

B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project

Design Steering Committee Meeting

Convened at Geraldton Composite HS
Teleconference Access

Tuesday, April 20, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BAPS Steering Committee	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Barrett, Chantal Community Rep	X					Luomala, Al Principal (GCHS)	X				
Chiupka, Wayne Plant Manager (SGDSB)			X			MacOdrum, Kaitie Student (BAPS)	X				
Czerwinski, Vance Community Rep	X					Mannisto, Mark Board Chair (SGDSB)		X			
Davis, Julie Parent Council (GCHS)	X					Pella, Patti Director (SGDSB)			X		
Davis, Kirsti Student (GCHS)	X					Penna, Linda Principal (BAPS)	X				
Davis, Patti Support Staff (GCHS)	X					Slomke, Lisa Parent Council (BAPS)	X				
Kurish, Cathy Teacher (BAPS)	X					Sutherland, Nancy Support Staff (BAPS)	X				
Lindsay, Heidi Teacher (GCHS)	X					Turner, Jim Trustee (SGDSB)	X				

1.0 Welcome

At 5:05 p.m., Wayne Chiupka welcomed everyone, advising that Director Patti Pella would be delayed slightly.

He noted that in response to the last meeting, people had a chance to look around the building to see what potential exists to realign the space for the BAPS to fit within the existing GCHS. He requested feedback on the ideas that committee members might wish to offer. These ideas will be taken back to the architects

Wayne referred to his e-mail of April 16-09 that included GCHS dimension diagrams (left and right side), the MMPS April 99 Floor plan and the BAPS Project Info during the course of his discussions. He also referred to the last the Manitouwadge HS as the newest high school project and the Dorion PS which as a student load of 193, although not occupied by that many bodies. He noted that with the move back to the drawing board on sketches, a more appropriate reference for BAPS project is DOPS both in terms of space and enrolment. After discussions with the Ministry regarding some of the first plans ventured it is clear that the ministry is looking to a build that accommodates 200 FTE in BAPS. He suggests this is good thing, since at this time BAPS enrolment is much lower.

2.0 Open Discussion

V. Czerwinski: Suggested that everyone had thoughts, some drawings done by people too. He asked how this information could be shared. Wayne is interested in seeing these and advised that members can scan their diagrams and e-mail these to him.

- P. Pella: Noted that it appears from some of the ongoing discussions that ideas of administration and committee are coming together with a consensus being to take the library and whole section of Confederation College, along with the welding shops.
- W. Chiupka: The snag with the college is that they did a lot of specialized renovation before amalgamation. Use of agreement contract was signed with the former Beardmore/Geraldton Longlac Board of Education. In addition, there are ventilation issues to be addressed as the installation was quite an elaborate venture.. Relocation, though not impossible, could be costly
- P. Pella: Noted that this agreement would be reviewed with a mind toward looking at the kind of expenses involved for relocating the college area into another part of the GCHS. Our priority with the building is the day school facilities. Job Connect office is part of the college service.
ACTION: She will check with the college on whether the full space it now occupies with Job Connect portion is still in demand as one idea offered is to use the Job Connect space for a new area for school main office. She noted that with the high unemployment in the area, it is possible that more users are in and out of the college area now.
- W. Chiupka: Relocation, though not impossible, could be costly ...he mentioned \$500,000.
- L. Slomke: Does anyone know if moving all this technology is costly?
- P. Pella: We have moved computer labs and connections in other facilities for a number of reasons. Rewiring was mostly done through the summer break as it does take time, but it is definitely an option. Installing new outlets does add costs.
- L. Slomke: Requested that the cost of the last such "technology" renovation be investigated
- W. Chiupka: Cautioned group about doing such work while the contractors were on site. Having our personnel around could be viewed by contractors as a disruption, they could wait it out and then charge the project more.
- Question: Can we have two plans go to the ministry and if first plan nixed the second can be presented?
- N. Sutherland: Suggested that board administration is projecting a decline in enrolments, but she believes that people are staying because they have home that are not selling and they cannot leave. She inquired about how administration determines its projections.
- P. Pella: Advised that the Superintendent of Business in consultation with the area principals works on a formula which to-date has been quite accurate.
ACTION: She will have Bruce Rousseau attend the next meeting to go over the measures he uses to calculate projected enrolment.
- W. Chiupka: Reiterated that, the project is sanctioned as one to house 200 FTE students, this means a total of seven classrooms and two rooms for JK/SK. He believes, given enrolment projection it is not improbable that by opening date of September 2011, the FTE could be about 100 students.
- W. Chiupka: At this time, he offered numerous facts on acceptable space allotment for various area in a school, such as
- minimum dimension for elementary classroom is 750² feet

- minimum secondary classroom size is 725² feet
- MMPS library is about 1100² feet
- Bathrooms need to be big enough just to be legal...architects are cognizant of all these issues and would move ahead straight out of the building code

- L. Penna: Made numerous suggestion for groups consideration
- Preferred consensus is that BAPS has its own gymnasium...can we use the welding shop to make a gym?
 - Perhaps a way to make it happen is have a small gym area for the JK to Gr. 6 students
 - The grade 7 & 8 could use the small gym if high school gym is in use for program, otherwise the grade 7 & 8 could share the big gym around the secondary program?
 - Suggests that some space saving elsewhere by adding a bit more to the library so that it could accommodate a computer lab This makes the library 100% functional through school day with books available for research and student project work and at the same time, it is used regularly for the curriculum around computers and technology
 - In the scheme for BAPS things like the snack program need to be retained
 - A language program room attached to the library i
 - Given the idea that we are going to be more of a community school...perhaps we should look at the swimming pool area, getting qualified lifeguards and using it for program.
- J. Turner Responding to L. Penna's ideas, he suggested there be discussion with the town to work things out with them because they do have the staff and insurances. It might be a worthwhile venture for them in that program could be offered 12-months a year. Likes the idea as it makes more sense to use the pool than fill it in, but expects it is best to wait and see what comes back from the architects.
- L. Slomke: Responding to L. Penna's about the snack program asked if the cooking room at the high school could be looked at for shared use for the snack program. Wayne clarified that was in fact the family studies room at the high school.
- P. Davis: Will the architect be taking another tour of the school to rework the plans?
- W. Chiupka: Yes, I will be advocating for that approach.
- N. Sutherland: She suggested that for a maintenance office, an area beside the head custodian office might be usable. In addition, an area in Thursday Wing behind the trophy area is available. Can custodians use space up above in the auto to do small repairs?
- K. Davis: Inquired...will there be any updates given to the GCHS.
- P. Pella: **ACTION:** Suggested that she and K. Davis work on a plan to address the information.
- J. Davis: Asked about the area over the old Chateau Jeunesse office werhe there is a set of triple doors, do we need this?
- W. Chiupka: Expects this is likely an exit for heavy traffic...he will ask the architect
- P. Pella: **ACTION:** Will forward to A. Luomala the information on how the Manitouwadge High School space is being used for programme.
- W. Chiupka: End notes on space for GCHS program

- Dorion PS is 21000² feet with the child care space and a community kitchen
- This project not quite the same but even with the BAPS build inside GCHS given the dimensions of the school within the school, there will still be 14,000² feet of GCHS left untouched

3.0 Review Minutes

Committee members asked for some corrections on the attendance recorded for April 7th meeting.

4.0 Update: Ministry of Education

5.0 Project Timelines

Given the ministry clearly would not approve an addition to the GCHS to house BAPS, the schematics must be done again and it is going to delay the opening. Target date to open would be moved to September 2011.

6.0 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be scheduled around when we the blue prints are back.

7.0 Adjournment

The meetings adjourned at 6:26 p.m.