Meeting Minutes

Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School

MEETING NO.: 010
LOCATION: Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School
DATE / TIME: March 11, 2014, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
ATTENDEES: Yi-Ching Wu, Teacher; Chaolin Chang, Principal; Dane Roberts, Assistant Principal; Angie Chen, Parent; Leslie Culhane, PTO; Shelia Wilson, S.I.R.; Melissa Turnbaugh, PBK-Architect; Richard Chi, PBK-Architect; Rick Blan, PBK-Architect; Eric Ford, HISD Facility Design; Bob Myers, Heery-Project Manager

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to continue the discussion of Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet School design development.

AGENDA ITEMS:
- Discuss Community Meeting
- Review and discuss questions and comments from the Community Meeting
- Discuss school site and floor plan development
- What to expect at the next PAT Meeting

NOTES:
Discussion
1. All agreed that the Community Meeting was very successful. The meeting was well attended and many good questions and comments were made.
2. Many comments were related to the site location. Some concern expressed about the surrounding traffic and the impact for access to the new site. A traffic consultant is working on the analysis of the site and will make recommendation for best use of the site.
3. Some questions were related to the adjacent school, St. George Elementary. Discussions have begun with the current St. George Principal about potential shared use of the adjacent sites.
4. Some questions were related to the introduction of middle school students and particularly how athletics for this age group would be provided. The District will continue to study this issue so that all requirements are met.
5. Comments were expressed about how nice and appropriate it is to include Chinese symbolism into the design. It is important to the Community to embrace Chinese culture.
6. The desire to have an area or areas for Community events related to the school is important. Outside areas will be provided that can provide opportunities for many different types of events and activities.
7. Many good comments were made about the Learning Center atrium space. This area will bring light into the heart of the school.
What to Expect Next Project Advisory Team Meeting

1. Continuation of site plan and floor plan development on the new site.
2. Activities for April 2014 will include meetings between the architectural team and school staff to begin design development of individual spaces.

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. PAT: May 13, 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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