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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Community Planning Meeting #2
David Hill Elementary Community Learning Center
Tuesday, January 13, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

M. Salopek.....	AAG
R. Chordar	AAG
J. Birath.....	AAG
D. Loomis.....	Akron Public Schools
G. Reyna.....	Akron Public Schools
C. Brown.....	Akron Public Schools
C. Slyder.....	Akron Public Schools
S. Stewart.....	Akron Public Schools
E. Van Pelt.....	Akron Public Schools
C. Homer	Akron Public Schools
P. Arthurs.....	Akron Public Schools
S. De Vita	Akron Public Schools
M. Neal-Davis.....	Akron Public Schools
L. Gassner.....	Akron Public Schools
C. Thurman.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Wicks	Akron Public Schools
L. Duncan	City of Akron
G. Money Penny.....	City Council
B. Hill	Concordia
C. Davis	CTP
A. Gaves	CTP
K. Flight.....	CTP
P. Mariani	CTP
F. Mariani	CTP
A. Gordon	CTP
J. Gordon	CTP
Y. Scott.....	CTP

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AAG Project Managers	
M. Salopek.....	AAG
D. Mitchell.....	AAG

D. Loomis	Akron Public Schools
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M. Williamson	City of Akron
D. Krutz	RKPS
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J. Berman	Concordia
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The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

- M. Salopek presented the agenda and reviewed the process, identifying where we are.
- All CPT members were encouraged to attend the tour of Alliance Schools at 9:00 a.m., January 24, 2004. A sign-in sheet was provided for those interested. M. Salopek and D. Loomis stressed the importance of experiencing the spaces being discussed to assist in evaluating needs.
- D. Loomis noted the enrollment for the new Center will be 350 students. This value is based on current enrollment. D. Loomis reviewed the Garfield and David Hill cluster student dispersion maps with the CPT. D. Loomis explained that the OSFC is in the process of evaluating projected attendance for the new Center.
- M. Salopek reviewed the Building Assessment and how once the monetary values were assigned to the building components, to renovate the existing building would cost 99.23% of what it would cost for a new building.
- D. Loomis showed the group a videotape to share information about the OSFC and examples of educational facilities that have been constructed under their program. D. Loomis narrated as several photographs of educational facilities, which were constructed under OSFC programs, were shown to the group. Again, it was stressed the importance of the involvement of all the CPT and the opportunity to tour a new school built under the OSFC program
- M. Salopek showed the group photographic examples of the new Canton schools. He noted the variations of building scale to relate to the appropriate ages in the schools and the slight variations of combined uses in opening the gym to the cafeteria.
- J. Birath reviewed the questionnaire that was distributed to the Principals at the previous meeting. The review focused on the community opportunities in the new Center. The current identified programs and spaces used are:
 - Butch Reynolds After School Program Male participants, start in classrooms and move onto the gym or outside, 15 to 20 participants limit is due to available spaces.
 - YSAC After School Y-Program care for children, 15 to 20 participants limit is due to available spaces, use gym and classrooms.
 - OPT Tutoring 10 to 15 students, meets in a classroom.
 - Title 1 Tutoring Three (3) groups, 10 to 15 students, meet in classrooms.

- CHICK Female participants, start in classrooms and move onto the gym or outside, 15 to 20 participants limit is due to available spaces.
- Track Program Beginning this year, uses gym and outside, unknown number of participants.
- Summer School Sessions Beginning this year, uses classrooms, unknown number of participants.
- Pre-Fall School Sessions Beginning this year, uses classrooms, unknown number of participants.
- Activities that have been turned away or not initiated but requested by the community and parents, due to lack of available space:
 - § Classes for seniors on computer use.
 - § Boy and Girl Scouts meeting and activities.
 - § Early morning (before school classes begin) care.
 - § After school children s programs, i.e. choir, music, sports, etc.
 - § City of Akron Recreation Department involvement.
- J. Birath reviewed the site constraints for the new Center. He noted that the site is small at 2.71 total acres, is bound by a primary street on the north (Archwood), a secondary street on the west (Erskine) and residential properties on the east.
 - The CPT requested that the entry for vehicular access be from Erskine. It was noted that there is congestion with the vehicles dropping off and picking up students. On average, there are fifty vehicles at one time. A means to organize the vehicles was requested.
 - D. Loomis noted that it might be possible to abandon part of Erskine and dedicate it to the entry drive or to change Erskine to a one-way street.
 - The CPT requested that accessible drop-off and pick-up be on Archwood along with buses.
 - The CPT noted concerns for accessibility to the building for those with challenges and to bring items into and out of the Center. The current building is accessed by stairs, and J. Birath noted that the new Center will be accessible for all.
 - The topic of location for the playground during construction was raised, and it was noted that the playground will be temporarily located on the south side of the existing building during construction and then expanded to where the existing building is once it is demolished.
- The CPT noted a concern about making certain that the new Center is a school first for the children. D. Loomis noted that the Center is an instructional institution for children first and that the agreement between the city of Akron and Akron Public Schools stipulates public use of the building will be isolated to times exclusive of the schools hours of instruction. In addition, D. Loomis stated that the security on the new buildings will significantly exceed current levels with the use of cameras, electronically operated locking devices and other means of monitoring the securing the building.
- There was concern about changing the POR size from 450 students to 350 students and the number of classrooms. D. Loomis stated that the OSFC is reviewing the attendance for all of Akron Public Schools and will only pay to build schools for the number of students attending. The direction from the OSFC at the moment is to base the new Center size on the current attendance. With the possibility of adjusting the district boundaries to balance the size of schools in the district to be more uniform, this may change.

- J. Birath noted that there will be a sub-committee formed to meet before the tour of the Alliance schools to explore the details of the POR and to assist in developing the revisions to the POR to meet the needs of David Hill. The meeting time and date will be coordinated through C. Brown.
- The next meeting date set is: January 27, 2004, at 6:00 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.