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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Community Meeting #1
POR Phase
Glover Community Learning Center
Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance

D. James.....	Akron Public Schools
J. George.....	Akron Public Schools
G. Taylor.....	Akron Public Schools
K. Balchak.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal.....	Akron Public Schools
M. Young.....	Akron Public Schools
L. Palmer.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Paulus.....	Akron Public Schools
A. Pepperney.....	Akron Public Schools
S. Wilson.....	Akron Public Schools
K. Cox.....	Akron Public Schools
D. Water.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Dawson.....	Akron Public Schools
L. Duncan.....	City of Akron
T. Tatum.....	City of Akron
L. Jennings.....	Burgess and Burgess
W. Ahern.....	AAG
S. Lukens.....	AAG
J. Cox.....	President, PTA
A. Hummel.....	V.P., PTA
M. Rudd.....	Secretary, PTA
A. Cogar.....	PTA
M. King.....	CPT
G. Grone.....	CPT
C. Barbee.....	CPT

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S. Lukens.....	AAG
W. Ahern.....	AAG
M. Salopek.....	AAG
R. King.....	AAG
D. Mitchell.....	AAG
J. Barath.....	AAG
J. Wheeler.....	AAG
K. Waller.....	AAG
D. James.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Beal.....	Akron Public Schools
K. Ingraham.....	Akron Public Schools
G. Taylor.....	Akron Public Schools
R. Jones.....	Akron Public Schools
K. Balchak.....	Akron Public Schools
J. George.....	Akron Public Schools
G. Reyna.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Dawson.....	Akron Public Schools
L. Duncan.....	City of Akron

T. Long.....	City of Akron
M. Williamson	City of Akron
J. Peterson.....	City of Akron
D. Krutz.....	RKPS

In general, this meeting was held to introduce the Project and the Design Team to the Community. Burgess and Burgess provided a video and power point presentation to explain the process of how money has been allocated to the project, the master planning issues, the general design process, OSFC requirements, and the individual requirements of each Community Learning Center.

David James summarized the agenda, goals of this meeting, and Program of Requirement Phase. He also reviewed rules for questions and answer periods of this meeting, and explained that written questions may be submitted also.

Loraine Duncan explained the new concept of these Community Learning Centers and how the schools will serve APS as Learning Centers, and the City of Akron as Community Centers.

Jim Beal reviewed the history of the State funding for schools upgrade, the function of the OSFC and its guidelines. He addressed locally funded initiatives (LFI's), and stated that they are features not included in the OSFC guidelines. He explained that LFI money is already allocated for uses at the elementary schools (special education classes for example). Additional funds for programming elements not covered in OSFC guidelines (typically additional building area) would have to be co-funded by a local community initiative or business.

Jim also explained the planning process that established the Master Plan on how to proceed with these Elementary School Projects. Jim explained the various members of the Project Team and how the Community (School Planning Team) will interact in a series of three meetings, this being the first.

Scott Lukens stated some of the established plans for the new CLC - Size, capacity, new structure, and swing move during construction. He spoke about room types and sizes, potential site features, various updated climate control and technology items, special spaces, multifunctional spaces, and accessibility.

Scott then fielded a few questions:

- Q. Will the new CLC be one floor and accessible?
 - A. Currently, the most efficient design for the elementary schools is a two-story. All two-story CLC's will have elevators.
- Q. Will the timeframe get shorter for these projects since this is the second part of this first phase of schools (This was in reference to the time for planning and design).
 - A. Yes, the timeframe may be shortened some. For example, this POR phase will be more streamlined than the previous.

David James then fielded several questions:

- Q. Will there be fees for groups using the new facility at night?
 - A. Some outside groups will probably be charged to use the CLC. He also clarified that there would be joint usage of the facility with community groups, but the City will be aware of school programs when scheduling them. He then added that usage of the facility does not include rental for private affairs (for example, the CLC will not be available for wedding receptions and such).
- Q. Who will maintain the building at night?
 - A. The CLC maintenance staff will be on site. There will also be staff in the office that controls access to the facility.

- Q. How will current after school programs be implemented at the swing school?
- A. The current programs should still be held at the new swing school.
- Q. Will buses be available to bring children home from the after school programs?
- A. There will probably be smaller buses to bring these children home.
- Q. In regard to children taking the bus to the swing school in the morning, how late will students be handled?
- A. This issue needs to be addressed.

Lorraine Duncan and Jim Beal then alternated on discussing the following CLC items:

1. Maximum use of facility.
2. Connection between community and education.
3. Input from the community needs.
4. Various special spaces.
5. LFI funding and partnership with outside organizations.
6. Safety and security.
7. Various special activities and existing activities at Glover now.

Several questions were then responded to:

- Q. If outside people are in the CLC during school hours, will there be armed security?
- A. Jim Beal explained that access to the CLC is always supervised and planned. People are not permitted to wander through the building. David James added that visitors have to be 'buzzed' into the CLC and in most cases their visit would be limited to the office area. The majority of any daytime meetings would be small, and they would be held in meeting rooms in this office/staff area.
- Q. Teachers have a great deal of their own personal belongings and materials in their classrooms that they use for teaching. How will these be secured when programs are occurring after school?
- A. Lorraine Duncan stated that the classrooms at elementary schools are not likely to be used by the public. Small furniture size is one reason, but typically there are other spaces designed for this multifunction. Scott Lukens added that the majority of all the classroom casework will be lockable.
- Q. Principal John Dawson asked about the scheduling of after school activities coinciding with community activities, and whether voting will occur at Glover in the future?
- A. David James stated that Glover Elementary School will typically have priority of facility use when programs are planned in advance. Regarding voting, he stated that Ohio law states that public schools must be available to function as voting places. It was noted that Glover is currently not being used for voting.

Mr. James closed the meeting by announcing that a bus to Allen School in Canton is available to see a recently complete CLC, encouraged people to sign up for the Community Planning Team, and stated that the next CPT meeting would be at the same location on Thursday, April 7, 2005, 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.

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