



## AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Hyre Community Learning Center  
Community Meeting #1  
Thursday, December 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

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### In Attendance

Cindy Wilhite, David James, Paul Flesher, John George (APS)  
Mark Moore, Steve Buschko (City of Akron)  
Mark Salopek (GPD), Todd Westover (TC Architects)

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David James, Paul Flesher, Kristabeth Balchak, John George (APS)  
Laraine Duncan, Mark Moore, Tom Long (City of Akron)  
Mark Salopek (GPD)  
David Krutz (RKPS)  
Todd Westover (TC Architects)

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

Cindy Wilhite (Principal of Hyre), David James, Mark Moore, and Steve Buschko introduced themselves.

The goals for this meeting included providing basic information, outlining plans for the new Hyre Community Learning Center (CLC), obtaining community input, answering questions and concerns, and recruiting a community planning team.

The *Program Summary and Review of Partnerships* was presented by Mark Moore and David James. They both discussed key components of community learning centers. Mark Moore talked about the 12 year plan and the other work that is already being done in the Ellet Cluster.

Steve Buschko discussed facility use rules and regulations. Steve talked about the partnership with the school and the community, but stressed that it was a school first.

Helen Arnold; Mason Community Learning Center; Science, Math, and Technology Academy; and the International Inventors Hall of Fame were reviewed as examples of new community learning centers and their planning processes were discussed.

This first Community Meeting and future Roll-Up-Your-Sleeves Meetings (RUS) with the community planning team will facilitate the completion of the Program of Requirements (POR) for the new school. A final community planning meeting will be held on January 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Hyre. One of the future RUS meetings will be held at Jennings so that planning team members can tour that facility to see what can be expected for Hyre.

Todd Westover discussed the project planning milestones, reviewed the different project phases, and identified the programming through bid package as taking approximately 18 months and groundbreaking through commencement of construction as approximately 18 months. If things move along as planned, the new Hyre should be available in the fall of 2010. The design team and the Owner team are always working to complete the design component as quickly as possible.



Student capacity and programming were reviewed:

- Hyre is currently scheduled for 750 students.
- With open enrollment, the current population is about 830 students.
- The current building size is unknown.
- The proposed building size is 106,400 square feet.
- The students are planning self swinging right now.

Site standards, playgrounds, green play surfaces, hard play surfaces, bus loading, parent drop-off, staff parking, convenient visitor entrance, and a recognizable front door were discussed. Todd reviewed sample rooms and classroom features, technology, music and art rooms, media centers, and assembly spaces.

A question and answer session followed the slide presentation. David James and Todd Westover fielded those questions.

- David James fielded numerous questions from parents regarding the current school that has about 830 students versus 750 projected for Hyre. Mr. James noted the redistribution of some students will occur. Open enrollment at the existing Hyre from other locations should revert to those other schools as they are renovated.
- Todd Westover distributed the POR to acquaint everyone with the spaces and square footages that will be allotted to the new school.
- The staff expressed concerns over their tight spaces in the existing building and they were hoping for better layouts. Todd told them that all of the classrooms would be bigger and better equipped.
- A lot of the residence expressed concerns over the location of the new building. The community was concerned over the loss of the ball field during the construction. Todd Westover and David James told them that we would do our best to minimize this. Mark Moore said he would help to look for alternate sites for the ball fields during the construction.
- The Ellet community expressed how much they were a “tight knit” community. Most residence said that they were lifetime members and very concerned with what happens in their neighborhoods.
- Todd Westover and David James encourage everyone to come to the RUS meetings and CPT meetings so that all of their concerns were heard.
- Some of the community members asked if they would get to be involved with the design of the exterior. They were told to come to the meeting and we would welcome their participation.
- Some of the staff expressed concerns with the lack of restrooms. We told them that there would be plenty in the new building.
- Todd Westover said he understood what their current facilities are like, since TC had just completed Innes.
- There was not a lot of discussion about the particulars of the building. Most were concerned with enrollment projections and the disruption to athletics.

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The next meeting is scheduled at Hyre at 3:30 on December 12, 2007 at about 3:30 p.m. This is our first RUS meeting. Future RUS meetings need to be scheduled.



Next CPT meeting is Thursday December 20, 2007. The final CPT meeting is January 24, 2008

The meeting ended at approximately 7:30 p.m. with Todd and David thanking everyone for attending.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by *Todd Westover, AIA*  
TC Architects  
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The preceding is TC Architects 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.