Minutes
2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting
Wharton Dual Language Academy

MEETING #: 15
LOCATION: Wharton Dual Language Academy K-8 Library
DATE / TIME: November 16, 2015; 3:45 pm

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)

- Jennifer Day  Principal
- Patricia Selin  IB/GT Coordinator
- Cynthia Rangel  Teacher
- Eric Ford  HISD Design
- Victor Baldillo  Munoz Arch
- Sue Robertson  HISD
- Casey Annunzio  Munoz Arch.
- Michael Sabouni  AutoArch
- Michael Stravato  Parent
- Lewis Worthy  Parent
- Martha Rangel  Teacher
- Bogar Ventura  PTO President Elect
- Marna Marsh  Parent
- Taryn Kinney  Parent
- Chris Fields  Heery
- Albert Wong  Heery/HISD
- Geof Edwards  Munoz Arch.
- James Metoyer  HISD Director
- Anne Geyer  Parent
- Adam Harris  Parent

PURPOSE: Present and review updated design concepts based upon the previous PAT work session.

AGENDA:

- Review & discuss revised site/floor plan designs
- What to expect at the next PAT Meeting

DISCUSSION:

A. PRESENTATION OF THE CURRENT SITE PLAN

1. Two options of the site plan were reviewed. Both site plans showed 124 parking spaces that are believed to be required by the City of Houston Planning Dept.
2. Concept B1 has more parking spaces in the lot along West Gray St., with fewer spaces in the lot by the Flex Field. The Flex Play Field is larger than the one shown in the other concept. Concept B2 has fewer parking spaces along West Gray St. and more by the Flex Field. It preserved more existing trees on the site and green space along Gray Street, but had a smaller Flex Field area. Concept B1 was preferred by the PAT members. Both options increased the size of the courtyard as requested by the PAT.

3. The PAT requested that the Design Team study access control to the campus with different layers of fencing so that the flex field and the north playground areas can be accessed by the public after regular school hours, but may also be closed off at night. This fencing strategy should also provide access to the visitor and play area parking for those coming to the playground and flex field.

4. There was discussion about the location of the Pre-K playground. They asked if this play area should be located in the courtyard as currently shown or adjacent to the other play areas on the east side of the building. The Design Team will further study this issue and discuss it at the next PAT meeting.

5. The Principal and PAT will need to verify the number of visitor parking spaces needed for the School and the Design Team will study the location of visitor parking spaces for use by the Flex Field.

6. There was a brief discussion about an overhead walkway from the Flex Field to the Playground, but the construction cost for this was a concern and any feasibility will be studied by the Design Team.

7. The Design Team will review the fire truck access at the Service Yard.

8. The Design Team will determine the best location for the dumpsters.

B. DISCUSSION OF THE FLOOR PLANS

1. Discussion of the floor plans centered around proposed revisions to the Dining Commons/Gymnasium area in the New Addition.

2. The PAT discussed the desire for a one way flow of students in the Dining Serving Area. The Design Team will study this request and work on the layout of this space.

3. Tables for an extended dining area, etc. were requested by the PAT for the courtyard area.

4. Hose bibs and electrical outlets are desired by the PAT in the courtyard area for events.

5. The Design Team will review the size of the Basketball Court to ensure that it meets the HISD requirement for Middle School athletic programs.

C. NEXT STEPS

1. The Design Team was requested to look at the HISD Wilson Montessori School site and consider some of their site features for discussion and consideration.

2. Additional development of the Courtyard area will be reviewed at the next PAT.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

A. There were no additional questions from the PAT.

ACTION ITEMS:

2-1 The Design Team to review some of the Wilson Montessori School site features for possible application to the WDLA campus.

2-2 The Design Team to further develop the central courtyard area to accommodate various school events.
2-3 The Design team to study the fire track access at the Service Yard and determine the best location for the dumpsters.
2-4 The Design team to further develop the desire for a one way flow of students through the new Dining Serving Area.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:
   1. Discuss and review further development of the WDLA site/floor plan design concepts from Munoz/AutoArch.

NEXT PAT MEETING: December 14, 2015 @ Wharton DLA; Receptionist to confirm Meeting Room Location

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

Sincerely,

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