

**WEST JEFFERSON HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE WEBEX CONFERENCE CALL
1-12-15**

Present:

*Debbie Pozycycki, Chair
Larry Payne, WTW Architects
Kieran Wilmes, Grimm+Parker
Anthony Lucarelli, Grimm+Parker
Ryan Snodgrass, Dir. Of Facilities*

*Tracy Harris, Dir. Of Finance
Alan Caponi, Board Member Rep.
Thomas Risley, Jefferson Hills
Bonnie Dyer, Dir. Of Curriculum
Steve Parker, Grimm+Parker*

*Laura Meador, Grimm+Parker
Marianne Neel
Shauna D'Alessandro*

Mr. Lucarelli opened the meeting at 12:08 PM and asked participants to introduce themselves. Mr. Wilmes then presented a review of the purpose of this meeting:

- Interim progress review
- Responses and additions to schematics as a result of the Committee meeting on 12/18/14
- Prepare for Committee meeting of 1/15/15
- Submission due to Turner Construction by 1/16/15
- Need to begin work on D&D (development & detail)
- Floor Plan Updates
- Study of District Offices
- Study of Main Entrance

Floor Plan Updates (Kieran Wilmes):

- Consolidated Science program on Upper level to minimize travel distance between labs
- Moved chemical storage closer to chem labs
- Moved Graphics Lab near Arts & Technology on 2nd floor
- Moved Drama room near to other English classrooms
- Moved Social Studies classroom to Upper Level for total of 3
- Special Ed classroom new Math Wing on Upper Level

Mrs. Pozycycki confirmed with Mr. Snodgrass that the changes mentioned above will be discussed with the Department Heads before the Thursday Meeting. Mr. Risley stressed informing the teachers that the classrooms are interchangeable (all the same size) and may be moved around if necessary.

Lower level:

- There is a concern about the size of the IT suite. Need to “right size” this space. Received the IT “wish list” right before the holiday. Mr. Risley would like for the committee to review these plans.
- “T” on the schematics refers to toilets, or rest rooms. Gray shading on schematics refers to non-program spaces.

District Offices:

- Several schematics were proposed regarding the location of the Administration Building: East of music Wing, North of Music Wing, East of Arts/Tech Wing, South of Common Lawn

Option 1:

- Detached, in front of Auditorium; location not best for visibility of school
- Trickier to maintain
- Would have to create longer walkways
- Will cover lighting of Arts rooms

Option 2:

- Connects internally to the high school
- Separate public entry
- Separate student entry

Option 3:

- Closer to Arts/Tech Wing
- In back of the high school
- Separate student and public entries
- Possibly reduce parking space to eliminate further grading of land

Option 3B:

- Connects music and Arts/Tech corridors
- Concern about where to park the Band trailer – where is the road?
- Recommend moving the building further toward the back

Mrs. Pozycycki stated that this is the best plan she has seen so far. Mr. Wilmes said he will add this Option to the submission for Turner Construction that is due on Friday.

Further discussion took place as to what would happen to the current Administration Building, garage and salt shed.

Option 4:

- Detached
- Located across from the courtyard
- Confirmed by the Committee that this option be deleted

Main Entrance Study:

- Make prominent
- More monumental
- Historical References
- Keep within budget

Option 1:

- Circular entrance
- 2-story space
- Beacon

Option 2:

- Octagonal approach
- 2-story space
- Lantern added to top
- Eliminate from discussion

Option 3:

- Cylindrical form with vertical piers

Option 4:

- Cylindrical with columns
- Suggest using a dome on top instead of windows
- Will include this option in the submission for Turner Construction

Option 4 will be modified after discussion to present an Option 4B.

Wrap-Up:

- Meetings need to be more efficient; have public comments at the end
- Need to discuss development of “Core groups” for decision making at Thursday’s meeting
- Committee looks to WTW and Grimm+Parker for high-ticket items
- Need good rules of operation for this project
- Need information from swim coach on how to use the pool facilities
- Board relying on the committee to make decisions before presenting to them at voting meetings; if committee cannot make decision, the school board will be asked for input
- Pre-scheduled community construction committee meetings are not set in stone; can change according to architect’s schedules
- Ensure committee receives information ahead of time from architects
- Mrs. Pozycki and Dr. Panza will put together agenda for Thursday’s meeting based on information WTW sends to them, such as special meetings or actions during D&D
- Mr. Payne confirmed he will not be presenting slides on Thursday regarding the renovation of the current Administration Building. The building is part of the project and will be attached to the new high school.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 5:30 P.M. in the TJHS cafeteria. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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