

**Construction Site Committee Meeting
Fisher Middle School
February 24, 2010 - 3:15 PM Fisher Library**

In attendance: Lisa Fraser, Jim LaTorre, Jeri Gravel, LezLi Logan, Randi Chen, Shelley Gage, Janet Dunphy, Kathy Ordner, Melinda Lum, Rick Kramer.

What will be presented at the community meeting tomorrow night? The site plan and proposed location for interim gym and the 10 classroom building.

Randi had a question as to how the soccer field would be impacted by the portables for Lexington. Melinda replied we are still working on it.

She showed some imagery on what the new building will look like. She stated that windows will face north.

The district will recommend Meehleis as the contractor for the modular building. Lease leaseback will be the method used by the District to do the construction work on the modular building. This lets the district select the developer without the usual low bid process. Meehleis will work under HMC for the design work on this project.

The committee asked for two bigger classrooms and 8 smaller classrooms last time. However, we need to remember the minimum size for a classroom is 960 square feet so we can't do two bigger classrooms and keep the same footprint size.

A question was asked about formaldehyde and the architects said the design of the building will specify low VOC, and be sustainable, etc.

Soccer field, do we have dimensions of a full size soccer field? HMC has the guidelines. Randi said it doesn't just affect the school but the whole community. We'll take a site plan and draw the encroachment areas.

As far as scheduling – we hope to build quickly. The schedule is tight. Weather is an issue. The whole bottom of the new building needs to be special education. Some things need to be done specially in those rooms.

We hope to start during the summer doing noisy dirty work and the upgrade of utilities (which requires power outages).

We would classify our project as "shovel ready" with DSA and may be able to move the date up a little, stated Rick.

Someone suggested we get a covered eating area like they have at Great America. We could consider some flexible roof type of covered eating area. They are needed at the left of the stage where eating tables are currently. Hopefully, this will be planned with the bond funds we are hoping to get in June.

Lisa's Updates

Updates on Summer school – Lisa explained we had a 50/50 win on this one. We will keep 6th through 8th graders at Fisher and move destination science elsewhere.

We will relocate the entire SPED wing to the bottom floor of the new building (5 classrooms) all classrooms are conjoining with a door. The SPED students will move as a team and need to be in there when Lexington comes over. We will have some follow up on what they need to look like.

Lisa stated she hopes to convert room A104 and A103 to science classrooms, provided science can be accommodated in those classrooms. We could take three classrooms and make them into two science rooms or take four classrooms and make three science classrooms with prep room space. We could create them as earth science classrooms so less lab space is required and less storage. We will need to remember we need parity to the upstairs classrooms as well. We want all students to have a similar lab experience.

Melinda stated that if we need to add lab islands to the classrooms downstairs it would add a great deal of expense. Lisa stated that what works best with the plugged dollar number in the “budget” handout may not get us through five years of growth.

We will need three new science classrooms to accommodate the expected growth. Lisa will let Melinda know if they need islands, teaching walls, upper storage and cabinetry so they can be priced out.

Jim mentioned standards in classrooms now as opposed to what was standard when Fisher was remodeled five years ago. Teachers now have projectors, DVD players, and closed circuit TV's. He asked if the new classrooms would be outfitted with these things. Kathy stated that they would be equipped as the other classrooms in the school to parity.

An update on the community meeting for Lexington held on the 22nd of February at Redwood Pavilion was given. There were 8 to 10 community members present at the meeting that night and HMC gave a presentation on the plans for Lexington modernization. David Maglaty had a 3 dimensional model of what the campus will look like and everyone walked around and looked after the meeting.

Preparation for the community meeting for Fisher the following night was to be prepared to answer questions regarding traffic and pick up/drop off and how this will impact the neighborhood.

Lisa agreed to meet Melinda, Kathy and Rick on the 4th of March at 1:30 PM to walk through the classrooms and talk about how they will need to be used in the future and what they need in terms of upgrades.

The next meeting of the site committee will be March 10th at 3:15 and the discussion points will be SPED wing as a first priority and what the new building will look like. Before that time Melinda will have walked with Lisa to see what a standard classroom will look like and what a standard SPED classroom looks like.

Respectfully submitted,

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