



Minutes **2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting** **Wilson Montessori School**

MEETING #: 015

LOCATION: Wilson Montessori School

DATE / TIME: November 9, 2015 at 5:30pm

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Bonnette	Principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patsy Cavazos	School Support Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jodi Aserkoff	Elem. Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	June Spencer	Friends of Cherryhurst Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Bohls	Lower Elem. Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Funk	HISD Planner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Mollhagen	Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Myers	HISD Designer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Cogley	Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Alling	HISD Project Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Freed	Early Childhood Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parra Camilo	Neighborhood citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debra Loewenstein	Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terry Smith	Smith & Company Architects
<input type="checkbox"/>	R. Robbins	Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meredith Reed	Smith & Company Architects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ernesto Alfaro	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Shepherd	Smith & Company Architects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elizabeth Eriksen	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Dudley	Pfluger Architects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Jans	Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stefi Santa Cruz	Pfluger Architects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amber Moncla	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Martin Brennan	Pfluger Architects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Smart	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diana Gibson-Johnson	HISD SSO

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting was to update attendees of the project status.

AGENDA:

- Review presentation of proposed new addition exterior and site plans
- Questions and Answers
- What to expect at the next Project Advisory Team (PAT) meeting

DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. Brian Alling, HISD Project Manager, welcomed the Project Advisory Team (PAT) members and thanked them for their time and participation in the project design process. This month's PAT meeting was scheduled to allow for PAT input of images and design ideas related to the Wilson Montessori School 2012 Bond project.



2. Mr. Alling shared an update regarding the temporary classroom building planned for use during the construction phase of the project. This additional temporary building will provide replacement classrooms for the existing temporary buildings to be displaced during the project construction.
 - a. The district has located a vendor who is developing a proposal for HISD consideration to provide a 10-classroom building for lease use during the construction period.
 - b. The temporary classroom building is planned for location on the existing hard play surface area at the campus' northwest corner of the site.
 - c. A canopy will be constructed to provide students a covered walkway between the existing building and the new temporary building.
 - d. Principal Bonnette noted she liked the idea of a single building housing the classrooms to promote "community" and cooperation between the classrooms and teachers in the building.
 - e. The new 10-room temporary building is projected to begin installation during the 2016 spring semester and campus is planning to move into this new building during the summer of 2016 to be ready for start of school in August of 2016.
 - f. All but two of the existing portable buildings are planned for removal from the campus during the summer of 2016. The two existing buildings scheduled to remain will be moved approximately ten to twenty feet to the east to create a safe distance between these buildings and the construction of the new building addition.
 - g. The existing metal frame shade structure at the campus playground area currently has solar panels on a portion of its roof. The panels were installed as part of an independent agency's grant previously awarded to the campus. Principal Bonnette and her staff will research to provide the project team contact information regarding who provided the solar panels to hopefully negotiate an agreement with them to remove, temporarily store and reinstall the solar panels on new canopies at the new structure when built.
 - h. There is a temporary staff parking lot planned to be created in the existing playground area to aid in staff parking needs during the future construction period. The temporary parking lot will most likely be constructed with crushed concrete or gravel. The Principal and PAT attendees indicated their approval of this idea. This area will need drive access at both ends of the lot to ensure flexibility of use and access during school days when vehicle traffic is heaviest.

3. Mr. Terry Smith of Smith & Company Architects presented design slides of the building floor plan and exterior elevations.
- a. The new building addition construction will require expansion of the existing site storm water detention pond area. The design team is considering the extents, size and proximity of the detention expansion to ensure adequate distance is provided for access around the pond area.
 - b. Several of the campus' existing restrooms are scheduled to receive some remodeling to comply with current accessibility requirements. In addition to this, there several new additional accessible restrooms planned for the new building addition as well as in the existing building's remodel scope.
 - c. Comments were made by PAT attendees noting agreement with the project design plans to keep the existing auditorium stage as a flexible use space for campus teacher and staff use.
 - d. In compliance with HISD design standard, the music/drama classroom in the new building addition will be constructed with sound buffering and other treatments to help isolate the activities in this room from other adjacent classroom areas.
 - e. The schematic design plans presented to the PAT attendees included a classroom in the new addition 3rd floor area which has no exterior wall windows. The architect team indicated they are evaluating several solution options to swap this classroom with another nearby work room or other similar rooms to provide the necessary exterior windows and daylight for the classroom. Rearrangement of a couple rooms on the 3rd floor to provide exterior window views to all classrooms.
 - f. The new building addition exterior images were shared with PAT attendees.
 - i. The new building addition structure is planned to be constructed with a first floor level at approximately the same floor level elevation as the existing building's cafeteria dining area.
 - ii. The new building addition will utilize clear anodized (silver) aluminum window frames in lieu of matching the existing dark bronze window frame color. The PAT attendees and campus Principal noted agreement with this idea and liked how a different window frame color helped to visually differentiate the new versus existing campus buildings.
 - iii. Horizontal brick courses have been added as well as steel channel bands within the brick coursing of the new addition to resemble the horizontal banding of the existing campus building. These bands are planned to be at similar elevations to help visually tie the existing building with the new building design image.
 - iv. There was a discussion regarding the exterior metal wall panel at the southeast corner of the proposed new building addition. The PAT attendees discussed the proposed scheme using red color exterior wall panels versus using blue exterior panels proposed for consideration. The PAT voiced a general agreement that either the blue panel color scheme or the red panel color scheme would be acceptable; there were no strong objections noted for either color. Principal Bonnette asked for a little more time before she voiced her preference and the architect team indicated this would be fine and a decision for the metal panel color is not critical at this point.



QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

1. None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:

1. The PAT will be presented with additional design images of the building, site development plans and interior ideas for consideration.

NEXT PAT MEETING: The next PAT meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm at Wilson Montessori Library.

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

Sincerely,

Brian S. Alling

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