



AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUCHTEL/PERKINS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
COMMUNITY MEETING #4
Thursday, May 19, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. at Buchtel High School LRC

In Attendance

D. James.....	APS
P. Flesher.....	APS
F. Herr.....	APS
T. Long.....	City of Akron
D. Houchins.....	Principal, Buchtel High School
F. Cheatem.....	Principal, Perkins Middle School
S. Madison.....	RPMI
J. Peterson.....	GPD
Members of Staff/Community (Sign-In Sheet attached)	

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K. Balchak.....	APS
M. Freeman.....	APS
L. Duncan.....	City of Akron
M. Moore.....	City of Akron
D. Krutz.....	RKPS
M. Salopek.....	GPD
K. Madison.....	RPMI

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

- Meeting scheduled to recap discussions at the 3:45 RUS Meeting to review Program of Requirements (POR) status and to validate the spaces provided meet the needs of the new facility.
- D. James introduced presenters and gave a brief overview of the evolution of the POR.



- J. Peterson discussed the status of the Locally Funded Initiative (LFI) and development of the POR.
 - Original POR to meet Buchtel and Perkins needs was over 90,000 sq. ft. and \$18m LFI.
 - Several meetings with APS departmental staff and administrators have taken place in the past couple of months in an effort to reduce the LFI amount, but still meet the needs of Buchtel/Perkins.
 - Current LFI is approximately 38,594 sq. ft. of new construction and \$9.2m dollars.
 - The 1983 gymnasium is to remain and be renovated. The remainder of the building is to be demolished.
 - Overall building is currently scheduled to be 257,701 sq. ft., including the 1983 gymnasium.
- S. Madison reviewed the graphic programming diagram and all the spaces currently provided in the POR.
 - Noted that all programs currently offered at Buchtel and Perkins has spaces provided in the new program.
 - Discussed shared spaces.
 - § Student Dining will be shared and there will be one kitchen. Student separations will be via scheduling and potentially staggered schedules. Perkins likely will still have separate boys/girls lunches over the same period – ½ at recess, while the other ½ are having lunch.
 - § Media Center (LRC) will have separate reading/circulation rooms, but will share core spaces.
 - § Auditorium will be shared by both Buchtel and Perkins.
- Computer labs quantity is the same as current for Buchtel. Perkins will have one computer lab.
- Discussed physical education/athletics spaces.
 - Current POR has 3 gymnasiums; (1) existing 1983 competition gym; (1) auxiliary gym for Buchtel, and (1) gym for Perkins dividable into 2 separate gyms by means of an operable panel partition. Each side large enough for a middle school sized basketball court.
 - Wrestling coach, R. Hubbard, expressed concerns about the current combined wrestling/weight training room. J. Peterson noted that configuration of how the room is utilized will need to be reviewed to see how it can be better utilized.
- D. Houchins shared conversations she had with principals from other grades 7-12 facilities in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Ashland.
 - At all schools, there are no issues with lunch periods or “co-mingling”.
- J. Coleman discussed Project Grad and a discussion about the spaces provided ensued.



- Some community members requested a tour of a new 7-12 building in the area. J. Peterson to look into availability of similar schools in the area.
- Building will have wireless access points throughout the facility. As computers are replaced, computer labs will be able to take place anywhere in the building.
- Discussed swing space at Central Hower and Buchtel students will move into Central Hower after East High School is remodeled (2010 school year).
- Discussed all Segment 3 Community Learning Center's are to be designed for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). Silver, utilizing a rating system developed by the US Green Building Council, where standards have been developed for environmentally sustainable construction.
- Design team to next complete and submit the POR to the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). Next, concept site/building plans will be developed, providing several options for review.

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.