



Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Minutes
DeBakey High School for Health Professions

MEETING NO.: 011

LOCATION: DeBakey High School for Health Professions

DATE / TIME: December 16, 2013, 2:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Agnes Perry, Principal; Barbara Williams, Faculty; Marie Belamowicz, Teacher; Mary Hayes, Faculty; Bernice Shargey, Dean; Marti George, Staff; Lana Hayes, Library Media Specialist; Ilba Castro, Teacher; Natalie Abrameit, Assistant Principal; Clay Clayton, HISD Facilities Planning; Steven Gee, Program Manager, TCM; Mary Le Johnson, Architect, WHR Architects; Raj Vadlamowicz, Teacher; Charlesetta Deason, Community Member; Chris Saikin, Teacher; Neda Khan, Visual Arts Teacher; Ilba Castro, Teacher; Nina Jolivet, Teacher; Donna Tennant, Bond Communications

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to provide a Schematic Design status update for DeBakey High School for Health Professions.

AGENDA:

- Discuss number of lockers and location
- Review equipment list.
- Comments
- What to expect at the next PAT meeting

NOTES:

Discussion

1. The Architect presented an overview of the design concept to date. It was noted that the same presentation was made to HISD leadership on December 6, 2013.
2. Upon receipt of the site survey, a discrepancy was found in the site backgrounds that the design team was using which resulted in the available site being shaped differently. In order to keep the PAT fully informed revised plans were presented with the caveat that many issues remain to be resolved – the plans presented were a work in progress.. The main changes included reducing the overall building by one 30' bay east to west and lengthening the building by one 30' bay north to south. The stair locations now accommodate better access from the first floor through the building and the rooms on the fifth floor were relocated to accommodate for a better gym layout.
3. Comments and responses:
 - The atrium is now 40' wide x 90' long. Is there any way to increase the length? *The Architects will review but the gross square footage needs to be minimized.*
 - The atrium stairs are now about 9' wide and should accommodate two-way traffic.
 - It was suggested that the dumpster be moved to the northwest corner of the site away from the building to prevent rodents in the building. *This will be reviewed with Facilities and Operations Staff.*
 - There should be a staff and a kitchen entry at the service side of the building. *This will be reviewed with HISD.*
 - Need to incorporate an area for after-hours use of microwaves by students. *An area may have to be carved out of server space and will be reviewed with HISD.*
 - There was a question on which space is to be used as a language lab. *In the Design Development phase, the school needs to determine which rooms need to be set up to accommodate computers.*

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- Students will need plenty of places to charge their electronic devices and access the internet. *Charging stations will be provided and the wireless access will be reviewed with the HISD for appropriate wireless coverage.*
- How will the light bulbs be changed in the light fixtures of tall spaces? *A lift might be purchased as part of the construction cost or light fixtures may be wall mounted rather than ceiling mounted to provide easier access.*
- There are some spaces like the theatre that may need wider doors to get equipment into the rooms. *Door clearances will be reviewed with users in the Design Development phase to accommodate the appropriate clearances.*
- It is preferred that lockers be located near the dining space where students will arrive first thing in the morning. *The design team has proposed lockers be accommodated in the Flex Lab spaces so that they can be converted back to a flex lab if lockers are removed. Currently there are no flex labs on the first floor. The Architects need a recommendation of what space might move to an upper floor. The IT service and storage was suggested but the program requests a first floor location. The PAT will need to review further.*
- It was suggested that the lockers be located near the stairs similar to those at the Carnegie School. *The DeBaKey HSHP stairs are configured differently so this is currently not feasible.*
- The Visual Arts Learning Center needs to be located with access to the outdoor terrace. Garage doors are preferred so they can open the room to the outside when possible. *The design team will review the possibility of switching with Theater Arts.*
- It was suggested that the Dining Commons needs to hold all 1,000 students in the morning. The dining area is programmed to hold 1/3 of the student population + 200. (533 students) The PAT discussed ideas on how to accommodate the full student population in the mornings and it was determined by using other spaces in addition to the Commons that approximately 750 students can be accommodated. Currently the gym is used, but with the gym on the top floor this will not work. *Morning logistics will need to be reviewed by the school when they consider the impact the new building will have on their daily operations.*
- The testing center needs only one door.
- There was a question on how security would be addressed at the point where faculty enters the site from the garage. *This will be reviewed with HISD security and will need to be coordinated with TMC at the garage.*
- It appears that the car drop off is smaller than the previous scheme. *There is a portion of the car drive that is only one lane and widens to allow for waiting cars near the loop. This was a result of the new parameters of the site.*

What to expect at the next meeting:

1. WHR/ Lake Flato Architects will provide a Schematic Design status update for DeBaKey High School for Health Professions.

NEXT MEETING: The next Pat meeting will be held on January 10, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

Please review the meeting minutes and submit any changes or corrections to Steven Gee. After five (5) days, the minutes will be assumed to be accurate.

Sincerely,

Steven Gee

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