



AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUCHTEL/PERKINS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

ROLL-UP SLEEVES MEETING #2P

Tuesday, February 5, 2008 @ 3:45 p.m. at Perkins Middle School LRC

In Attendance

F. Cheatem	Perkins Middle School Principal
F. Herr	APS
K. Madison.....	RPM Intl
S. Madison	RPM Intl
J. Peterson.....	GPD
Staff Members & Community Members (see attached Sign-In Sheet)	

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

- The meeting was scheduled to review current Program of Requirements (POR) status after initial review of Perkins current programs and operations.
- Programming diagram and master class schedule handouts were distributed as a visual aid in meeting discussions.



- It was noted that the RUS Committee and Design Team will be challenged to evaluate program spaces and determine where joint use of spaces can be scheduled to create more efficiencies in overall program.
- Noted that current Perkins program is of a teaming concept where 7th and 8th grades are each divided into two teams.
 - Current teaming concept requires 17 classrooms, 3 science classrooms and 9 special education classrooms. Current POR provides 12 classrooms, 2 science labs and 8 special education spaces.
- Perkins currently has 2 computer labs, one as part of the media center and one in the general academic wing. Both labs are scheduled throughout the day as part of the curriculum. Discussed possibility of combining into one lab as 6th grade is not included.
- Life Skills (Home Economics) currently occupies 2 labs (sewing, cooking). POR currently has one lab.
- One Art Room for 8th grade only is needed and is in POR.
- Currently 2 gymnasiums exist at Perkins. Current POR provides for one gymnasium. With the exclusion of 6th grade, one gym would satisfy the Phys Ed and recess needs during the day; however, after school activities will require further evaluation.
- A Media Center circulation/reading room will be provided for grades 7 and 8; however, ancillary spaces (A/V, multi-media production, document storage) will be shared with the high school.
- One Technology Education (modular tech lab) room is provided for the Tech 8 program.
- Other shared spaces include: Music (1 instrumental and 1 vocal room provided, as well as storage and practice rooms) and student dining area and auditorium.
 - Considerable discussion about proposed shared dining space. Several participants' voiced the desire for entirely separate dining room where no casual contact can be made between high school and middle school students. It was felt that staggered scheduling will not address the requested separation.
 - While music programs are small, it was felt by numerous participants that separated facilities are needed.
- A community participant expressed extreme displeasure to the 7-12 concept and felt the district is doing the community a disservice in designing joint facilities.
- It was noted that in the design of the new facilities, separate high and middle academic wings will be provided as well as separate administrative areas. The design will provide



several physical barriers to limit casual interaction; however, enforcement will require staff and security involvement.

- It was noted that the design team's role is not to tell the staff and community what spaces will or will not be provided; however, the design team is in the process of collecting data of the current programs and building usage in efforts to evaluate the needs relative to the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) co-funded spaces. When data has been collected and evaluated the designers will report to Akron Public Schools Administration for review. The participants were reminded that all building square footage over and above what the state will co-fund would be 100% paid for by the District (LFI). APS will exercise caution in permitting additional LFI space, as it may affect future segments ability to complete projects per the Master Plan.
- Discussions regarding the building budget.
 - Budget is based on \$/sq. ft. per student.
 - The current program budget accounts for 350 middle school students, 640 high school students and 160 Career Tech Students.
 - Any square footage over the 189,000 sq. ft. allotted by the OSFC funding formula is funded by District.
 - Based on the existing program and classroom usage we are approximately 10,000 – 12,000 over for Perkins.
 - F. Herr explained that there is a budget that we are given that we have to adhere to. There is only so much money that is available. Due to declining enrollment the middle school and high school was combined to maintain the Cluster.
 - Minutes of meetings are posted on the APS website.
 - Community and staff would like more information regarding the shared spaces, how the middle school and high school will be separated and the scheduling of the cafeteria.
 - Safety of children is first priority.
 - If community secured a partner to assist in additional funding for the new school building, the partner would need to be secured within the next six months to meet the current design schedule.
- Other items of discussion include:
 - Perkins in on a 9 period schedule.
 - Most of Perkins classrooms are used for 6 periods of instruction plus 1 period of planning. The classrooms are generally open for lunch and one "Duty Period".
 - Title One is a teacher funded program to reduce classroom size.



- The new building will be fully accessible.
 - The new building will be wireless. It will also have hardwired areas.
 - Toilet rooms should be capable of being locked for security during certain periods of the day.
 - Perkins currently has a Drama Program.
 - GPD/RPMI is reviewing the wrestling room and the existing newer gymnasium and locker rooms to determine if they can be renovated.
 - A school store is needed.
- Next meeting scheduled: RUS #2B meeting, February 12, 2008 at 4:30 p.m., Buchtel 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.