



Meeting Minutes #8 Sunnyland Elementary School Ed Spec/Design Advisory Committee Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Curtis Layer, capital projects director, welcomed the group back together in a Zoom meeting format for final committee exercises, discussion of next steps and to provide updates.

Sunnyland Principal Amy Berreth reviewed virtual meeting norms and how breakout rooms would be utilized. It is exciting to be moving forward with the new Sunnyland, and she thanked everyone for their valued input and attendance.

Dykeman architect Zach Ham began with reviewing work from past design advisory meetings. He then shared summaries of feedback from the site and building charette exercises from the previous meeting, March 4.

Zach explained in this meeting the group would develop design goals and key design strategies. The design team uses these to guide and mold the direction of the project.

Design goals and descriptors begin with The Bellingham Promise. The district developed four design goals working on past projects that support The Promise and help guide the design for our elementary schools.

- This elementary is a neighborhood school
- Provide a quality teaching and learning environment
- The design supports the educational goals of the school and district
- The school supports collaborative learning and facilitates communication

The committee was divided in to two breakout groups. Each group was given two design goals and were to provide descriptions of what is important to Sunnyland as it relates to each goal.

The group reconvened and shared their descriptions to support the four design goals.

In a second breakout exercise, the two groups provided keys to design. These are the built physical conditions that support the design goals. Feedback was to be as specific as possible,

including scale, color, look, sun orientation, etc. to give the design team the information they need to design around and support each design goal.

The committee convened again, sharing their ideas and comments. From this process, as well as information collected from community, staff, and tours, the architects will make a document of design goals for Sunnyland Elementary School.

Zach stated that they will include all the information gathered into the educational specifications as part of the final document. The architects will refer to this ed. spec. throughout design development.

Curtis reviewed with the group where we are with the process, design, and property. Sunnyland is one of the district's smaller sites, consisting of approximately three acres. Current state guidelines indicate a school of this size, which we are designing to support 450 students, be built on approximately 10 acres. We would like to acquire additional property and are looking at several opportunities.

Curtis then explained our building process. With most of our projects, after design they go out to bid, with the lowest bid building the project.

With the Sunnyland rebuild, because it is a very small site and will be occupied during construction, we are seeking approval from the state to proceed with a project delivery method of general contractor/construction manager (GCCM). In this process, we interview contractors and select one based on these interviews, their qualifications and experience. We partner with the contractor early in the process. Once approval from the state is received, we will move forward with hiring a general contractor as a thought partner to provide input on the design.

Zach and the Dykeman team will finalize the educational specifications. This will be circulated to the group and will be provided to Superintendent Greg Baker and then to the board for approval. Through his review of the documents, Dr. Baker may have questions or concerns which may prompt the committee to get back together. The hope is to have the ed. specs. finalized in the next two weeks, and to Dr. Baker for review before the end of the month.

Zach indicated that the schematic design will be completed in the fall. At this milestone, the committee will meet again, where Zach will present a site plan, floor plan and exterior renderings in a three-dimensional perspective, to review and provide feedback. There will be community meeting to present these concepts to them as well.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 p.m.