



## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Shuksan Auxiliary Gym Student Focus Group Meeting**

**November 27, 2018 9:30 a.m.**

Amy Carder, principal of Shuksan Middle School, brought a group of 11 Shuksan student athletes together to learn about and provide input on the design of the new Shuksan Auxiliary Gym. Also, in attendance were Terry Brown, Zervas Group Architects, Jon Butcher, Zervas Group Architects, Dana Smith, Communications Manager and Ron Cowan, Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities.

Everyone introduced themselves by name, grade and their involvement in sports or the project.

Terry Brown showed the students where the new gym was slated to be placed on the site (south of the existing gym near the bus loop) and a 3-D rendering of the new gym. He then showed them the proposed floor plan, explaining the various spaces including the gym itself, storage, restrooms, spectator seating, the Drying Room, scoreboard locations and striping for basketball and volleyball.

Amy then asked the student to turn to a partner and ponder three questions: 1) What do you like about the current Shuksan Gym? 2) What have you seen in other gyms that you would like to see in the new gym? and 3) What are some important things that you would like to be considered in the new gym? Students spent several minutes talking with their partners and then shared their thoughts:

#### **What do you like about the current Shuksan Gym?**

- Adjustable height basketball hoops

#### **What have you seen in other gyms that you would like to see in the new gym?**

- The ability to see into the gym; like the elevated viewing area in the Whatcom gym
- The divider wall in the Kulshan gym that makes the gym quieter

**What are some important things that you would like to be considered in the new gym?**

- Enough mat storage
- More mats
- Don't do a mat lift because volleyballs get stuck
- High ceilings so volleyballs and basketballs don't hit the ceiling
- Reduce noise in the gym
- Bluetooth connectivity to the sound system
- Separate sound system for each half of the gym
- Water fountain in the vestibule
- Water bottle filler
- Nearby restrooms so we don't have to go through the existing gym
- A way to get into the locker rooms without having to go into the existing gym
- Climbing ropes
- Center court logo
- Painted game lines (don't use tape)
- Scoreboards
- Ceiling mounted projector and screen
- Covered play area

Amy thanked the students for being so thoughtful and sharing their ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.