

**BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD / FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Board Members: David Amaditz, Donna Cook, Dick Rose, Ron Sustich, Russ Spicuzza, Chuck Schewble, Dan Duff.

District Staff: Dr. Tom Knight, Matt Howard, Vicki Flotta.

Architects: Dick Fox, Charles Yazembiak, Kevin Hayes.

1. The purpose of meeting was to present general update of the design development activities, especially the physical education wing, and an update on Planning and Zoning activities.
2. Dick Fox stated that design development (DD) activities are being staggered to allow information to be given to Massaro in pieces versus all at once. This will help Massaro develop their DD cost estimate and meet the aggressive schedule of the project.
3. Kevin Hayes informed the meeting that a meeting on the variance appeal is to be held in front of Judge James on September 16th. There is no expected time frame for any decision or action by the judge at this time.
4. Dick Fox presented a sketch of a typical classroom. Each is almost square in configuration for maximum flexibility. The ceiling is sloped from the corridor towards the exterior wall. This will improve acoustics and allows larger windows for more natural light to enter the room. Clerestory windows in the corridor wall will allow some daylight to pass into the corridor. An area of the room's front wall will be designated for a technological display area, either a flat screen TV or an interactive LED screen. HVAC, both heating and cooling, will be supplied at the exterior wall down low and have air returned high on the corridor side. All boards will be markerboards. No chalkboards.
5. Kevin Hayes reviewed the proposed plan for the Administrative Suite, including the Administrative Offices. Entrance from the front vestibule will be controlled with a buzzer entry system, and monitored with cameras. The reception area will include a security desk and attendance area. The administrative staff will be adjacent to the reception area. The Health Suite will be adjacent to both the Administrative Offices and Guidance, with entry from the Administrative Offices and the public corridor. This will also be true for the Guidance Suite. The Athletic Directors offices will have entry to the admin. Areas and the public corridor, but will also have a transaction window serving the vestibule of the Physical Education entrance. The mail room will allow teaching staff to be logged in through a electronic access pad, and gate.

6. Kevin Hayes reviewed the Physical Education spaces. He reviewed the Team Rooms, swimming locker rooms, natatorium and rifle range on Level 2. It was noted that the size of the swimming lockers will have to be reviewed to confirm they are adequate. There was much discussion on how visiting football teams would be handled. They could arrive and take showers at games in the boys' locker room on Level 3. Either they could access this from Level 4 by entering the stair tower adjacent to the Physical Education Building entrance, and going down a level to the locker room; or entering at level 2 walking around the floor to the stair tower adjacent and below the Physical Education entrance, and going up to Level 3. The Board seems to prefer the latter to segregate the players from the public. Level 3 will include the auxiliary gym pool seating, physical education locker rooms, the main gym floor, the adaptive gym and the weight/fitness rooms. Level 4 will have space above the adaptive gym that will hold a folding partition between two spaces. This will create a multi-purpose space that could house large group instruction, dances, meetings, and classes.
7. Dick Fox presented more detailed designs for the courtyard and entry plazas. The courtyard will be gated to provide a segregated and secured space. There will be terraced, landscaped spaces, with some hardcourt areas adjacent to the cafeteria and the Level 1 art room space. An accessible path from the access road adjacent to Purkey Field will be taken to the cafeteria entrance.

The entry plaza will have a canopy at the main entrance that will cover the entry doors and possibly some of the entry road. The drop-off area is generous for cars and even a bus. Ramps will accommodate both. Landscaping against the building will make the entrance more welcoming. Walkways around the plaza will funnel people from parking areas to the main entrance. A location for the bell will be provided adjacent to entry plaza.

8. The animation that will be displayed at Community Day was reviewed showing a "fly-by" around the building.
9. The entry canopy is being studied to develop options that vary in design style, ranging from a traditional, to transitional, to progressive. The Architects will develop these options.
10. **The next meeting of the Facilities Committee will be Thursday September 25, 2008 immediately after the Board's regularly scheduled meeting in the District Administration Building..**

The foregoing constitutes the Architects' understanding of the major points of the meeting. Any corrections, changes or modifications requested can be directed to the Superintendent's office, and copied to the Architects.

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