



Minutes Meeting #6 Alderwood Elementary School Ed Spec/Design Advisory Committee Wednesday June 27, 2018

Micah Smith, Alderwood Elementary School principal, welcomed the group to Birchwood Elementary School for their final meeting of the initial part of the design process. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

At the committee meeting on Wednesday, June 20, the homework assignment was to review and approve the [Narrative Program](#) and [Detailed Space Requirements](#) with the most recent revisions. Kelli Smith, architect from Dykeman, requested questions, comments and general feedback. There were remarks from the committee regarding kitchen and cafeteria size and storage. Kelli stated as the architects delve more deeply into the design, they would be meeting with people directly related to special programs. They will work with Micah and Executive Chef Patrick Durgan to look more closely at these areas and capture anything that may be missing.

Noise levels in a two-story structure were also discussed. Ron Cowan, Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities, stated that an acoustician would be included in the design process to ensure noise levels are considered.

The committee then reviewed a list from the architects that compiled the group's top five qualities, characteristics and attributes for the new Alderwood school. The list also included items suggested by the community from the June 7 community meeting. This was followed by reviewing the site and building image descriptors that were all part of a brainstorming exercise from Meeting #5 on June 20.

Kelli stated that the architects feel they have received good feedback on the site and building image from the committee and the community. The architects confirmed with the advisory group that they had collected this information accurately.

The group then toured Birchwood Elementary School. Dykeman were the architects on the Birchwood Elementary School rebuild, with construction completed in 2014. Micah instructed the group to look at the different classrooms and learning spaces, encouraging them to think critically; what are they impressed with and would like to do similarly, and what they may want to do differently.

The group then broke into small groups, sharing design descriptors of the Teaching and Learning Environment and Educational Goals, and then shared back their comments with the architects. Kelli said they will take these ideas and use them in the design process for the new school.

In a second small group exercise, the members produced goal statements. The committee reconvened sharing their design goals. From this process, the architects will make a document of Design Goals for Alderwood Elementary School.

Ron spoke to the committee, stating that in the last few weeks the group has shaped the design of an elementary school. The committee is creating something that will touch thousands of students and their families over the next 50 years.

The committee will break for the summer and Dykeman will work on the design. In the fall, the committee will reconvene and Dykeman will share some of their ideas and design concepts.

Meeting adjourned 5:05 p.m.