



**AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BUCHTEL/PERKINS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**

**COMMUNITY MEETING #2**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Middle School LRC**

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In Attendance

T. Long..... City of Akron  
P. Flesher..... APS  
F. Herr ..... APS  
M. Salopek ..... GPD  
J. Peterson..... GPD  
K. Madison.....RPM Int'l.  
M. Summerville ..... Ward 3 Councilman, Council President  
Staff and Community Members (reference attached Attendance Sheet)

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D. Houchins ..... Buchtel Principal  
M. Salopek ..... GPD  
J. Peterson..... GPD  
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The following is a review of items discussed at the meeting:

- Meeting scheduled to kick-off the Program of Requirements (POR) planning process, to review key points at the 1/8/08 CPT #1 meeting at Buchtel, review the POR document and collect community comments. Copies of the POR template were distributed as an aid to the discussion.
- J. Peterson reviewed several key issues discussed at the 1/8/08 CPT #1 meeting at Buchtel, including:

- Discussed the funding source through city income tax and the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) and certain ground rules that apply to the 59%/41% (OSFC/local) share of funding the project.
- Reviewed Community use spaces and LFI spaces.
- Reviewed current projects status.
- Discussed the POR planning process and upcoming “Roll-Up Sleeves” (RUS) meetings and Community Planning Team (CPT) meetings.
- Discussed new Buchtel/Perkins Community Learning Center design criteria.
  - 350 middle, 640 high and 160 career tech students.
  - 213,538 square feet in size, including LFI spaces (auditorium, community spaces and special education).
- Discussed timeline for design process (15-18 months) and demolition/construction (30 months).
- Discussed status of the East Community Learning Center project and construction state of Buchtel/Perkins relies on East students moving from Central Hower to the new East before work can start at Buchtel/Perkins for students will swing to Central Hower.
- K. Madison reviewed the Program of Requirements (POR) document.
  - The POR documents is a series of spread sheets outlining the rooms and spaces to be provided in the new facility and the building square footage the OSFC will co-fund.
  - Program space categories include: Academic Core (classrooms), Special Education, Administrative, Media Center, Visual Arts, Music, Physical Education, Dining, Family and Consumer Science, Technology Education, Business Education, Food Service, Custodial, Building Services (restrooms, corridors, mechanical) and Career Tech.
  - J. Peterson briefly discussed Career Tech programs currently funded. Community discussion on distribution of career tech programs in district and if any new programs are to be offered at Buchtel/Perkins – none at this time.
  - Discussed potential of saving the existing competition gymnasium and auditorium. Location of auditorium will prove difficult; however, the gymnasium has opportunities. Keeping the gymnasium would add to overall construction costs. Correct POR is for 2 gymnasiums – 1 for middle, 1 for high.
- The design team is in the process of collecting information from APS Central Administration Departments for spatial requirements for each of the program categories. Additionally, several “Roll-Up Sleeves” meetings are scheduled with school staff and community to collect specific school needs. As information is collected and assimilated, the POR document will



be updated. A Community Planning Team meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Buchtel to review status of the POR.

- Discussion on enrollment projections and determination of the design student population. Enrollment projections are updated every 2 years – district will be reviewed again this spring.
- Discussion on potential for a community partner to provide a wellness center at Buchtel/Perkins. A community member has discussed with Summa as a potential partner. Summa would not commit to any funding; however, staffing could be entertained. Review and development of program would be required to generate a budget. Many currently co-funded spaces could be jointly used in such a facility. If funding could not be secured in project timeframe, building and site design could allow for future expansion.
- Building to be designed to provide middle/high student separations in academic areas. Jointly used spaces include, dining, administrative, music and P.E. Scheduling of student uses will also afford some separation.
- Reviewed current site and basic project goals.
  - Separate entrances for high/middle school students.
  - Safe, separate student drop off areas.
  - Adequate parking spaces for staff, student and visitors, as well as events.
  - Ball fields and stadium facility improvements are outside of the new building funding.
- Discussed student dining spaces and scheduling to accommodate middle/high students. Dining area size based on 3 lunch periods. It was suggested to review North High School's student dining space for potential layout.
- Next meeting scheduled – RUS #1B meeting January 29, 2008 at 3:45 p.m. at Buchtel.

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.