

**Construction Site Committee**  
**March 17, 2010**  
**Fisher Middle School 3:15 – 5:00 PM**

In attendance: Melinda Lum, Kathy Ordner, Rick Kramer, Lisa Fraser, Karen Brodine, Randi Chen, Shelley Gage, Lezli Logan, Christie White, David Maglaty.

Lisa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Schedule update:

Discussion items -

Security gate/stair enclosure – Rick asked Lisa if she locked up the campus during after hours and weekends. The side gates are locked during school hours, the main entrance is always open. Weekends it's open until 10 PM was the reply. The new building would be outside of the current fenced area. We could move the fencing to close the campus by making the fencing go from the Y wing to the G wing and enclose the new building within the campus area, stated Kathy. This would help increase security for the campus. Also it's good for lunch because we tell the kids to eat their lunch within the school area before going out to the play areas, said Lisa.

The walkway will be in the same location pretty much but with some thought to keeping out of the drip line of the trees, said Melinda. We will be using the same walkway and making it a little wider to accommodate the number of people who will be using it. It will be 8 to 10 feet wide. We could keep the existing rolling gate and add another rolling gate, stated Rick. Melinda said she could take a closer look for panic hardware requirements on gates.

Lisa said she had a chance to talk to others and they are ready to limit the panic about the enclosed stairs and high railings. Lisa said she didn't think the teachers really wanted the "prison" look. They thought it set the climate and lighting would have to be compromised.

Lisa said the money would be better spent on building upgrades and things we need more than to spend it on completely enclosed stairwells.

It could serve the Fisher community well to keep the costs down so we have the money to do other projects we really need, such as covered eating areas, which we really need. Students gravitate to covered stairwells when it's hot if they don't have other covered areas to be in.

Building Design Aesthetic - David Maglaty showed the images from last week, with the cantilevered upper balcony version and the columned look. He said he had a problem with the "prison look" for the stair enclosure. He thought about a material HMC has used elsewhere and its stainless steel material. It would look very nice on

the guardrails, is handsome, is transparent in light and very durable and gives great security. You could build an enclosure for the upper stairs with a door and the lower stair would be open. Lisa said she liked it. It could be used at the railing too.

It's being used at Santana Row somewhere, said Melinda. So you could go by Santana Row and take a look if you want to see it. There are companies that can provide this look for us at different costs. Rick thought it might be \$25K to do but it's very durable, there's minimal maintenance to it, no painting required. It doesn't fade because it's stainless steel.

We showed the railing at 48" in the rendering which is pretty high, said David. The group thought that the higher the better. Melinda said they were hoping to extend the walkway width so there was plenty of room to walk.

If we like this aesthetic we could look at using it for the railing as well as for the end enclosures. The door needs to be a little wider like a gate type so as to accommodate both up and down traffic. Lisa is fine with enclosing only the upper landing. The door would be blocked open during school hours. We will have six-foot wide stairs outside, said Melinda.

Four feet is the perfect height for the railing, said Christie. The stainless steel material should be done to the roof at the ends, said Lisa. As for columns, it would cost more to add columns all along the building. The columns would be on the ends to support the stairs, and Lisa said she liked them all along the building because they prevent the kids from using the area as a raceway. The group preferred the look of the columns. HMC will proceed with this in mind.

Rick said the columns would give a more rigid structure and there won't be a great deal of expense to add them.

Review Plan Revisions - Melinda showed the plan with stairs on the ends and janitor closets added on first and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. A classroom on the end bottom will have a markerboard and will be laid out so that it could have a temporary wall separator if need be later on.

Is there any additional casework requirements from the SPED group, asked Melinda? Lisa said she hadn't heard there were any.

Men's and women's toilets and mechanical/electrical closet is added. The classrooms on the lower floor will have a tall storage cabinet and teaching wall. We can only put one of the tall storage cabinets in the front because of the clearance space we need, said Melinda.

The science classroom layout can be made at another date, as we don't need that decision today.

We have some work to do related to the Lexington move from P-wing, but we don't need to make any of those decisions today. We will also need to figure out the permanent room changes, but that will be two summers from now.

Lisa said when parents get the notice that their kid is not going to get a full lab experience, they would be upset. So she wants to see the science rooms be fully operational for the year of 11-12. We do not want to wait until the following year to permanently fix those rooms in the admin building.

Review Modernization Scope - Melinda said soon we will want to have the room moves and have the conversations with the teachers. Next year is status quo with the classrooms, said Lisa. Next year the P wing inhabitants will move to the new building and so will SPED. In that same window of time, we would need to be ready to make room assignments for science etc, said Lisa.

If we move sixth grade downstairs we are actually moving the same number we have, said Lisa, and if we get additional overflow it would have to be to one of the upstairs rooms anyway. If we get a big bubble of 6<sup>th</sup> graders, there would be three science classrooms downstairs and one upstairs. We need to be sure we have parity.

We need to decide on the retrofitting of P-wing for the following year.

We talked a little about the growth expected and the upcoming housing projects in the area and how it will impact us.

Lisa thanked David for doing the extra work to provide a security choice for them that will work well.

Lisa will do the groundwork needed until it's time for the committee to meet again. We don't need to schedule another meeting right away, said Melinda.

Questions and Comments –

Lisa talked to the music folks and one of the things they would like would be an outside locker for the kids' musical instruments? Lisa is not in favor of that. So the suggestion was what about cubbies for the kids to put their instruments in before they get in the room.

Lisa said as soon as she provides cubbies then the school seems responsible for the items in them rather than have the kids put their things down at the door. So she will do more investigation on this.

Melinda said what about a cart they could put the instruments on. A volunteer might be able to help out with this.

Lisa asked Melinda to think interior solutions for kids once they are in the room. Maybe a stand for the cellos and storage for some of the smaller instruments would work. More discussion on this will follow later.

Let's set another meeting for April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:15 PM in the Fisher Library, said Melinda. Meeting was scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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