



Minutes Meeting #4 Alderwood Elementary School Ed Spec/Design Advisory Committee Wednesday June 13, 2018

Micah Smith, Alderwood Elementary principal, opened the meeting. Minutes from the June 7 meeting were reviewed and approved. Micah explained this is a visioning session, looking at the Numeric Plan, discussing what spaces need to be included in the new school, and ensuring we stay within the designated square footage.

Ron Cowan, Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities, shared a revised Numeric Program. 55,000 square feet is our model for every new elementary school. After the model was developed, a 450 square foot flex space was added, increasing the square footage to 55,450. Flex space is a multi-use area for our community partners, family resource center, social service agencies, PTA and others.

Ron then shared an additional adjustment to the [Numeric Program](#). The earlier version of the Numeric Program indicated 22 classrooms, however 24 classrooms were built into the elementary school model. By adding the two additional classrooms to the Numeric Program the project is about 1000 square feet larger than it can be. The committee will go through the [Numeric Program](#), looking for opportunities where square footage can be trimmed, as well as areas that they may want to see larger or have been forgotten, with the goal of getting back to 55,450 square feet.

This same challenge was presented at the Parkview committee meeting. Some of the ideas that came out of that meeting that they are continuing to explore, is to reduce classroom size by 25 sq. ft., reduce the gym size while still maintaining full functionality, questioning the need for a librarian office, and reducing itinerant spaces from four offices to three.

Kelli Smith, Dykeman architect, began to review the revised [Numeric Program](#), first looking at each area, making sure spaces are being called by the correct name, and that we have an accurate number and size of rooms.

The committee broke into several small groups, brainstorming opportunities of where some square footage could be saved and where square footage needs to increase because of either functionality of the space or a space was missed.

Suggestions shared by the committee of areas where square footage could be reduced include the following:

- Reduce classroom sizes to 930 square feet. (Aldwerwood's current classrooms range from 900-945 square feet).
- Reduce the size of the gym, while still maintaining full functionality.
- Reduce health room
- Reduce principal's office
- Reduce bookroom storage
- Reduce faculty room

The group also addressed areas where they felt the need to increase square footage:

- An additional adult bathroom
- Additional office/multi-use space (dean, assistant principal, IB coordinator, etc.)
- Time out/quiet spaces (changing the name to student re-set space, safe place).
- Kitchen cooler/freezer space

Kelli stated that with the changes suggested there is a slight surplus in the square footage. She added this is important work and thanked the committee for a really good working session.

At the next meeting on June 21, the committee will break into groups participating in interactive exercises. The architect will bring in a Google Earth photo of the site. Committee members will be given elements of the building where we can move pieces around to see how the building will sit on the site. Then the activity will be repeated with the interior areas, looking at space adjacencies, and how the spaces will fit together. Kelli encouraged the group to think about what is most important about the school in light of meeting the needs of students, staff and community.

Meeting adjourned 5:05 p.m.