

B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project

Design Steering Committee Meeting

Convened at Geraldton Composite HS
Teleconference Access

Wednesday June 24, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.

M I N U T E S

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 Introductions

- Patti welcomed everyone advising that the schematic presented today is one that keeps the budget constraints in mind, but still serves the children of B.A. Parker PS.
- In 2009-2010 enrolment is projected to be 168 FTE, while in Sept 2011 projections continue in decline to 150
- Given these projections, if there is a sudden increase it can be accommodated with two kindergarten spaces available, an conversely if decrease is experience, we could easily combined JK/SK classes
- GCHS administration has identified things it used to have onsite, one of which was a weight room...if extra space needed we could look to Confederation College area and/or Family Studies Room
- The pool area in GCHS is a valuable resource to Greenstone and it is not our intention that the pool be dismantled. Also would use much of the budget...projected at about \$500,000 to decommission
- We tried to push for separate gym for BAPS, but the ministry will not allocation any more funds for a separate gymnasium. Ministry will not approve a third gym, i.e., double gym in GCHS and another in BAPS
- The double gymnasium currently housed at in GCHS is one that can serve all students by creating dual schedule in the school with priority times for both panels factored into a schedule. We know there are priority times such as lunch periods where team practices are critical, but the fact is there are times when there are no students using it at all.
- The location of the elementary section would be cordoned off by fire doors and during the trek from the school to the gym area; an elementary teacher would be with the children at all times.

2.0 Presentation of School Plan:

2.1 Study #14: Within Budget Estimates

Wayne Chiupka proceeded to outline the issues contained within the Study #14 drawing and invited a free-flow of comments and feedback through the course of his address.

- Sketch has one key feature...it is on budget. All other ideas to-date were not close when costs were calculated
- GCHS Principal and I have discussed that schools space and if need be to accommodate we could look at sawing off space like the weight room, computer room or staff room. The drawing shows where some of the high school space has been redistributed...on the right side, of the drawing an art room is illustrated as Mr. Luomala felt we could accommodate this here and it has a secure space for lock-up.
- In this scheme, we have a comparable space to Marjorie Mills, i.e., it has six classrooms and one JK/SK room. BAPS design has five classes and two kindergarten rooms
- A big change is the movement of Contact North from current space to the old French school office...we have talked casually with them
- In the renovation, it is our intent to have Confederation College and Contact North enter the building from another egress, and not the entrance it currently uses.
- At GCHS, the foods and sewing room get combined into a family studies space in what used to be the old Designs space....treated like a technical program wing
- The old Design space would move up to where the Outers were, and the Outers moves to another area yet to be determined. Some of the storage needs for Outers could be handled in places outside the building, i.e., current BAPS has a nice storage shed to utilize if need be. There are small offices and miscellaneous rooms that can be looked t as potential storage sites in the main GCHS building as well.

2.2 Study #14: Partial Section

- Administration office area is 941 square feet...with space for Spec Ed in that area too
- Computers positioned off the library...there are a couple of approaches to section this off, i.e., using folding partition.
- Washroom locations, roughed, storage, custodial room
- Managed to map out room for kitchen, in the current food lab, possible staff room in that vicinity too
- Five classes down the side
- The access where Room 5 is situation would have an exit only door and would be alarmed doors
- Answering an inquiry about class shown in an upstairs area...W. Chiupka said currently there is a class up there for GCHS, and through renovations, it would remain in use for the high school. It is not wheel chair accessible, so the eventual goal is to get everything down onto the main floor
- It is not feasible to look at a handicapped lift

Gymnasium Use

- Current double gym requires scheduling for everyone's use...staff need to talk about how best to share
- In busier semester we must be creative, principals to discuss with staff and set out blocks of time....be creative with scheduling
- L. Penna provided example of where potential to schedule exists, i.e.,
 - BAPS has a Literacy Block for 120 minutes in the morning providing a window for GCHS program use
 - If Grade 7/8 are using weights as part of gym class and perhaps the pool, this may take the stress off the gym
- Discussion was had regarding route that elementary students would take to access the gym residing in high school wing

- Design committee raised concern about elementary students route to the gym through GCHS domain, i.e., minimize potential to encounter high school or Confederation College students during their trek to/from gym
- Jim Turner suggested sheltered area could be created by putting a corridor through the change area
- W. Chiupka will bring suggestion to architects as the idea has merit and potential, i.e., building a corridor as a walkway and a door into the gym
- Further suggestion was...move the fire doors up to augment the separation of Confederation College from school population
- A window to the corridor and the main foyer would be helpful to administration office

Parking

- Teacher parking for the high school will have to be worked out
- Parking will be as close as possible and still be legal
- W. Chiupka suggested that assigned parking may be an option employed

3.0 Updated Timelines

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- Comments from this evening will be incorporated
- Send this to architect to produce official drawing
- Tender in January 2010
- Close by February 2010
- Finalize contract March 2010
- Phase 1 would see concentration on high school pieces of the plan
- Phase 2 would be new build for BAPS
- Objective to have Sept 2011 opening of new BAPS

3.2 Future Meetings of Design Committee and Communication

- P. Pella advised the committee's work on design essentially concludes as official drawings would incorporate the feasible suggestions offered over the last eight months
- Encouraged group to continue contact with Trustee J. Turner and M. Mannisto
- Purpose of further meetings would be to provide updates
- GCHS Newsletter can include regular updates
- L. Penna suggests that with the imminent update of school homepages, updates can be included here too and the SGDSB main webpage could be used to point public to the schools' web pages

4.0 Adjournment

- P. Pella thanked the committee for their work, adding that the staff, parent and student perspective contribute to a more successful build in light of the financial constraints.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.