



## **Meeting Minutes #9 Sunnyland Elementary School Ed Spec/Design Advisory Committee Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

Amy Berreth, Sunnyland principal, welcomed the group, acknowledging their hard work this last year, and thanking them for their time and participation.

Dykeman architect Zach Ham was excited with the progress made through the process and committee input from the eight previous meetings. He summarized the steps the group went through to arrive where we are today, adding it is critical for the design team to continually go back and be sure they are addressing the goals the group established.

Curtis Lawyer, capital projects director, reviewed background on the Sunnyland site. The district is looking at possible acquisitions to expand the site through a property purchase, a property swap with the city and street vacations.

Curtis then explained that this summer the district went to the state, requested, and received acceptance to use the contracting method of General Contractor/Construction Manager, (GC/CM). The contractor is selected early in the planning process, providing input during design. Out of six contractors that submitted qualifications, the district interviewed three. Curtis introduced the Dawson Construction team as the selected contractor, stating how happy we are to be working in partnership with them again.

Most recently Dawson built Sehome High School, using the GC/CM process on that project as well. Other district projects they have worked on include Whatcom Middle School and Bellingham High School.

Zach shared the new Sunnyland site plan layout from south to north. The south side is the private side of the building, (classrooms) and to the north is the public side, (gym, cafeteria, and music room).

He followed with the floor plan, then exterior elevations, indicating possible siding materials and style. Lastly, Zach walked the group through the inside of the building with interior elevations.

Committee feedback was overwhelming favorable, supporting both site and floor plans.

The committee hopes to have a few legacy items somehow placed inside the new building, referencing Birchwood Elementary School and Sehome High School's use of some pieces from their existing buildings incorporated into their new schools.

Curtis stated that at the district's last board meeting a quick presentation of the Sunnyland project was shared and it was well received. We will have a community meeting to gain neighborhood input and are looking at ideas of how to host a meeting without physically bringing the community to the same space. He encouraged the committee members to be part of this meeting, as their voice is important. Curtis concluded the meeting, thanking everyone for their hard work and involvement on this great project.

Meeting adjourned 4:37