MEETING MINUTES
Sterling High School

MEETING NO.: 007
LOCATION: Sterling High School
DATE / TIME: September 19, 2013, 1:00 pm
ATTENDEES: David Funk, HISD – Facilities Planning; Dale Mitchell, HISD – Sterling Principal; Ashlea Hogancamp, Craig R Johnson, Sr, HISD – DADS for Education; Rev. A.L. Hickman, Sr., HISD – N.C.C.F.; Shane Dobbs, Student; Ebony Kelley, Student; Kedrick Wright, HISD – Design Team; Antoinette Smith, Sterling HS; Daniel Ferdinand, DADS for Education

PURPOSE: The meeting discussion focused on review of the finalized Educational Specifications for Sterling High School.

AGENDA ITEMS:
- Discuss Site Options
- Review of Sterling HS Educational Specification
- Present powerpoint of examples of Lecture Halls
- Discuss Design Charrette
- What to expect at the next Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting

NOTES:
Discussion
1. The team discussed the previous request of the PAT to use 2007 funds to purchase a tract of land behind the existing facility.
   a. Purchase option 1 is a 13 acre space directly behind the existing facility.
      i. The team felt this option provided flexibility to the campus in several ways.
      ii. Using this site would allow the new facility to be built farther away from the streets (Martindale or Madden) which would enhance the safety and security of the campus.
      iii. Placing the building farther away from the street will allow for larger entrance/turning lanes needed to accommodate the large trucks that will be delivering and removing planes for the Aviation program.
   b. Purchase option 2 is a 30 acre tract directly behind the building.
      i. The concern with this option was maintaining the grounds. This would double the existing site, and require much more upkeep. The recurring cost to maintain this large amount of space made this option cost prohibitive. The PAT has drafted a formal letter to the Board of Education requesting funds from the 2007 Bond program be re-allocated to purchase land.
      ii. HISD Facilities Planning showed the PAT how they have planned the new facility so that money for purchase of the 13 acres behind the facility could be done using the 2012 budget if 2007 funds are not made available.
         i. The facility is currently planned $1.2M under budget.
         ii. The PAT is allowed to reallocate those dollars to purchase the land.
         iii. If 2007 funds are approved by the Board of Education, then the PAT will determine how to best use these dollars. The team did discuss using these dollars for nicer finishes or additional building square footage.
   c. The PAT did not arrive at a consensus on the land purchase issue.
2. The PAT reviewed the finalized Site Specific Educational Specification for Sterling High School.
   a. The total space requirement for the new school is 244,000 square feet.
b. A highlight of the new facility will be the 10,000 square foot Aviation Hangar.
c. New spaces added to the program between PAT meetings were two college style lecture halls with a capacity of approximately 150 students each. One lecture hall will be shared by two Neighborhoods.

3. HISD Facilities Planning presented several examples of lecture halls (provided by SHW Architects) and the PAT team discussed them and the benefits and drawbacks of each.

4. The PAT will participate in a Design Charrette on September 26 and 27, 2013. During the design charrette the architects will develop and present conceptual site and floor plans that meet the space requirements. The objectives are to verify the facility will fit in the allotted space, and to ensure the room relationships (location of each department) are consistent with the PAT’s vision of the new school.

What to expect next Project Advisory Team meeting:

1. Results of the Design Charrette will be presented by SHW.

ACTION ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2013 at 9:00am.

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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