



AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Hyre Community Learning Center
Community Meeting #3
January 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.**

In Attendance

Cindy Wilhite, John George (APS)
Mark Moore, (City of Akron)
Mark Salopek (GPD), Todd Westover (TC Architects)

Distribution

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)

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

Cindy Wilhite (Principal of Hyre) introduced the meeting.

The goals for this meeting included reviewing the updated POR power point presentation, reviewing what we have done to date and obtaining community input, and answering questions and concerns.

The 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 about 110,000 s.f.
- The proposed building size is 106,400 square feet per the state model.
- An LFI component of 6,500 – 19,000 s.f. is being considered.
- The students are planning self swinging right now.

Todd reviewed the POR graphic presentation to the attendants.

A question and answer session followed the slide presentation. Mark Moore and Todd Westover fielded most questions, Mark Salopek answered a few.

- Numerous questions from parents regarding the current school enrollment of 830 students versus the 750 projected for Hyre were discussed. We stated that we are basing it on the district and state numbers. If the building needed to be enlarged to accommodate additional students in the future, additions can always be added. We explained that this also how the funding is determined from the state and we could not add students without approval of many parties.
- Todd Westover discussed the past trip to Jennings CLC and answered any questions. This “field trip” was generally well received by the teachers.



- Todd discussed with the community that the administration is possibly considering adding additional SPED classroom space. The teachers and community were happy to hear this. We told them that this is still under study and not a guarantee.
- Todd Westover told the community that he and the school administration were studying the second gym concept or the possibility of leaving the old gym. The community was happy to hear that.
- The community asked if an exact location had been selected yet. Todd said that we were not sure of the particulars yet. Todd did indicate that there would be a connection to the existing community center, but offered no details.
- 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.
- There are some concerns over the location of the new building. The community was concerned over the loss of the ball field during the construction but said that they were working on plans to be elsewhere during construction.
- The community center director was in attendance and asked to be involved as much as possible. We told her we welcome all input and support from any group that can help with the planning of this school.
- Todd Westover was asked if he had elevations or if the CPT group would be involved in the specific design of the project. Mark Moore explained how SD and Touch point meetings went. We told the community that we would like to show them where we are when SD is completed. This was going to be in a few months.
- Mark Moore explained how the LFI funding worked. We explained that the additional SPED and gymnasium may be all LFI. Mark explained to the community that the LFI money has to be equally spent around the district and also saved for future segments of work.
- The Ellet community again expressed how much they were a "tight knit" community. Most residents said that they were lifetime members and very concerned with what happens in their neighborhoods.
- Some of the residents expressed their unhappiness with what they have seen in the recent school openings. We noted their concerns and told them we would do our best.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:30 p.m. with Todd 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.

