

February 3, 2015

Happy Valley Educational Specifications Design Advisory Committee Meeting

Members present:

Angell, Dennis
Cowan, Ron
DeJong, Jill
D'Hondt, Mike
Gazow, Kurt
Moss-Owen, Jamine
Sterling-Chue, LaVonne
Tolliver, Karen

Guests:

Copland, Mike

Matt Flanagan, NAC architect, welcomed the committee and stated the purpose of today's meeting is to update the group on the status of the design and begin interior design discussions.

Brian Love, NAC architect, reviewed what transpired at the meeting at NAC's office on December 17, 2014 that several committee members attended.

Melissa Holland, NAC architect, reviewed design revisions that have occurred since we last met. Items included slight revision to the shape of the Idea Lab, creating more internal storage under stairways, elimination of the "reading deck" off the library, downsizing the library light shaft to create more space and enhance supervision.

Brian discussed some interior design elements including 'sky' and 'city' themes that influence the interior design. Examples of possible colors corresponding to those themes were distributed. He also explained about and distributed possible materials that could be used for exterior and interior surfaces (wainscoting, tackable surfaces, writing surfaces). He also provided examples of how building occupants could view various building systems (electrical, water, air distribution, etc.) and possible wayfinding ideas.

Comments from the committee included appreciation for both the 'calm' and 'vibrant' colors, with caution about using 'trendy' colors that will become dated over time, be difficult to maintain (color match), and being thoughtful about where to create a sense of calmness.

Brian then took the committee on a virtual 3-D tour of several areas of the school, including walking down corridors, into the library, classrooms, shared spaces, cafeteria, etc.

The committee recommended increasing the size of the window from the classrooms into the shared space. If necessary, the small corner window from one classroom into the adjacent classroom could be eliminated to cover the cost of the larger window into the shared space.

The meeting concluded with another virtual 3-D walk into the school from 24th Street down the promenade into the main entrance. Exciting!

The designers will take the feedback received today and then schedule a meeting in 2-3 weeks for another review.