



AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**BUCHTEL/PERKINS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
SCHEMATIC DESIGN – COMMUNITY MEETING #1
Wednesday, January 21, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. in Buchtel LRC**

In Attendance

D. James.....	APS
P. Flesher.....	APS
F. Herr.....	APS
D. Houchins.....	Buchtel Principal
F. Cheatem.....	Perkins Principal
M. Moore.....	City of Akron
J. Peterson.....	GPD
Community Members - see Sign-In Sheet (attached)	

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D. James.....	APS
P. Flesher.....	APS
F. Herr.....	APS
K. Balchak.....	APS
M. Freeman.....	APS
D. Houchins.....	Buchtel Principal
F. Cheatem.....	Perkins Principal
M. Moore.....	City of Akron
L. Duncan.....	City of Akron
J. Peterson.....	GPD
M. Salopek.....	GPD
C. Bader.....	GPD
S. Madison.....	RPMI
K. Madison.....	RPMI
D. Krutz.....	RPJ

The following is a brief review of items discussed at the meeting.

- D. James reviewed that in the past few months APS has been reviewing swing space/self-swing options for the new Buchtel/Perkins Community Learning Center. It is noted that the



most viable option is to self-swing, with the new Community Learning Center to be behind the existing facility.

- Proceeding with the self-swing option reduces the occupancy time by approximately 1 year.
- Current option would require property acquisition of 4-6 parcels along Glendora Avenue, with four potential acquisitions in the future.
- Noted that if the enrollment continues to decrease, APS will be faced with challenges in determining future closure. To lessen potential effect on Buchtel/Perkins, it is best to accelerate the schedule.
- J. Peterson reviewed the building/site block diagram.
 - Noted that current diagram indicates groups of spaces and general proximity. Designers will next develop floor plans indicating all individual spaces.
 - Layout provides for entirely separate main entrances, drop-off areas and parking for Buchtel and Perkins.
 - Building layouts indicate separate academic and administration areas as well as independent entrance points to student dining and media center. The auditorium is the only space where Perkin students will need to enter the Buchtel area.
 - The existing football field/track would remain as current. There is no funding for improvements to exterior athletic facilities.
 - Layout as current will require displacement of the football practice field and baseball field.
 - Relocation to Perkins or possibly open space along Copley Road are options.
 - Hazardous material abatement, demolition and site construction in front of the new Buchtel could take approximately 6 months. Temporary parking/drop-off area would be required until work is complete.
- As current, the LFI (locally funded initiative) is approximately \$8m due to approximately 60,000 s.f. of additional space OSFC will not co-fund.
 - Renovation of existing 1983 gym.
 - Auditorium.
 - Over 20,000 s.f. of additional academic space to meet needs of Buchtel programs.
- Suggestions/comments by community members include:
 - Build a larger auditorium.



- Relocate gymnasiums to be clustered together.
 - Noted that the existing gymnasium is not in an ideal location and it would be best to have the auxiliary gym and locker rooms in close proximity to the stadium and student dining. The Perkins gym should be located with the Perkins spaces as to avoid "co-mingling".
- Explore the options for building location.
 - Noted that with the existing building to remain, as well as the stadium, buildable area is limited. There is not adequate space to build south or west of the existing building in a self-swing option.
- Explore swinging to Central-Hower.
 - As noted, this would add an additional year to the schedule, as well as additional costs for transportation, and inconvenience of swinging.
- Review parking/drives in front of Buchtel. Do not want to see a lot of paving/cars in front of the facility. Some paving could be completed in the future, if needed.
- Provide "state- of-the-art" athletic facilities inside and out.
 - Funding is limited – OSFC will not co-fund site improvements for athletics. The building is already being provided with enhanced athletic facilities, a significant source of the LFI.
- Explore installing a new stadium/track.
 - Again, OSFC does not co-fund site improvements for athletic facilities and no current local resources are available. Potentially, in the future a stadium serving other area APS schools could be developed at a location off-site. Existing site size and configuration makes development for a stadium difficult without additional property acquisition.
- Future "roll-up sleeves" meetings will be conducted with school staff and periodic presentation to community to be scheduled.
- General consensus is to move forward with current design, although explore suggestions noted for building layout and site circulation/parking.
- P. Houchins noted the proximity of the auxiliary gym is good for space to students to go after lunch
- Next meeting: TBD.

The preceding is GPD's/RPMI'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.

