

Lexington Construction Site Committee
Lexington ES - Room 14
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In attendance: Erik Anslinger, Alex Chapman, Ryan Kennedy, Melinda Lum, Kathryn White, Lauren Honda, Patricia Vaden, Claudia Heuser, Kathy Ordner, David Maglaty, David Freed.

David Maglaty spoke about the current drawings of what the site will look like. He had four drawings to share. David talked about the plaza that was planned as a big outdoor space to gather. It could be used for bake sales, meetings, gathering space for parents, etc. David stated that architects like these opportunities to plan outdoor space that works well for the school. The buildings speak to each other well.

At the last meeting a suggestion was made to move the daycare building to allow room for a vegetable garden for the kinders and it will be pushed away from the daycare building far enough to allow sun to get in so things will grow.

David said the elevator moved a little to make it equidistant from each classroom and the library. It was moved to the end of the library bldg. There is an added outdoor eating area beside the multi and stadium seating could bring the lower field into the campus better and allow seating for parents to watch sports activities. It would be a great place to "hang out".

The admin building might have a courtyard with decorative gates you could walk into, stated David. The lobby is planned with a conference room on the corner which will hold 6 to 8 people, and speech would be toward the back. Faculty and staff workroom is toward the back and a door could be added for an entrance there. Up front is the nurse's office with good visibility from the front desk and lobby.

David also showed how the campus would look if the faculty dining room was moved more to the back of the campus side of the admin building. A corridor runs straight through to allow easy movement through the building.

David explained that the four drawings he shared were first passes. There is plenty of time to manipulate and get it refined to something that works well for the staff.

A question was asked about the location of the staff lounge. If it had a lot of windows, would it then allow students to peer in as teachers ate lunch? David said landscaping could be used to deter close up peering through the windows.

We may have clerestories to allow more light to get into the rooms, as well. David said, we need to consider window coverings. And covered walkways would help with shading so that the sun will not make the rooms too hot.

There is one staff toilet planned in the admin bldg and one in the library bldg. Melinda said that the admin bldg will be a panelized bldg instead of steel moment frame and will allow more flexibility in layout.

The group liked the layouts they saw and now the architects will begin thinking out casework and Jill Mayo will need to look to see what she thinks of the placement of everything in the admin area.

The multi needs to do a lot of things, stated David. You need to be able to eat in it, perform in it, store in it. We looked at storage under the stage but in-wall storage seems to be the most practical. David thought that the in-wall tables could have glass above them and between them for light.

He said an outdoor eating area would be planned outside the multi, and it could have lunch shelters or a roof overhang. There would be stair access to the stage and ADA access on the other side.

The stage will take advantage of the nice view too and will have blackout shades to block off the light during productions. A storage area has been provided outside the stage.

David explained that the campus would have an open feel and gates would be on rollers and close when school is in session. A question was asked about really opening up the plaza and outdoor eating area. David Freed said he thought that a lot of window coverings don't block out the light and so daytime productions don't work well because light comes in. David Maglaty explained that there are a lot of black out type blinds and roller shades that would block out all the light.

At the next meeting February 4th we could invite Barbara Lougee and Brian Houg to discuss the stage set up. Kathy could ask Brian to email his thoughts on the stage set up if he can't attend. Lauren and Patricia said Barbara could decide what the needs are and input from Brian may not be needed.

David Maglaty will come back with information on how the multi will be different from all the modular buildings.

Discussion moved to the library building. It will be a two-story and have a dedicated stairwell. The elevator will be on one end of the building. On the ground floor will be the resource room, boys and girls toilet rooms, data and electrical rooms, music storage, kiln room and flex room. A staff toilet will be on the first floor as well. On the second floor will be the library and a classroom. Bookshelves will be low (maximum four feet tall) so as not to obstruct views. Tall shelves will be against a wall with no outside wall. The rest of the building will have windows to allow views.

The stairs will be covered but open. The stairs will be stand-alone structures not attached to the building. You won't hear people walking on the stairs in the adjoining rooms. The manufacturers provide them that way.

Melinda said she has seen some stairs that are completely enclosed. These are at Luther Burbank School. Melinda said interior stairs would add a lot to the cost, however.

An arborist is currently working on tagging all the trees and a report will come soon so that architect planning could take the trees into account for the site plan. David Freed talked about fire exit from the campus. Where would the school assemble and where would we vacate? Discussion will take place with the fire marshal to work this out.

Melinda will send some drawings to the teachers so they can decide where the teaching walls should be and how the rooms should be laid out. All the classrooms need to be laid out the same so it will be a majority rule. Kinders will need to be mirror images of each other.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 4:00 PM. The next one after that is February 25th at 6:00 PM. The next one after that is March 18th at 6:00 PM. Melinda said that would wrap up our meetings because HMC will need to be in schematic design by then.

Respectfully submitted,

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