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Community Planning Meeting #3
Fairlawn Elementary Community Learning Center
Thursday, January 29, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

D. Mitchell	AAG
S. Lukens	AAG
F. Herr	Akron Public Schools
L Haugh	Akron Public Schools
M. Stormer.....	Akron Public Schools
S. Mink	Akron Public Schools
L. Kersker.....	Akron Public Schools
J. Millard	Akron Public Schools
M.J. Hoffman	Akron Public Schools
K. England.....	Akron Public Schools
N. Fuller	Akron Public Schools
D. Pancoe.....	Akron Public Schools
D. Loomis.....	Akron Public Schools
T. Long.....	City of Akron
B. Keith	Councilman
L. Michel.....	Councilman
J. Sturmi.....	CPT
N. Rosenfeld.....	CPT
S. Rosenfeld	CPT
S Albrecht	CPT
J. Bell	CPT
B. Grieves	CPT
L. Grieves	CPT
J. Porter.....	CPT
D Roush.....	CPT
M. Marks	CPT
C. Potts	CPT
B. Snyder.....	CPT
J. Shilan.....	CPT
J. Mueller	CPT
C. Hooper.....	CPT
B. Krause	CPT
B. Tompkins	CPT
R. Long.....	CPT
J. Schultz.....	CPT

N. Fuller	CPT
N. Pantuso	CPT
T. Kyner	CPT
B. Keith	CPT
S. Strickland	CPT
M. Rosenfeld	CPT
C. Morrison	CPT
K. England	CPT
Z. McClish	CPT
D. Marks	CPT
K. Wells	CPT
L. Michel	CPT
A. Biermann	CPT
H. Bowie	CPT
M. Wells	CPT
M. Deal	CPT
S. Smith	CPT
P. Keener	CPT
L. Urda	CPT
E. Bowers	CPT
L. Eisinger	CPT
J. Davis	CPT
N. Rosenfeld	CPT
Mrs. J. Davis	CPT
E. Jetter	CPT
A. Markovich	CPT
T. Antal	CPT
E. Beach	CPT
D. Davis	CPT
K. Davis	CPT
A Roth	CPT
T. Brubaker	CPT
J. Lewis	CPT
R. Sterns	CPT
D. Williamson	CPT
K. Folkerth	CPT
J. Boss	CPT
L. Roberts	CPT
K. Roberts	CPT
L. Wiandt	CPT
B. Wiandt	CPT
B. DeBarr	CPT
A. Warzinski	CPT
D. Saulino	CPT
D. Laferty	CPT
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The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

- D. Loomis introduced the principal participants and gave a brief outline of the scope and purpose of the meeting.
 - D. Loomis made a special introduction of Councilman Bob Keith and APS Board Member Loretta Haugh, Mary Stormer and Linda Kersker.

- D. Mitchell discussed the agenda of the meeting.

- S. Lukens discussed the field trip to Alliance Schools and presented slides of the trip. Scott asked for comments from the group that visited the schools to get feedback from the trip. Comments were generally positive, but some didn't like the institutional feel, and had some concerns that personal teaching supplied and other articles could be at risk if the community is allowed in the classrooms. They liked the movable walls between some classrooms, preferred central offices with classrooms in pods or spines and liked the separation of public spaces from private.

- D. Mitchell discussed the particular issues at Fairlawn. Dana presented that the cost to renovate Fairlawn and provide the necessary additions will cost in excess of \$1 million more than a new structure and that renovation would delay the process at least one year. Dana also presented slides indicating costs, time lines, and the approval process to renovate the existing school, and to provide permanent or temporary swing space.

- D. Mitchell introduced Donna Loomis to discuss potential swing space alternatives. Donna stated that the APS is investigating alternative swing space locations.

- Once swing space and renovation issues were presented, there was a lengthy discussion concerning renovation vs. a new facility. After a lively discussion, the follows conclusions were made based upon a vote from the audience:
 - An overwhelming majority prefers a new school to renovation.

Scott Lukens presented six site plan alternatives for the location of a new school to the audience. Based upon these plans, the group came to the following conclusion:

- A majority prefer scheme 'A': the location of the new school near the existing school set back as far as possible from the street. Scheme 'A' locates the building **on** Meadowcroft Road. Scheme 'A' was preferred on the understanding that swing space of the existing school will only be used for the Fairlawn students and that alternate swing space will be provided for students of other schools.

- There was concern from the audience that circulation for pick-up and drop-off may be exacerbated if Meadowcroft is interrupted. Some suggested that Meadowcroft be re-routed behind the existing school.
- Most desire that the new school have the same character as the existing school. Some wanted to save the front façade of the existing school.
- Donna Loomis stated that the AAG would have a detailed meeting with the Fairlawn staff concerning the floor plan layout of the proposed new School on Monday February 2nd.
- The next meeting date is set for: February 12, 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.