



Meeting Minutes
2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting #4
Sam Houston MSTC

PAT MEETING #: 4

LOCATION: Sam Houston MSTC (Rm. 707)

DATE / TIME: December 8, 2014, 4:00pm

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)

Present ?	NAME	ORGANIZATION / ROLE	Present ?	NAME	ORGANIZATION / ROLE
✓	Rupak Gandhi	Principal		Kelsey Tinoco	10th Student
✓	Ada Rivera	Dean of Students		Fred Campos	11th Student
✓	Ryan Hutchings	Dean of Students		Pablo Calderon	12th Student
	Mariana Maldonado	Dean of Students		Aaron Hursman	11th Student
✓	Brian Gaston	Dean of Students		Cesar Coronza	12th Student
	Lt.C. Jessie Washington	Teacher, ROTC	✓	LaJuan Harris	CFS Facilities Planner
	Sgt. William Zappa	Teacher, ROTC		Vergel Gay	CFS Program Manager
	David Sanchez	Teacher, Math	✓	Mel Butler	CFS Program Manager
	Jamie Handy	Teacher, Chemistry	✓	Bob Myers	CFS Design Manager
	Katherine Curren	Teacher, Chemistry	✓	Steve Parker	Stantec Architecture
	Nichole Depaul	Teacher, Chemistry	✓	Taryn Kinney	Stantec Architecture
✓	Roshanda McClain	CATE, Cosmetology	✓	Jennifer Henrikson	Stantec Architecture
	Richard Hurst	Community Representative	✓	Jonathan Fountain	Stantec Architecture
	Hermelinda Cazares	Community Representative	✓	Tracy Eich	Stantec Architecture



AGENDA:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Sam Houston MSTC Capacity Model
- Sam Houston MSTC Space Requirements
- Next Steps
- Questions / Open Discussion
- Next PAT Meeting – Thursday, January 29, 2014 / 4:00pm

DISCUSSION:

1. All attending PAT members introduced themselves. First time attendees from Stantec Architecture (Jonathan Fountain and Tracy Eich) briefly introduced themselves to the PAT members.
2. LaJuan Harris, HISD Facilities Planner, began by giving a recap of the recent districtwide Principal's Meeting. She explained that 6% was built into all construction budgets for inflation, but to stay current with the market trends, this percentage really needed to be at 8-10%. This analysis was based on a review of a number of economic reports including the Dallas Independent School District's program in which they originally planned to spend \$150 per sq. ft. but ended up spending \$217 per square ft. With this knowledge, Ms. Harris informed the PAT members that Sam Houston would be finalizing the capacity model and space requirements to reflect a budget at \$190 sq. ft. versus the originally planned \$160 sq. ft., however, the General Managers are reviewing the budgets in hopes of finding available funds to increase the construction budget.
3. Based on this change, the following modifications have been made to the program:
 - a. The number of teaching stations for the core academic learning centers was changed from 59 to 62 to meet the minimum capacity of 2,550 students, a requirement mandated by the Bond Referendum.
 - b. The capacity of the gymnasiums was reduced. The main gymnasium will accommodate 1/3 of the school's student capacity as currently programmed. Ada Rivera, Dean of Students mentioned that the coaches were concerned that (2) competition gyms were needed. Ms. Harris responded that none of the new schools have (2) competition gyms. Ms. Rivera asked if both gyms could be the same size. Principal Gandhi said he preferred to keep one main gymnasium with a smaller auxiliary gym.
 - c. The auditorium was reduced from 1,000 seats to 800 seats. Principal Gandhi agreed that this is acceptable. The reduced capacity will accommodate one class level.
4. Steve Parker (Stantec) mentioned to the PAT that all square footage will not cost \$190 sq. ft. Some areas that are only being renovated or upgraded, such as the pool, will be less costly which will help keep the program within budget. PAT members agreed.
5. Ms. Harris mentioned that some other areas to consider would be completely removing child care from the program, renovating the existing JROTC building rather than building new JROTC spaces, and renovating the existing pool versus a new pool. Principal Gandhi stated that other than the JROTC building, the only other item the PAT would consider keeping is the pool. He also mentioned that not having child care would be acceptable since these services were going to be provided by an outside source.
6. Stantec Architecture (Jennifer Henrikson, Taryn Kinney, and Tracy Eich) gave a presentation to the PAT member to familiarize them with their experience and their conceptual ideas on how they planned



to mimic 21st Century schools in the design for Sam Houston MSTC. This presentation also gave examples of the design process for Sterling High School.

- a. The presentation included a site plan with an overlay and conceptual blocks representing Stantec's preliminary steps in the conceptual design phase.
 - b. A large printed copy of the site plan was presented as well with overlays to provide an understanding of the square footage being built/added to the site. The overlays also showed that a large percentage of the site would have to be designated parking to meet City of Houston requirements. Approximately 878 parking spaces would be required for a capacity of 2,650. Stantec suggested pursuing a parking variance to get this requirement lowered. PAT members agreed. Principal Gandhi was asked to provide the current parking needs to help with the parking variance process. Bob Myers (CFS Design Manager) mentioned that 5 other schools were granted a parking variance. Mr. Myers stated although this does not guarantee that Sam Houston MSTC's variance will be granted, it is good to know the City of Houston has been working positively with HISD to provide what's best for each school's needs.
 - c. Stantec continued the review of the site plan with overlays and explained that the pool, existing JROTC building, and the new science building were all in the same part of the site which will be very helpful to the design.
 - d. Stantec concluded the presentation by asking the PAT to begin thinking about how the spaces need to be configured to best meet their needs.
7. Ms. Harris requested the PAT to involve more students in future PAT meetings since the project has entered the design phase and their input will be very valuable.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1-1 Finalize any needed comments/changes to the Educational Specifications. (PAT/SHMSTC Staff)
- 1-2 Invite representatives from Special Education to the 01/09/15 User meeting. (Principal Gandhi and Ms. Rivera)
- 1-3 Perform a walk-through of the existing facilities (Stantec/CFS Representatives)

NEXT PAT MEETING: (Mtg. #5) – Thursday, January 29, 2014, 4:00 pm, at SHMSTC / Rm. 707

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:

1. Review/Approve 'Draft' Educational Specifications

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

Best regards,

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