



## Minutes 2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Pilgrim Academy

**MEETING #:** 14

**LOCATION:** Pilgrim Academy K-8 Principal's Conference Room

**DATE / TIME:** October 6, 2015 @ 4:00 pm

**ATTENDEES:** (those marked with a check were present)

✓	Diana Castillo	Principal	✓	Edna Chible	Parent
✓	Andrew Casler	Dean of Students	✓	Carrie Flores	Asst. Principal
✓	Jim Teater	Community	✓	Diana Gibson-Johnson	SSO
✓	Tom Davies	Teacher	✓	Eric Ford	HISD
✓	Logan Faron	Teacher	✓	Romerico Romero	Teacher
✓	Stennis Lenoir	RDC Architects	✓	Albert Wong	HISD
✓	Esther Omogbehin	CSO			

**Purpose:** Review the design concepts and items in RDC Architects' Schematic Design submittal to HISD for review and approval.

**AGENDA:**

- Review & discuss the Pilgrim Academy Schematic Design documents presented to HISD.
- Review & discuss the exterior elevation studies for exterior building material updates as mentioned during the Pilgrim September PAT meeting.
- Review & discuss LEED strategies for the Pilgrim Project.
- What to expect at the next PAT Meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. The PAT Meeting began with a brief discussion started by the Project Manager, Albert Wong, on the HISD Bond Additional Funding updates, where some of this potential project supplemental funding is being viewed with much public and accounting scrutiny to determine if it is needed or justified. It was mentioned that, if this funding does become available, the additional classrooms and playing field area may be included in the Program, if a sufficient amount of extra funds are provided and there is no relief with regards to the current over-enrollment concern at Pilgrim Academy. This topic became a lengthy discussion about the real needs of the school. The general perception was that some of the proposed HISD relief schools expected to provide assistance with the large number of students at Pilgrim Academy have not been made accessible or desirable enough to attract some of these currently enrolled students.
2. There was extended discussion about the current available construction budget and whether the estimated construction costs by RDC Architects and the Program Management Team would be within this allowance. Andrew Casler and some PAT members believed that the current preliminary estimates may warrant adding two or more additional classrooms into the current design documents, instead of just leaving space for future additions and when additional funding became available.



3. Stennis Lenoir presented RDC Architects' current Pilgrim Academy Project design drawing updates, showing their latest site and floor plan layout updates. He began by showing the new extended student drop off/visitors parking area, located in front of the school, and the new after-hours courtyard entrance to the Gymnasium and Community Room. He explained the proposed Multi-Purpose renovations, with its associated new addition, to create a new Middle School Gymnasium/Locker Rooms/Coaches Office, and the new Teaching Centers and Science Classroom(s) grouped around two neighborhood extended Learning Areas. He described some of the proposed renovations to the existing Music and Art classrooms and the associated storage areas, which are required to accommodate the new Gym renovations.
4. Mr. Lenoir discussed some of the proposed exterior building materials to match the existing buildings masonry and color scheme while still having a new identity of its own. He asked if the PAT would mind having some different exterior materials, such as metal panels and other features as a means to keep the construction costs lower and there seemed to be no objections.
5. In closing, Mr. Lenoir discussed RDC's approach to getting the Pilgrim Academy Project LEED Certified, with their intent to obtain as many LEED points as possible for design, construction and other energy savings considerations.
6. Since the construction cost estimates were underway at the time of the PAT Meeting, Mr. Lenoir and Mr. Wong were not able to answer Mr. Casler and Jim Teater's questions about what could possibly be added to the current Pilgrim Academy design and building program. They asked if the results of these pending, preliminary cost estimates could be made available for review and discussion, prior to the next Pilgrim Academy PAT meeting being scheduled. Mr. Wong replied that he would confirm with HISD if and when this might take place with Principal Castillo and others.

**QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

- 1-1 There were no additional questions.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1-01 Provide updated cost estimates updates to Principal Castillo, prior to setting up the next Pilgrim Academy PAT meeting. Albert Wong will obtain this information and set up a special meeting for discussion.

**WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:**

1. Review further updates on the Schematic Design drawings and concepts.

**NEXT PAT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 11, 2015; 3:30 pm; Pilgrim Academy Principal's Conf. Rm.

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

Sincerely,

**Albert Wong, AIA**

Project Manager

HISD – Construction & Facility Services

3200 Center Street, Houston, TX 77007

Phone: (713) 556-9271

Email: awong@houstonisd.org