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AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Robinson Community Learning Center
Community Meeting #1
Thursday, July 7, 2005 - 6:00 p.m.**

In Attendance

J. Wheeler.....	AAG
C. Schreckenberger.....	AAG
J. George.....	APS
K. James.....	APS
S. Roebuck.....	APS
D. Bent.....	APS
J. Beal.....	APS
T. Long.....	City of Akron
J. Shealey.....	City of Akron
T. Robinson.....	Community
N. Green.....	Community
R. Davis.....	Community
J. Underwood.....	Community
H. Underwood.....	Community
M. Moss.....	Community
B. Johnson.....	Community

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AAG Project Managers	
D. James.....	APS
J. Beal.....	APS
K. Balchak.....	APS
R. Blum.....	APS
J. George.....	APS
L. Duncan.....	City of Akron
M. Williamson.....	City of Akron
T. Long.....	City of Akron
D. Krutz.....	Ruhlin
L. Jennings.....	Burgess and Burgess

J. Beal welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this community meeting to review the proposed Robinson Community Learning Center. Introductions were made for Tom Long from the City of Akron, John Wheeler and Chas Schreckenberger of Braun & Steidl Architects, John George of APS, and Councilman Shealey from the City of Akron.

J. Wheeler introduced the schematic design and briefly reviewed the program requirements of the OSFC and what Braun & Steidl Architects/AAG and the community design committee have been working on over the past two months of roll-up-your-sleeves meetings and programming meetings. J. Wheeler showed an example of the program of requirements (POR) and the details listed therein of the components that comprise the building. A graphic representation of these spaces was reviewed. J. Wheeler explained the color coding for individual spaces and referred to it later on the floor plan. J.

Wheeler also discussed the changes occurring with the east cluster and APS's decision to add sixth grade classes to this School, making a kindergarten through sixth grade school of 500 students. Until the east cluster change was approved, the School was originally slated for 450 students. The new program adds two classrooms for a total of eighteen classrooms, one kindergarten for a total of four kindergarten classrooms, assistant principal's office, and a larger gymnasium.

J. Wheeler reviewed a site plan to discuss the existing site challenges. This particular School will be in operation during the construction of the new building. Consideration has been given for separation of construction traffic and vehicular traffic. Consideration has also been given to the sloping site and existing grades and locations for possible new buildings.

Some of the main design concepts are to locate the education wing as far away from the interstate as possible, present new entrance in line with 4th Avenue, and possibly a south walking entrance by removing the retaining wall and re-grading some of the existing site in this area. J. Wheeler also reviewed a diagram of the sloping grades on the site and located the community wall that is to remain. It is his desire that the eastern part of the wall that is not part of the community wall be removed and a new entrance for a lower level education wing be located in this area.

J. Wheeler described challenges of the site relative to students walking and being dropped-off at the existing School. He presented a proposed floor plan describing the main characteristics of the floor and reviewed locations of the main entrance, gymnasium, stage, cafetorium, art room, administration, and kindergarten all on one floor. He also reviewed that this floor will probably have K-2 and that the lower level floor in close proximity to the lower level reading room will have grades 3-6.

J. Wheeler described the main entrance for drop-off and buses and secondary southern entrance for walking students as well as interior open stairwell and the opportunity for after-hours community use.

T. Long reviewed the Issue 10 increase in sales tax and the fact that fifty-nine cents of every dollar is being contributed by the OSFC and forty-one cents per dollar is being generated by this tax. T. Long stated that these community learning centers will be open after school hours for public use.

A question was raised about how much the building can be used. J. Wheeler and J. Beal stated that the current floor plan locates spaces toward the main entrance control point that are more community-oriented (gymnasium, cafetorium, stage, art room, music room, and potentially a reading room). This affords the possibility of other parts of the education wing to be closed-off, which would result in energy savings by not heating and cooling these areas to the extent the other areas are heated and cooled.

A community member asked how after-school tutoring could be arranged. J. Beal exchanged names and phone numbers with this community member. Another community member asked who will approve the community functions that are assigned to this School. J. Beal and T. Long addressed this issue indicating that final approval of appropriateness and potential fees charged for use will be given by the Akron Public Schools and the City of Akron.

Everyone was thankful for the opportunity to review plans at this meeting and many expressed their interest in this development. It was believed that good discussion regarding Robinson Community Learning Center occurred during this meeting.

T. Long mentioned that L. Jennings of Burgess and Burgess is attempting to develop community programs for this particular School. Standard programs across the district that have been of interest are before-school and after-school daycare.

J. Wheeler reminded everyone about the final community meeting with Councilman Shealey at the East Akron Community Center at 550 South Arlington Street on Thursday, July 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone was encouraged to distribute flyers to the community and bring a friend to the next meeting.

This meeting concluded at approximately 7:30 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.