

**Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Minutes  
DeBakey High School for Health Professions**

**MEETING NO.:** 021

**LOCATION:** DeBakey High School for Health Professions

**DATE / TIME:** August 28, 2014, 4:00 pm

**ATTENDEES:** Agnes Perry, Principal; Lana Hayes, Library Media Specialist; Steven Gee, Heery International, Project Manager; Mary Le Johnson, Architect, WHR Architects; Princess Jenkins, HISD Facilities Planning; Barbara Williams, Teacher; Hedi Gerstacker, PTA; Greg Lynch, CMAR, Tellepsen; Kedrick Wright, HISD Facilities Design; Johnathan Jackson, PTO; Aubrey Mendonca, PTA; Natalie Abrameit, Assistant Principal; Chris Sakin, Teacher; Troi Taylor, Heery/TCM; Elkin Aguilar, Architect, WHR Architects; Dinah Wiafe, Architect, WHR Architects; Raj Vadlamudi, PTA; Marie Bielamowicz, Teacher; Mary Hayes, Teacher; Marti George, Staff; Neda Khan, Visual Arts Teacher;

**PURPOSE:** The focus of the meeting was to review materials and finish options for DeBakey High School.

**AGENDA:**

- Review of exterior and interior finish palette
- Questions and answers
- What to expect at the next PAT meeting

**NOTES:**

**Discussion:**

1. WHR Architects revised interior and exterior finishes based on comments made at the July 24, 2014 PAT meeting and reviewed the changes with the PAT.
2. Some of the metal panels at the base of the building and the terraces have been revised to a stucco finish for more durability.
3. Some PAT members did not attend the last PAT meeting and have a concern that the corrugated metal panels may be too industrial. *It was requested that a sample be shown again at the next meeting.*
4. Interior paint colors were revised. The base colors are neutral with bright accents of blue, green, orange and aqua. *It was suggested that the aqua might be changed to show a bigger difference in the range of colors.*
5. Gold and purple were suggested for the restroom accent colors.
6. A different accent color will be added to the end walls of the stairs to differentiate each stairwell.
7. Gray carpet with highlights of blue, yellow, and green and aqua were presented as the overall carpet option. The carpet is a textured random pattern which makes it easier to replace tile without having to have a perfect match. The texture hides wear and stain better than non-textured carpet. Accent colors will be used in the extended learning areas.

8. There is one bright accent color in most of the learning centers. A question was asked to the faculty if color in the classroom would be distracting. *Most indicated that it would not.*
9. A question was asked about the type and quality of light. There was a request to see the types of light fixtures that have been proposed for the spaces.  
*WHR will bring cut sheets for the fixtures to the next meeting. Photometric studies have been completed for all of the spaces that confirm the design complies with HISD's foot-candle standards.*
10. A participant asked about the energy efficiency of the building.  
*It was noted that the building exceeds the standard (ASHRAE 90.1) by 14%. ASHRAE 90.1 is one of the LEED criteria. The overall goal for the LEED certification is LEED Silver. It was noted that each exterior elevation is different to respond to it's orientation to the sun.*
11. There was a request for a description of how the mechanical system would be controlled.  
*WHR will bring a plan to describe how the building will be zoned, and where controls will be located, to the next PAT meeting.*
12. A question was asked whether operable windows have been incorporated. *It was noted that they have not. Having operable windows is more expensive and on a tall building it is difficult to control the indoor environment if windows were left open.*
13. There was a request to invite HISD's Instructional Technology group to the next meeting in order for there to be a discussion about use of technology in the teaching spaces. *Steven Gee will invite them to the next meeting.*
14. There was a request to see power plans. The PAT is concerned that there may not be sufficient outlets to power devices when DeBakey enters HISD's PowerUp Program.  
*Charging stations will be included under the furniture purchase.*
15. Principal Perry requested removal of the glass wall separating the shared teacher center (Rm 501) and the corridor, so that it can serve as overflow space before and after theatrical performances. Principal Perry suggested that we make the small group room (SM GRP 6) adjacent to the south west stair the shared teacher center and enclose that room.
16. Principal Perry requested the layout of the offices and restrooms in locker room be revised so that both offices have direct visual access to the basketball and volleyball courts.
17. The art room layout was reviewed with art teacher Neda Khan. The layout is acceptable with the following modifications:
  - Remove glass side lite at entry door or reduce full height glass in door so room can be darkened for presentations.
  - Reduce window size on north wall in art room. Wall space is more valuable.
  - Provide deeper art sink. Ms. Khan will provide WHR with dimensions of deep sink at current art room. Ms. Khan said that deep sink need not be accessible on 3 sides as long as ADA requirements are met for the sink.
  - Provide floor drain at sink cabinets.
  - Locate retractable power outlet so it is centered on student desk area.
  - Provide door between Kiln and Storage room.
18. A Neighborhood Meeting is tentatively planned for October 1, 2014 at Roberts Elementary.

**What to expect at the next meeting:**

1. The Architect will update the PAT of the interior material finishes and review the Design Development submittal.

**NEXT PAT MEETING:** The next PAT meeting will be held on September 25, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

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,

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