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Schumacher Community Learning Center
Community Planning Team Meeting #4
Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance

A. Brown
Easter
L. Kelley.....Schumacher
S. Churn.....Principal, Schumacher
T. Jones.....CPT
B. Morrisette.....CPT
C. Walker.....Parent
R. Flowers.....Community
T. Monroe.....Community
V. Talley.....Community
R. King.....AAG
J. Peterson.....AAG
L. Taylor.....APS Staff
B. Oldham.....APS Staff
K. Joseph.....APS Staff
T. Robinson.....APS Staff
D. Stiggers.....City of Akron Recreation
M. Meyer.....City of Akron
L. Duncan.....Mayor's Office

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M. Williamson.....City of Akron
D. Krutz.....RKPS
L. Jennings.....Burgess and Burgess

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

- The meeting was held at Lawton Street Community Center so CPT participants had an opportunity to tour the facility for the amenities that could be beneficial. The facility includes:
 - A gymnasium.
 - Two classrooms for an after-school program.
 - Large multi-purpose room with kitchen.
 - Computer lab with 12 computers.
 - Meeting room with operable wall.
 - Offices for Lawton Street Community Center staff and another office that is the City Program Manager's office.
- Reviewed the outcome of the February 23, 2004, Touch Point Meeting with the Administration. It was determined that several district-wide consistencies are a part of the P.O.R. for flexibility and equity as follows:
 - PE Shower
 - Delete Restroom/Showers. Square footage (75 s.f.) to be used for additional storage.
 - Special Education Restroom/Shower
 - Delete shower, provide changing table. Reduce size from 100 s.f. to 75 s.f. Square footage to be applied to storage room elsewhere.
 - Washer/Dryer
 - Not to be provided
 - Number of Special Education Classrooms / Regular Classrooms
 - Retain number as indicated on standard POR Template.
 - Further information on SE programs forthcoming - POR may be revised at a later date.
 - In-School Suspension
 - Keep as a 900 s.f. room and provide an operable panel partition for flexibility.
 - Clinic
 - Reduce size from 300 s.f. to 180 s.f., shifting square footage to Recovery Book Storage Room.
 - Reading Recovery Book Storage Room
 - Create 150 s.f. storage room from square footage shifted from clinic shower. At Schumacher this space could be used for other facility
 - Community use storage
 - Additional 80 s.f. of storage to be provided at PE Storage Room for storage.
 - City Program Manager Office
 - 120 s.f. office to be provided. At Schumacher, this requirement may be accommodated at Lawton Street Community Center.
 - Computer Lab

- Not to be provided at Elementary. Computer labs will be provided at the Middle and High School levels. Lawton Street CC has a computer lab to be shared.
 - o Classroom Cubbies
 - Metal lockers (with doors) to be provided in lieu of open cubbies in the classroom, not in the hallway.
- Some CPT participants continued to focus on issues of swing space and lack of space. These issues continue to detract from the productivity of the meetings.
 - o Swing Space: The Master Plan indicates Schumacher is to be used for swing space for an undetermined amount of time after the new Schumacher is completed. A participant made exception to the current plan and the reported concession was made at the Elementary School.
 - o Computer Lab: Again, the lab was omitted from the P.O.R. due to several factors, primarily lack of adequate funding for computers and dedicated staff at the general teaching approach at the elementary level. Computer labs will be provided at the middle and high school levels. It was suggested the room this meeting was conducted in could be used for a lab and that CPT members could organize a committee to pursue outside equity partners.
- Some CPT participants expressed feelings that the P.O.R. was predetermined and their input is being ignored. AAG noted that the process has actually validated their input, with minor modifications. The CPT will continue to have input on the location and design of spaces, among others.
- It was again pointed out the unique opportunities Schumacher has with its proximity to Lawton Street Community Center and its space offerings.
- R. King reviewed the draft P.O.R. document as updated from the touch-point meeting.
- The placement of the new Schumacher building was discussed. At previous CPT meetings, the plan that received the most positive feedback was one that would close Lawton Street and build the new Community Learning Center immediately adjacent to Lawton Street Community Center, possibly with a physical connector. Some CPT participants questioned the placement of the new Community Learning Center to Schumacher. It was noted that no other Community Learning Center currently being planned has the adjacent proximity to a community center and its resources. Further discussion of placement of building on the site will be discussed at subsequent meetings.
- AAG Planners will now use the P.O.R. to generate schematic layouts for future discussions.
- The next CPT Meeting date and time is to be determined.

The preceding is AAG's interpretation of the meeting. Any changes, additions, or clarification requested by our office as soon as possible. Unless these changes are furnished within ten (10) working days after the meeting, all parties are in agreement with the preceding statements.