



AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUCHTEL/PERKINS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

COMMUNITY MEETING #1

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. at Buchtel High School

In Attendance

F. Cheatem Perkins Principal
 D. Houchins Buchtel Principal
 D. James APS
 P. Flesher APS
 K. Balchak APS
 T. Long City of Akron
 S. Bruscko City of Akron
 M. Salopek GPD
 J. Peterson GPD
 K. Madison Robert P. Madison Int'l
 Staff and Community Members (reference attached Attendance Sheet)

Distribution

All Present
 AAG Project Managers
 D. Krutz RKPS
 L. Duncan City of Akron
 M. Moore City of Akron

The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

- The goals for this meeting included providing basic information, outlining the planning and process for the new Buchtel/Perkins Community Learning Center (CLC), obtaining community input, answering questions and concerns, and recruiting a community planning team.
- A Presentation was displayed by the team exhibiting the following:
 - D. James introduced the presenters, discussed the program goals, agenda and ground rules.
 - T. Long discussed program summary, funding source and community learning concept.
 - S. Bruscko discussed the community use spaces and guidelines and potential partnerships.
 - D. James reviewed partnerships in newly opened facilities and in design.



- Akron Urban League and Helen Arnold Community Learning Center.
- Mason Park Community Center and Mason Community Learning Center.
- Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum and SMT Community Learning Center.
- M. Salopek discussed the following:
 - Introduced K. Madison from Robert P Madison International and J. Peterson from GPD Associates, the Architect of Record (AOR).
 - Reviewed CLC project status.
 - Showed examples of new CLC's, open or soon to be open.
 - Discussed Planning Process.
 - Introductory meeting tonight followed by "Roll-Up Sleeves" (RUS) Community Planning Team meetings to develop the "Program of Requirements" (POR).
 - APS/City of Akron touchpoint meeting to validate POR as developed during RUS meetings.
 - "Roll Up Sleeves" and Community Planning Team Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.
 - Emphasized community input is encouraged as well as participation in RUS meetings.
 - Discussed the typical POR document.
 - The POR is the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) document outlining the rooms and spaces to be provided in the new Community Learning Center. It lists all the "pieces of the puzzle."
- Discussed project milestone and the different project phases.
 - Programming through groundbreaking to take approximately 20 months.
 - Abatement/demolition/construction to dedication to take approximately 30 months.
- Discussed new Buchtel/Perkins Community Learning Center basic information.
 - Designed for 1,500 students, grades 7-12 including:
 - 350 Grades 7 and 8
 - 640 Grades 9 thru 12
 - 160 Career Tech



- Building size to be 213,538 sq. ft.
 - LFI (Locally Funded Initiatives) include an auditorium and additional special education spaces.
 - Existing building to be demolished before new is constructed. Students will be bused to Central Hower during construction.
 - New facility likely to contain two gymnasiums. An evaluation of the existing main gymnasium will be conducted to determine if it can be retained and renovated.
- Discussed site standards, including safe drop-off and pick-up areas, separate age appropriate play areas, on-site parking and a recognizable front door.
 - Discussed the Ohio School Design Manual (OSDM) and the spaces provided, including classroom amenities, technology, science labs, music and art, media center, assembly spaces, flexible area spaces and special needs spaces.
- Discussed opportunities to tour other OSFC funded high/middle schools in neighboring communities.
 - Volunteers were encouraged to sign up for the Community Planning team for the Roll-Up Sleeves meetings to provide input to assist the design team.
 - An open question and answer session included discussions on the following:
 - Suggestions made for partnering with Summa or Akron General for a Wellness Center.
 - Request made for square footage comparison of new facilities to existing. Exact square footage was not immediately known, but new facilities will be designed more efficiently and for the current programs.
 - In addition to evaluating the existing main gymnasium, review of auditorium will also be conducted; however, due to site constraints and other factors, it may not be practical to retain.
 - Request for design to provide for segregation of middle and high school students, especially when using common areas.
 - Green design – ongoing discussions about potential for LEED credits and geothermal HVAC systems.
 - Athletic fields: Renovation of existing facilities not funded by OSFC and are not in the current plans; however, acknowledgement that upgrades may be needed.
 - Copies of PTA surveys on the Buchtel/Perkins merger were forwarded to GPD (see attached).
 - Next meeting: “Roll Up Sleeves” meeting, January 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Middle School.



- Future meetings to be scheduled and published with the intent of completing the POR phase by early April 2008.

The preceding is GPD'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.