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Facilities Planning

Project Advisory Team Meeting Minutes

Furr High School PAT

MEETING NO.: 007

LOCATION: Furr High School – Coffee House

DATE / TIME: November 7, 2013 9:00 am

ATTENDEES: Dr. Bertie Simmons, Principal; Patricia Duffie, Teacher; Mary Fontenot, Parent; Nelly White, PTSA; Donald White, Community Member; Princess Jenkins, Planner; Tracey Clark, Customer Service Representative; Lurleen Dixon, Community Member; Cornell Gray, Teacher; Fredalina Pieri, Teacher; Marjorie Martinez, Assistant Principal; Octavio Cantu, ERO Architects; Eli Ochoa, ERO Architects; Steve Hoyt, Rice & Gardner Consulting; Kellie Vorberg, Nurse; Lana Samuel, Registrar; LaDeshia Ricks, Cafeteria Manager; Anita Suson, Instructional Coordinator; Jean Obando, Teacher; Maria Aguirre, Parent Engagement; Sharon Brown, Counselor; Willete Davis, Student; Keondre Osbourne, Student; Mary Fontenot, Parent; Dr. Rogelio Gonzalez, Guest PTSA Speaker; Veronica Trujillo, PTSA; Edna Fajardo, PTSA; Tomasita Garza, PTSA; Veronica Castillo, PTSA; Diana Coronado, PTSA; Adriana Mena Jr., PTSA; Milvia Montalvo, PTSA; Eneried Ferrar, PTSA; Elvira Ramirez, PTSA; Assol Kavtorina, Magnet Coordinator/Film Teacher; Katherine Augustine, Counselor; Rosa Maria Cavazos, PTSA

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to finalize the Capacity Model and Space Requirements and get the PAT's input / comments on the latest site plans and floor plans.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Finalize the Capacity Model.
- Finalize the Space Requirements
- Review and discuss Room Descriptions.
- Review/Comment on the proposed Site Plan, First Floor Plan, Second Floor Plan and Third Floor Plan drawings.
- What to expect at the next Project Advisory Team meeting.

NOTES:

1. Principal Simmons opened the PAT and explained that as the meeting was on-going a film crew from New York would be filming. They intend to produce a documentary regarding schools in Texas including Furr High School.
2. Eli Ochoa of ERO Architects presented current floor plans reflecting the revisions from central facility staff review.
 - a. Mr. Ochoa reviewed the Guiding Principles the PAT agreed shall be used in the new facility design for decision making.
 - b. Mr. Ochoa presented the site plan showing proposed on-site drives at the north and the south side of the campus; these connector drives would allow school traffic to have four directions to leave the campus in the afternoon with the goal of reducing congestion on Mercury Drive in afternoons. He noted this item will require discussions with the City of Houston and a Traffic Impact Analysis being conducted.

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- c. The current layout proposes building the new school on the existing athletic fields which would allow for existing school facility to remain in operation until the new facility is ready for occupancy.
- d. The current layout proposes that once the new school is built, the existing school building will be removed and new playfields and parking will be constructed to serve the new high school.
- e. The proposed building design centralizes the organization of the school around a central commons area. This area will be referred to as Oates Prairie in recognition of the history of the local area.
 - i. The proposed central commons will be open to the 3 stories above and will provide natural light throughout the school.
- f. The building is proposed to achieve LEED Silver certification. LEED Certified is the minimum requirement.
- g. Mr. Ochoa proposes including art walls in a few areas to allow students and local artists to exhibit their art. This was well received by the campus.
- h. Mr. Ochoa presented the proposed Learning Environments where students will have the opportunity to learn in different ways, and make use of large and small learning spaces. Technology will be available in all spaces.
 - i. The proposed Learning Centers are being planned to enhance the flexibility of the spaces, allowing larger openings to the central commons and to adjacent learning environments by using wide doors
 - j. Mr. Ochoa presented images of the proposed interior spaces.
3. PAT comments were positive regarding the proposed design and they praised the extensive use of day-lighting throughout the proposed school.
4. The floor plans were reviewed and ERO made notations for revisions to meet the program requirements and to improve function.

What to expect at the next PAT Meeting:

1. Architect to present further developed floor plans.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1-001 ERO will continue to develop and refine the floor plans.

NEXT MEETING:

1. The next meeting will be December 5, 2013 at 9:00 am.

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

Sincerely,

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