



AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUCHTEL/PERKINS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
ROLL-UP SLEEVES MEETING #2B
Tuesday, February 19, 2008 @ 3:45 p.m. at Buchtel High School LRC

In Attendance

Table listing attendees and their affiliations: D. Houchins (Buchtel High School Principal), F. Cheatem (Perkins Middle School Principal), D. James (APS), P. Flesher (APS), F. Herr (APS), J. Peterson (GPD), M. Salopek (GPD), S. Madison (RPMI), R. Parker (RPMI), K. Madison (RPMI), and Members of Staff & Community.

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Meeting objective was to review Buchtel programs and to validate the spaces noted in the programming diagrams so the design team has a full understanding of current program space needs.

Review of items discussed:



- S. Madison presented the programming diagrams noting the current identified programs and the base POR spaces.
- SPED NOW – rooms 203 and 157 is in session all day. Noted that it is shown too small and has a bathroom. Noted that spaces as shown on POR diagram are not to scale
- Workroom/Conference Room in the special education area does not currently exist. Noted that General Science has two full labs, Biology has 3 labs and Chemistry has 1 lab (6 labs total).
- CB (computer-based instruction) owns the Plato Lab – Room 217. Plato needs to be located near the CBI area (Room 215/216).
- Life Skills Lab Room 118 is larger than currently represented (not to scale).
- Athletic Director/Treasurer has an office and storage room away from PE area, Room 212. Needs to be added to the programming diagram.
- Music has 2 offices and 2 practice rooms
- There currently are two staff lounges.
- There are three rooms near the auditorium with booth windows, a ticket selling booth, a technology/electric/master PA room, and a PTA room with storage.
- There is a control room associated with the auditorium.
- Culinary arts area has a bathroom and a dressing room.
- New gym could be saved so there could be three gyms.
- Addressed possibility to make the classrooms smaller to maximize space quantities for the program needs.
- Noted that for traveling teachers, teaching on the move is difficult. Teachers need their room between classes for planning.
- Desire for an office telecommunications system in every classroom.
- Document put forth by a community member regarding concerns for the students sharing the dining space. Request made for separate dining spaces for both the middle school and high school students (see attached).
- Buchtel/Perkins Community Learning Center is a newer 7-12 model in Akron. The idea is to have separate academic wings with a shared core space. The renovation of East/Goodyear is a 1,300 student, grades 7-12 building.
- Strategies to be exposed in the later design phases shall be to keep the separation by means of different class schedules, separate entrances, careful plan arrangement, separate gyms and separating the student populations.



- Discussed possibility of Gym being used for dining purposes in order to keep the separation, carting food to that space from one central kitchen. This idea could present a staffing problem and inefficient lunch service.
- Discussed student dining could be divided into two separate spaces by a dividing curtain or wall.
- Main concern is the perceived co-mingling of the middle school and high school students, although students would be separated by academic facilities and class schedules.
- Question posed regarding examples of the 7-12 model schools and how they handled the “co-mingling” issues.
- OSFC population projections were a large concern, a question concerning a new 200 unit development possibly adding to the population projections.
- D. James stated the 200 unit development would probably not add to the projections because it would draw families currently living in the city and leave abandoned homes in their wake. Noted that OSFC does not design for perceived increases, but historical data.
- Currently there are 2 - 50 minute dining periods. D. Houchins will propose trying 3 – 30 minutes periods.
- Buchtel high school currently inefficiently uses its space, has a designed capacity of 1,800 students, but currently has a population of less than 800.
- Concerns about limited gym use by various after-school sports teams and practice time and facilities sharing. Design team to evaluate current gymnasium use as well as Perkins for overall review of gymnasium needs.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at Perking Middle School LRC.

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.