



AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**King Community Learning Center
RUS Meeting #1
March 3, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.**

In Attendance

Principal Mary Dean
Debbie Deidrick, Patty Gonzalez, Laura Howard (King School)
Fred Herr and Paul Flesher (APS)
Todd Westover (TC Architects)
Mark Salopek (GPD)
Steve Nome (Progress Through Preservation)
Kelly Costanzo, Jeff Schreffler, Scott Kirker, Marlene Kirker, Ron Shea, Jeff Moshier (parents)

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David James, Paul Flesher, Kristabeth Balchak, Fred Herr (APS)
Laraine Duncan, Mark Moore, (City of Akron)
Mark Salopek (GPD)
John Peterson (GPD)
Kevin Madison (GPD)
David Krutz (RPJ)
Todd Westover (TC Architects)

- Todd Westover opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. There here introductions by all parties at the meeting.
- T. Westover presented the OFSC Policy & Procedures Memorandum regarding the waiver of the 2/3rd guidelines for new construction versus renovation.
- T. Westover reviewed the draft typical program of requirements for a King CLC 400 students grades K-5 building.
- T. Westover reviewed the classroom enrollment of students.
 - OSFC – 1 teacher for 25 students
 - APS (K – 2) – 1 teacher for 18 students
 - APS (3 – 5) – 1 teacher for 22 students
- T. Westover explained the differences between the 46,000 s.f. building that is currently on site and what will be added with the remaining s.f. to get to the 58,000 s.f. project size.
- T. Westover told the group that we plan on studying two different options on “parallel tracks.” One would include reprogramming the building and providing an addition. The other would be a new facility.
- The meeting was opened for general discussions. In no particular order, the following were questions and comments:
 1. It was questioned whether there has been an evaluation of utilizing the existing valley on the site.

2. There was a request to share the soil borings with the group and possibly a meeting with the students to explain what is being done. T. Westover offered to work with the teachers regarding instruction for soil borings and site evaluations.
3. The location of lockers in or outside of the classrooms was discussed.
4. A discussion took place regarding the possibilities of the gymnasium/student dining/stage locations and the combination of these spaces to make a large gathering area.
5. The group discussed the possible outcomes if bad soils are found.
6. It was asked if the existing foundation piles underneath the building could be reused for a new structure. This would require extensive study.
7. A lot of comments were made about the drop off and pick up of students in the morning and afternoon.
8. A question was raised about smart boards. It is currently outlined that each school gets 4 smart boards for use in the buildings.
9. A question was raised regarding how the points are being obtained for LEED certification. It was noted that OSFC provides 3% additional funding for LEED silver certification.
10. The principal outlined the discussions from the earlier 3:00 P.M. meeting. This included:
 - a. Space for large gathering
 - b. Drop off and pick up concerns
 - c. Space for PTA
 - d. Teachers were concerned with having additional plumbing fixtures
 - e. Sinks in classrooms and additional electrical outlets
 - f. The issue that this is an historical site for the Alcoholics Anonymous Group
11. There were questions regarding the use of "In School Suspension" and the use of this room for other things such as SPED.
12. Discussions about the building student capacity for the current and proposed building s.f.
13. There was a question directed to the president of Progress Through Preservation. The question centered on if the group could offer any financial assistance for preserving the existing building.
 - a. It was noted that PTP did a study regarding the preservation of both King and Firestone Park Elementary Schools.
14. P. Flesher commented that it was his goal to have a decision made about "Renovation-add" or "New Construction" before the summer break.
15. The principal proposed having both meetings combined at 5:00 or 5:30 P.M. in the future.
16. The term ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) was defined.
17. The term LFI (Locally Funded Initiative) was defined.



18. The layouts of the current playgrounds on the site were discussed.
19. The possibility of preserving the site valley and trees was discussed.
20. It was noted that GPD will perform the engineering services and TC Architects is the architect for this project.
21. It was reiterated that the District Administration and the A/E team will go back to the completed schools to review positives and negatives with the staff.
22. Some of the staff expressed concerns with the chairs tipping and how heavy they are at Findley CLC.
23. Some expressed concern for the quality of the workmanship of the new buildings. P. Flesher expressed that all parties will do their best to achieve a quality end product.
 - It was noted that additional emails and comments should be sent to T. Westover and F. Herr and that this should be sent through the principal.
 - Participants were told that we would be getting back together with them in 2-3 weeks and a firm date would be sent out later.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:30 P.M. with Todd and Fred thanking everyone for attending.

Attached is the sign in sheet.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by:

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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.