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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Community Planning Meeting #3
David Hill Elementary Community Learning Center
Tuesday, February 12, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

R. Chordar	AAG
J. Birath	AAG
G. Reyna	Akron Public Schools
C. Brown	Akron Public Schools
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D. Flower	Akron Public Schools
C. Thurman	Akron Public Schools
T. Tatum	City of Akron
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The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

- ?? J. Birath presented the agenda and reviewed the process, identifying where we are.
- ?? Again, it was stressed the importance of the involvement of all the CPT and the opportunity to tour a new school build under the OSFC program.
- ?? J. Birath showed the group photographic examples of the new Alliance Rock Hill Elementary School. He noted the variations of building scale and how they relate to the appropriate ages in the school. Items noted by the individuals that attended the tour and from the CPT:
 - o They all preferred the wide corridors with the tack strips on the walls.
 - o They liked the playful patterns in the VCT flooring.
 - o They prefer to have as much daylight as possible into the corridors and classrooms.
 - o They liked the open reception and secretarial space, but felt that the Principal Office was removed from the area. They wanted more control over monitoring the entry to the building.
 - o They liked the copy/mail room and the storage.
 - o They liked the playful shape of the curve to the Administrative Space.
 - o They liked the high volume in the Media Center, the playful colors, and the daylight.
 - o They liked the Gym and Cafetorium with the shared raised stage between them. Diffused daylight is preferred.
 - o They want adjustable basketball backboards.
 - o They liked the tables used in the Cafetorium for eating and productions. They also liked the classroom furniture and how children can easily handle them.
 - o They liked the Music Room. It may need additional storage.
 - o They liked the classrooms and most prefer to have the open cubby for coats and to keep them in the classroom. They like the mix of carpet and VCT in the classroom. It was noted that they would prefer to have two classrooms at each grade level joined by an operable partition.
- ?? 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. All proposed schemes are to be constructed while the existing school is being utilized. Once the new Center is completed and occupied, the existing building will be demolished. He then presented two site layout schemes for discussion.
 - o Option A – this scheme indicates four short wings from a central core for a two-story building. It gives a street presence to Archwood, has one-way vehicular traffic flow for drop-off and pick-up, and an opportunity to address the neighboring scale of buildings. It does not have the full size multi-purpose field due to site constraints.

- o Option B – this scheme indicates a 'T' shaped building accessed from Erskine Avenue from a one-way access drive. It will be constructed very close to the existing building, but open a larger area after the building is demolished. It does not have a street presence to Archwood, is close to Erskine, and the playground is on the other side of the parking lot. The CPT did not like having the multi-purpose field close to Archwood.
 - o The CPT preferred the Option A with the presence to Archwood. They asked if the City of Akron will turn over Erskine to the school for access and also if the City can obtain the empty lot on the west side of Erskine to use for parking. T. Tatum will take this request back to his department for consideration. It was noted that there is congestion with the vehicles dropping off and picking up students. On average there are fifty to eighty vehicles at one time. A means to organize the vehicles was requested.
 - o The CPT requested walks through the site to connect the play areas with the streets. A fence was requested adjacent to residential properties on the east and along play areas close to the streets.
 - o The play areas should be of a soft material, but not rubber granules. There have been issues with the rubber granules cleanliness and tracking into the building.
 - o Existing site drainage has problems with standing water. J. Birath noted that one of the objectives of the new design would be a better site design.
 - o The CPT requested to review the site layout once the City responds to the issues of abandoning Erskine and obtaining the empty lot.
- ?? All CPT members were encouraged to attend the tour of Worley Elementary School at 3:30pm February 17, 2004. Directions to the school were provided to everyone. It was stressed the importance of experiencing the spaces being discussed to assist in evaluating needs.
- ?? The next meeting date set is March 4, 2004, at 6:00pm.

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.