



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Greg Baker, Superintendent
FROM: Shuksan Auxiliary Gym Planning Committee
DATE: March 25, 2019
SUBJECT: Recommended Site and Floor Plan

Introduction

The 2017 Facilities Planning Task Force heard from Shuksan staff that more gym space was needed to meet school needs. Currently, Shuksan does not have the same resources as the other three middle schools in Bellingham for physical education classes, sports and activities; the school also cannot host some home sporting events such as basketball and tumbling/dance due to space constraints.

The Task Force recommended placing a proposal for an auxiliary gym at Shuksan on the 2018 Bond. On February 6, 2018, voters approved a bond issue for several building projects, including an auxiliary gym at Shuksan Middle School.

Committee Work

We formed a 12-member planning committee which included district and school administrative staff, P.E. teachers and coaches.

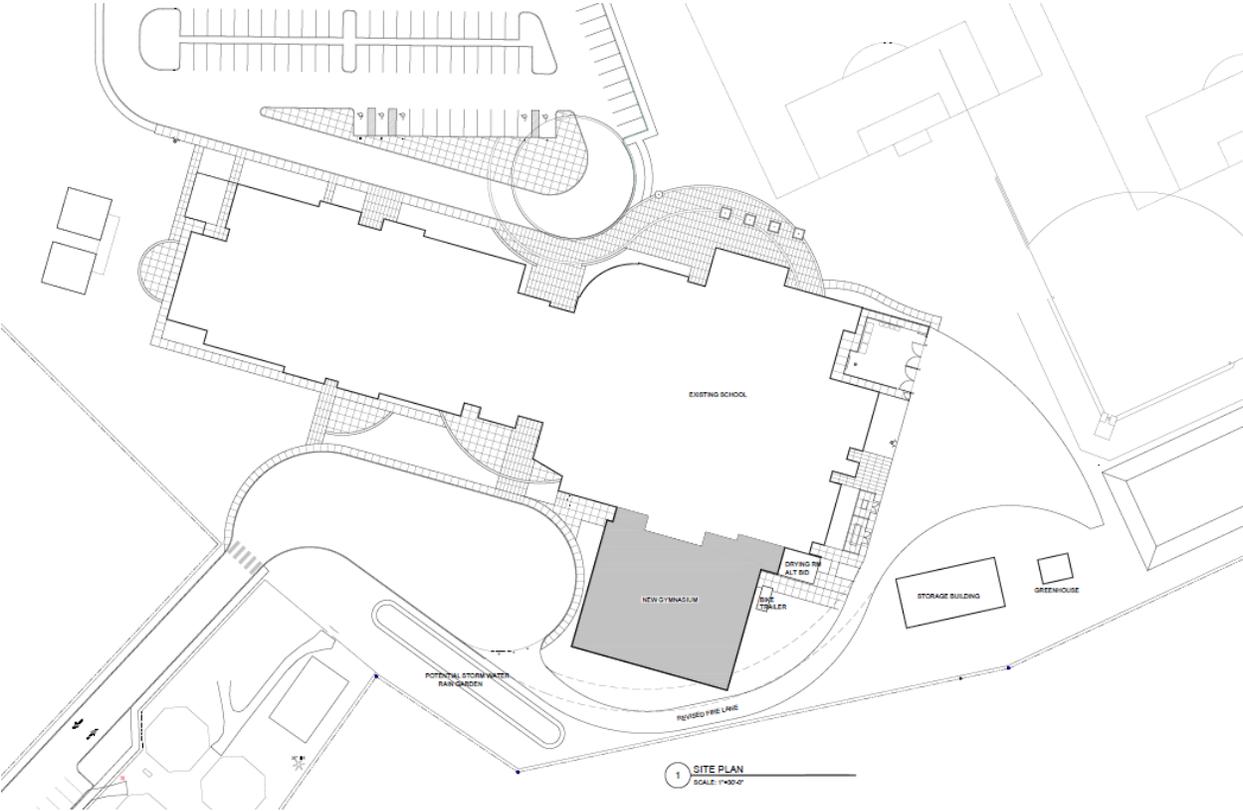
Committee members:

- Amy Carder, Principal Shuksan Middle School, Co-Chair
- Ron Cowan, Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities, Co-Chair
- Mike Copland, Deputy Superintendent
- Jessica Sankey, Director of Wellness
- Greg Holmgren, Assistant Principal on Special Assignment, Athletics/Activities/Enrichment
- Mike Anderson, Director of Buildings and Grounds
- James Hayes, Shuksan Parent and SMS wrestling coach
- Scott Larrabee, Physical Education teacher
- Hazel Clapp, Social studies teacher, SMS and SQHS basketball coach
- Brian Porteous, Math teacher and Bellingham United Girls Wrestling Coach
- Dana Smith, Communications Manager
- Terry Brown, Zervas Group Architects

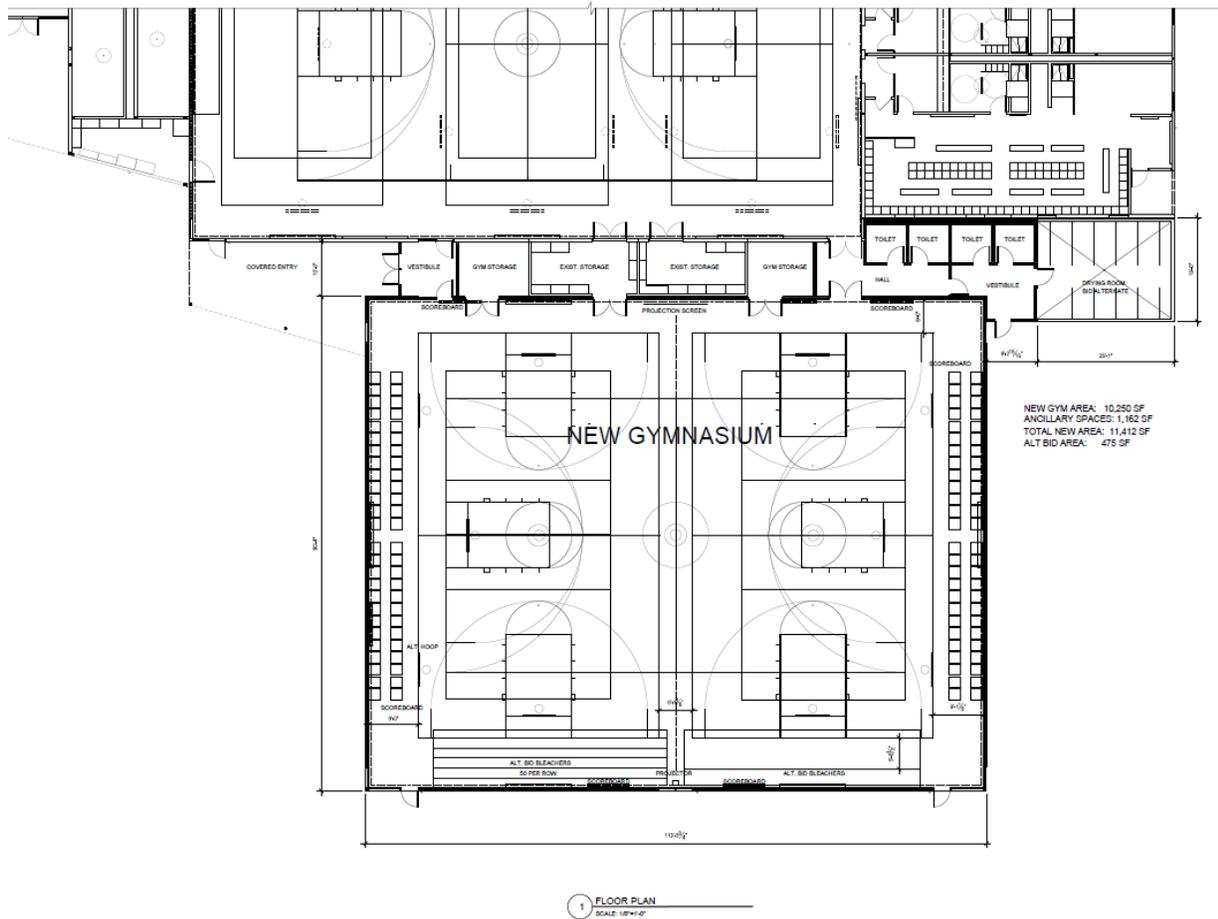
The committee met four times during November and December 2018 to provide input for the design. They heard ideas from a student focus group comprised of 11 Shuksan student-athletes who provided input on the proposed design of the new Shuksan Auxiliary Gym. The committee also hosted a project open house where parents and neighbors were able to view draft plans and provide feedback and input.

Recommendation

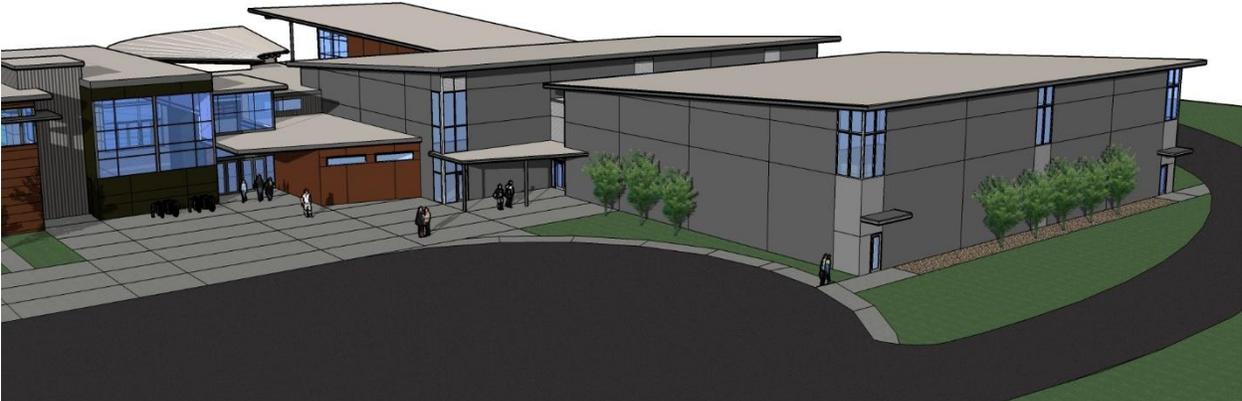
- As a result of its work, the committee recommends the new gym be located on the south side of the school, immediately adjacent to the existing gym and the bus loop as shown below:



- The committee also recommends the floor plan shown below which includes:
 - One varsity-sized basketball court
 - Two varsity-sized volleyball courts
 - Two middle-school-regulation-sized basketball courts
 - Seating for spectators at the middle school courts
 - Gym equipment storage rooms
 - Restrooms accessible from the gym and playfields
 - Optional equipment drying room
 - Optional bleacher seating for 300
 - A total of 10 basketball hoops with adjustable rims



Several 3-D renderings of the recommended gym appear below:







Conclusion

We are requesting your authorization:

- To direct the design team at Zervas Group Architects to proceed based on the site and floor plans recommended above.

It is the goal of the committee to follow an aggressive timeline and have the new gym fully operational by the spring of 2020.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information about our recommendation or process.