



Meeting Minutes

Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School

MEETING NO.: Relocation of Proposed Site – Emergency Meeting

LOCATION: Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School

DATE / TIME: December 16, 2013, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Yi-Ching Wu, Teacher; Chaolin Chang, Principal; Dane Roberts, Assistant Principal; Patricia Butler, Teacher; Angie Chen, Parent; Leslie Culhane, PTO; Paul Alleyne, Parent; Shelia Wilson, S.I.R.; Melissa Turnbaugh, PBK-Architect; Richard Chi, PBK-Architect; Rick Blan, PBK-Architect; Robert Sands, Officer CFS; Bob Myers, Heery-Project Manager

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School relocation to a new proposed site.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Review and discuss the proposed new school site off West Alabama Street
- Approval from PAT to proceed with relocation of the school to the new site

NOTES:

Discussion of Benefits of the St. George School (West Alabama) Site

1. The site is 7.92 acres, almost 2 acres larger than the existing Bellaire site.
2. Larger site provides for more space for the building, play fields and parent drop off.
3. The site is in the City of Houston and requires less parking and no parking garage.
4. The school is adjacent to St. George School and may be able to share fields and parking for select events.
5. The detention requirements may be met on the St. George site instead of the Mandarin site.
6. Construction will be able to be completed in one phase with the school fully operational on the existing Bellaire site in lieu of multiple phases.
7. Not phasing the project will provide considerable cost savings that can be put towards the new construction.
8. There is a considerable cost savings in not building underground detention, a parking garage and phased construction.
9. The site has great visibility from West Alabama and Westheimer and will have a strong impact on the area.
10. The City of Houston does not have the same height restrictions as the City of Bellaire and will allow for a 15'-0" floor to floor height. This creates generous volume for each classroom and allows the use of direct/indirect lighting.
11. The site allows for the Ming concept to work and be flanked with two dedicated play areas for each age level.
12. The intention is for the "moon" portion of the Ming concept to be a prominent architectural icon.
13. The St. George site does not have the same impervious restrictions as the Bellaire site and will give us full site flexibility for the building location.

What to Expect Next Project Advisory Team Meeting

1. Continuation of site plan and floor plan development on the new site.

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. PAT: January 14, 2014; 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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

Sincerely,

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