Project Advisory Team Meeting Minutes

Parker Elementary School

MEETING: 007
LOCATION: Parker Elementary School
DATE / TIME: March 26, 2014, 3:30 PM
ATTENDEES: Steven Redmond, HISD Program Manager, (URS); Cindy Chapman, Parent – Community Rep; Lori Frodine, Principal; Heather Grosso, Faculty; LaJuan Harris, HISD/Facilities Planner; Dale Harrison, Faculty; Peter Ho, Brave/Architecture; Gregory Kabay, Faculty; Carol Kehlenbrink, PES Magnet Coord; Kathryn Rodgers, Faculty; Susan Shafer, Librarian; Christian Sheridan, Brave/Architecture; Rachel Theurer, Parent; Alean Zufall, PES Secretary; Albert Wong, HISD Design; 6 students from the school

PURPOSE: This meeting was called to review space relationships and the conceptual development of site and floors for the new school.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Introductions
- Parker Students – “Time with the Architects”
- Introduction of Brave/Architecture
- Discussions with the Architects
  - Conceptual Site Plan
  - Conceptual Floor Organization
- What to expect at the next PAT meeting

NOTES:

Discussion:

1. Five Parker students were included in the PAT meeting. The students provided input on the new school to the architect:

   a. We need larger Chorus Room – the students are crowded in the existing room, they need a little personal space.

   b. The Instrument Room needs to be larger. The existing room is cramped; violin players are always bumping into one another.
c. We need to separate the cafeteria from the auditorium. A discussion followed on how performances might work in a new space, and how a stage might be arranged for performances to the outside and flipped to perform to an inside audience.

d. A Warm-Up room is needed adjacent to the Auditorium with instrument storage space, so students do not have to run back and forth from class/music rooms to the performance space.

e. The library needs to be zoned for age appropriate materials; for example; provide zones for pre-K thru 1; second and third grades; fourth and fifth grades.

f. Connect a garden to the classrooms for outdoor learning and experiments.

g. Don’t paint the Girls Restroom pink.

h. The new school should be Eco-Friendly.

i. The new school should have operable windows.

j. The new School should have environmental controls.

2. Architect presented the conceptual site layout and floor organizations and discussed how the comments and recommendations from the charette had been incorporated into the work.

3. Handouts of the plans and diagrams were provided for all attendees (see attached). PAT members are to review and submit questions and comments to HISD.

ACTION ITEMS:

07-01 Review handouts and provide feedback by April 3rd. to Principal Frodine (PAT).

NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting will be on April 23, 2014 @ 3:30 PM

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

Sincerely,

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IDEAS

1. Chorus room 4x bigger!
2. Separate cafeteria & auditorium
3. Bigger library
4. 2 stories shaped like a U (garden in center, so put science classes on the inside near the garden) Green house
5. A gym instead of a mini gym
6. Pool half indoor, half outdoor
7. Larger class rooms
8. Science lab (chea/s?)
9. Real LOCKING stalls in restroom (bigger, more mirrors)
10. Locker rooms
11. 1st floor (K-3) 2nd floor (4-5)
12. back stages in the new auditorium
13. bigger, better playgrounds (swings)
14. merry-go-round
15. better tutoring rooms (bigger)
16. Bigged snack vending machines
17. Don't paint the Girls restroom in pink, try green or random!
18. Every class has a section of the garden
19. Eco-Friendly environment
20. Doors to the restrooms
21. automatic sinks
22. bigger front office/staff offices
23. sinks by the door of the cafeteria and water fountains
24. parking lot and drop off spot
25. open windows