

**Construction Site Committee Meeting  
Lexington Elementary School Room 1  
February 25, 2010 - 4:00 PM**

In attendance: Melinda Lum, David Maglaty, two landscape architects (Steve Sutherland and Scott Reeves), Mary Morris, David Freed, Rick Kramer, Kathy Ordner, Claudia Heuser, Lauren Honda, Geri Markey, Kim Gardner, Kathryn White, Michelle Strachan, Eric Anslinger.

David introduced Rick Kramer to discuss the schedule and he told the group that we are in schematic design and will be until April. Water is being brought to the site this summer. We are exploring building a quick building at Fisher to accommodate us for interim housing at Fisher. Any additional portables at Fisher will start the design phase relatively soon and we will install portables in Spring. We will be in the P wing and using some portable classrooms while we are interim housing at Fisher. The Fisher students will be in the new 2-story modular building.

In the Spring of 2011 we will go through the entire bidding process and move Lexington down the hill in June of 2011 and start construction soon after that. David asked that the schedule be incorporated in the meeting notes.

The landscape architects were introduced and they spoke to how they are going to preserve as much as possible of the beauty of the site. They stated that we could start at the parking lot and move through the site with what we are expecting. The landscape architects are looking at all feedback and then will prioritize it and determine what can stay based on the budget.

We are not looking at the upper parking lot but the lower parking lot edge and the campus. There are concerns about the trees around the perimeter to make sure we keep as many trees as we can. Geri asked that the proposed island be removed so parents can loop around to the pick up drop off area. The redwoods can tolerate construction pretty close to them, the oaks can't, stated the landscape architect.

Lauren Honda said she wants to see us protect the large old oak tree on the site. The landscape architects assured her they would protect that tree.

Around the trees the custodian has to remove the leaves from the gutters, can we have covered drains, asked David.

David said let's stick to the parking lot area for consideration at this time. Let's make sure the parking area is red. A place to sit and with some shade trees for coverage would be nice. Angular parking spaces were preferred by the group. But this is an issue with the fire marshal. We don't know at this time how many parking spaces we will have.

David said he visited a school where the covered parking was solar panels and covered walkways/eating spaces were solar panels as well.

In this setting the architects are drawn to native oak trees for the parking area. They will fit best in the setting. The current garbage can placement takes away parking, stated a committee member. We will have an enclosed trash area, said Melinda.

We talked about gates for the site security and how that will look to preserve the fire access lane. Dedicated parking for maintenance people and also ADA parking. The gate would be made of tube steel. We talked about how we could secure the lower field area. Walking gates could be open on the weekends but we would want to make it skateboard proof, stated David. The walkway down from the upper parking lot could use some upgrading with more tanbark and lighting, as well, stated Kim.

Let's talk about how the patio area will be used. Committee members saw this area as a good place for congregation for parents and kids, kiosks for sign ups, staging for play performances, etc.

David asked if he could have a covered eating area at the side of the multi. We would have a balance of the structures and the trees there.

Geri wanted to see a tree at the back of the multi and Rick said the downside of that is that PV's don't do well next to trees.

The flagpole location will be discussed later as we figure out how everything will be laid out.

Lauren said she wanted to see some deciduous trees and blooming ones would be preferred. Mulberry trees would be good for feeding silk worms. Kathryn said she does lessons on plants and would like to see various kinds of plants the kids could find and study.

Little benches on the corners out front would be preferable as well.

The landscape architects envisioned stadium seating with landings to the lower field and at the landings there would be room for several learning gardens on either side of the bleachers.

Clubhouse uses the grass area a lot for slip-n-slide and other water games and grassy area play, stated one of the teachers. We could focus the main open area for active play and the smaller play area for smaller kids to use as their play area.

Sand boxes aren't at the other schools and there are some reasons why they are not that sanitary. Cats use them and dogs as well. You then have a breeding ground for

germs, stated Mary. Kathryn said she would like to see a couple of sand boxes at the site.

As for the teacher's bar-b-que area outside, there will be an outside patio area for staff outside the staff lounge. We have to remember parity with other schools when we talk about extras. Perhaps teachers could allocate some space for their bar-b-ques when construction is complete.

David wanted to see two ball walls and some basketball standards including some at a lower height. We have two full size courts now. Kids need a place to play when it's wet. We need three tetherball poles. We need to get all of that in there and keep it feeling opening, as well.

We will need to open up our lower field too. The group asked for markings on the lower field to designate soccer and baseball areas.

Grass and backtop on the upper level would be nice but we need the ball walls and room for blacktop play more importantly.

Life lab and learning gardens could be incorporated in the hill going down to lower field space.

What's the transition between play area and walkways, someone asked. We need to designate clearly where those areas are.

David said maximum growth would be 230 and we are at 185 right now. We would need to plan for area to grow into if need be.

Trees are nice for shade because it gets pretty hot here, said Michelle.

If any trees have to go down could be use the wood for benches or some other outside furniture on site, asked Lauren.

Patricia said she would like to see benches around the perimeter of the blacktop area. She said parents come and sit and also kids do projects outside the classrooms.

Landscape architects said they could make a green space edge to buffer sound and add some softening to the area. It could provide a place for science activities.

Let's make the area as "green" as possible, sustainable and low maintenance if possible.

We will have the maintenance dept talk to the landscape architects regarding what they would like to see soon too.

More discussion regarding landscaping will follow after the landscape architects take back the ideas given to them at this meeting.

Next meeting will include some discussion of how the teachers would like to see their classrooms laid out. They have some cut-outs to work with between now and then. Window placement will be important to determine.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next meeting will be at 6:00 PM, March 18<sup>th</sup> and then another meeting will take place at 6:00 PM on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

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