



Meeting Minutes

DeBakey High School for Health Professions

MEETING NO.: 006

LOCATION: DeBakey High School for Health Professions

DATE / TIME: August 14, 2013, 5:30 pm

ATTENDEES: Agnes Perry, Principal; Barbara Williams, Faculty; Raj Vadlamudi, PTA; Marie Bielamowicz, Teacher; Mary Hayes, Faculty; Bernice Sharkey, Dean; Doris Rios, Magnet Coordinator; Lana Hayes, Library Media Specialist; Chris Saikin, Teacher; Natalie Abrameit, Assistant Principal; Princess Jenkins, HISD Facilities Planning; Steven Gee, Program Manager, TCM; Troi Taylor, Program Manager, TCM; Neda Khan, Faculty; Nina Jolivet, Teacher/Technology; Greg Papay, Architect, Lake Flato; Daniel Bankhead, HISD Facilities Design; Mary Le Johnson, Architect, WHR Architects

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to review Space Requirements to resolve square footage for DeBakey High School for Health Professions and to review draft Site Specific Room Descriptions.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Introductions
- 21st Century Learning Spaces Presentation
- Draft Space Requirements
- Draft Site Specific Room Descriptions
- What to expect at the next Project Advisory Team Meeting

NOTES:

Introductions

1. Each member of the group introduced themselves and their role.
2. Lana Hayes presented a DeBakey HS student video presentation which emphasized that the students are onsite to do more than just study health professions.
3. Greg Papay requested a copy of the DeBakey HS student video presentation from the PAT.

21st Century Learning Spaces Presentation

1. Mary Le Johnson and Greg led the presentation that included their views on 21st Century learning environments including open design concepts that incorporate elements of the local community.
2. Dan Bankhead gave a status update on the land acquisition. The land currently in negotiation is ~2.8-acres via a land swap with the Texas Medical Center (TMC). There is still the opportunity to build on top of the garage located at Holcombe and Main Street. However, the plan is to build on the horizontal land adjacent to the existing parking garage. The existing Hornberger Conference Center will likely be demolished. The faculty will utilize portions of the parking garage while the students will use grade level parking surfaces. The property is located off of Holcombe and Montclair Drive across from Herman P. Pressler Street.

Draft Space Requirements

1. Princess Jenkins provided a status update on the space requirements development. She noted that we are approaching a September 16, 2013, deadline to complete the program. To meet the deadline, we will schedule 2-to-3 hour working sessions on Saturdays (exact dates TBD). She distributed hardcopies of the most current space programs. She also noted the upcoming participation from Mary Le and Greg to complete DeBakey-specific educational specifications.
2. During the program discussion, the PAT participants mentioned the need for a 1,000-sq.ft. science research/design space that will be used to set up experiments. This room will be designed similar to a wet lab. The room will need lab stations, tables, fume hood, water, power, eyewash, safety shower, lab gases, and other scientific multi-use equipment. The purpose of the room is to provide workspace and storage of various concurrent scientific projects/experiments.

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3. The new building should be planned and designed so that all spaces are visible with areas where supervision is difficult.
4. DeBakey teaching curriculum is intense (teaching from bell-to-bell) and the teachers want to ensure 21st Century design inside the classrooms so that the kids feel comfortable in the learning environment.
5. The PAT requested windows that allow visibility throughout and all around the new school.
6. Principal Perry noted there is a need for gathering areas for students before/after school. This space should be conducive to learning/studying. The space location is negotiable, but the design should not feel like a prison.
7. The PAT noted that DeBakey is one of the few HISD campuses that does not let students leave the campus for lunch.
8. The PAT is having difficulty visualizing the space requirements. The design team will consider ways to help the PAT visualize spaces in the program.

Draft Site-Specific Room Descriptions

1. There are (30) tele/data drops for the (30) computers in the computer lab. It was noted that these need to be hard wired connections –not wireless. Also, it was requested that the broadband infrastructure is sufficient.
2. Since medicine is continuing to evolve, the science labs should be flexible and future-oriented to be easily redesigned/changed with the new teaching needs.
3. Troi will schedule the next PAT working session on Saturday, September 7, 2013, from 8AM-12PM CST.

What to expect next PAT meeting

1. We will complete the Draft Space Requirements and the Draft Room Descriptions.

QUESTIONS

1. Has HISD completed a traffic study?
Answer: Yes. However, the conversation is ongoing and work is still in progress as the District moves closer to acquiring the new land. Depending on the final site layout, there may be a need for an additional traffic study.
2. Can HISD have traffic studies done outside just before school ends?
Answer: Yes. It will be part of the study.
3. Is the project still on schedule?
Answer: Yes.
4. How much green space will be left after the 200K square foot building is placed on the 2.8-acres?
Answer: The study is in progress and that we should consider vertical green spaces on the constrained property.
5. How many acres are included on the current property?
Answer: The current school is 164,950 square feet which is just over 3.5 acres.
6. Is the new school building going to be constrained by the TMC design requirements for the number of floors (i.e. 8-floors minimum)?
Answer: The building is not constrained by the vertical minimums, but we will exercise good design.
7. Will using the roof for green space deduct the square footage allowance?
Answer: While it is not counted/deducted in the square footage, it is factored in/deducted from the project budget.

ACTION ITEMS

1. HISD Planning Department will update the current Educational Specifications and distribute them to the PAT.
2. The expectation is that the PAT will work with the stakeholders to update and get the edits back to the HISD Planning Department no later than Wednesday, September 4, 2013.

NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2013, 8:00am – 12:00pm.

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

Sincerely,

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