changes are furnished within ten (10) working days, it will be understood that all parties are in agreement with the preceding statements.