



Meeting Minutes
DeBakey High School for Health Professions

MEETING NO.: 008

LOCATION: DeBakey High School for Health Professions

DATE / TIME: October 24, 2013, 5:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Agnes Perry, Principal; Barbara Williams, Faculty; Raj Vadlamudi, PTA; Marie Bielowicz, Teacher; Mary Hayes, Faculty; Bernice Shargey, Dean; Lana Hayes, Library Media Specialist; Natalie Abrameit, Assistant Principal; Charlesetta Deason, Community Member; Aubrey Mendonca, PTA; Marti George, Staff; Ilba Castro, Teacher; Princess Jenkins, HISD Facilities Planning; Steven Gee, Program Manager, TCM; Troi Taylor, Program Manager, TCM; Neda Khan, Faculty; Nina Jolivet; Greg Papay, Architect, Lake Flato; Adrianna Swindle, Architect, Lake Flato; Cameron Smith, Architect, Lake Flato; Kedrick Wright, HISD Facilities Design; Mary Le Johnson, Architect, WHR Architects Program Management

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to provide a schematic design status update and announce the upcoming HISD furniture exhibit.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Site Plan Status Update
 - Building Size
 - Building Space versus Open Space
 - Vehicular Traffic (Buses, Cars, and Service Vehicles)
- 21st Century Building Design
 - Diagram Presentation of the "Big Ideas" for the Campus Scheme
 - 3D Massing of Building Scale and Shape
- Furniture Expo: November 5, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.
- What to Expect at the Next PAT Meeting

NOTES:

Discussion

1. WHR and Lake Flato Architects presented development of the design to the DeBakey High School PAT since the Design Charrette.
2. PAT Comments and Questions about the Design included:
 - a) Fire stairs need to be used for general circulation in addition to the atrium stairs and they need to have glass and be welcoming. They should not be too steep as students carry heavy backpacks and books. Adding a stair at the other end of the atrium may also help with the vertical circulation.
The design team will review the plan.
 - b) The elevator needs to be sized to get the musical instruments and PE equipment up to the top level.
The design team will take that into consideration when sizing the elevator.
 - c) What are the exterior materials?
The base of the building is a proposed to be a solid durable material – possibly textured precast concrete. The upper floors are proposed as something that is lightweight - maybe a metal panel with glazing.

- d) It is preferred that the Learning Commons not be placed on the ground floor next to the dining area. There is concern about keeping both food and noise out of that area. It is also suggested that it not be two stories. However, a connection to the outside is important.
The design team will review the plan.
- e) Since the wet labs are stacked on one end of the building, could a dumbwaiter be installed to transport materials between the floors?
The design team will review this to see if the budget will allow.
- f) Book storage is required because the students may not have computers when the school opens.
Designated book storage is not currently in the program however, there is storage with the Learning Centers.
- g) There is a need for separate faculty and student restrooms.
These spaces will be further defined as the design progresses.
- h) When will floor plans be available for review?
Floor plans are in progress and hopefully will be shared at an upcoming meeting.
- i) Need further clarification on the food service area. The design team needs to set up a meeting with HISD food service. The PAT is interested in developing the "café concept".
The design team will work with Program Manager to set up a meeting.
- j) There was a concern about the dining commons being part of the atrium.
The atrium is currently not a programmed space and needs to be assigned a programmatic function to meet the square footage requirements of the District.
- k) There is a concern about the location of the teacher work centers. The teachers need privacy for their planning periods. They would prefer that they are located on the exterior wall rather than the courtyard where it appears they are on display like a "fishbowl". Their desire is to be separated from the students during their planning time.
The Design team thought they were addressing the request of the District for teachers to be able to see what is going on in the school. A question was asked what programmatic function could fit this space. There was a suggestion on one way glass but this may inhibit the overall visibility of the design. There was also a suggestion of using furniture in the space to provide more visual privacy within the work center. The design team will review options.
- l) The car traffic currently is shown to enter from and exit on Pressler. It was suggested that the car traffic be able to exit to the southwest on Montclair.
A traffic study will be conducted for recommendation on how best to address the traffic flow.
- m) Will the Dining Commons strategy meet the Fire Code?
The design is not complete and the team is reviewing building codes as the space is being defined.
- n) There needs to be consideration for furniture storage for items in the atrium.
There will be an opportunity for storage under the atrium stairs. The design team will need to review options.

What to Expect at the Next PAT Meeting

1. The design team will present plans for floors 2-5 and Extended Learning Areas to the PAT.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 01-001 Program Manager will coordinate with HISD Planning and Design to add an additional PAT Meeting on November 9, 2013, 9:00 AM at DeBakey High School.
- 01-002 Program Manager will schedule a meeting for the design team and HISD Food Service personnel.

NEXT PAT MEETING: November 9, 2013, 9:00am – 12:00pm

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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