

## MOVE TO NORTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 4, 2019

Location: Dominion Middle School Library

Facilitator: Dottie Flanagan

Members in attendance: Tracie Barzdukas, Steven Browne, Bruce Carlson, Carson Christopher, Michelle Christopher, Adam Conn, Colleen Conn, Kristin Dyce, Dottie Flanagan, Meg Foley, Matthew Hysell, Ja'Mez Kogan, Laura Kogan, Sara Kraus, Linda Long, Jessica Mercerhill, Pattie Niese, Stacy Piper, Sarah Priebe, Pam Sherratt, Alex Trevino, Tasha Weaver, Laura Zimmerman

The Dominion Middle School Move to North Steering Committee gathers with the purpose to:

- Honor the historic legacies of North High School and Dominion Middle School.
- Create a safe and inclusive environment for the entire school and community.
- Reimagine the facilities with a creative, vibrant and 21st century vision.

Further, the committee pledges transparency, consideration of different viewpoints and positive advocacy for a safe and inspiring new home for Dominion Middle School.

## INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW OF AUGUST MINUTES

### PROJECT UPDATES

Alex Trevino, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, Columbus City Schools  
Brian, Schooley Caldwell

#### 1st Package/Phase

- Exterior focus
- Window and door replacement
- Masonry repair
- Roof replacement

#### 2nd Package/Phase

- Interior focus
- Complete HVAC system
- Electrical upgrade
- Gym upgrades - floor refinishing, bleacher work
- Woodwork repair
- Door hardware
- Painting
- New flooring and ceilings in some areas
- Locker paint/repair/removal
- Lighting

- Auditorium - stage lighting, house lighting, stage curtains, sound system, projection system, stage floor repairs, rigging repairs. Replicate what we have here in appropriate sizes for the North space.
- Stadium - scoreboard, soccer goals, field replacement/irrigation?
- Phase 2 will have more flexibility in terms of what makes sense for our school.
- Not an historic restoration, but will make the space usable for our needs and will not prevent a complete historic renovation in the future.

Will there be lead and asbestos abatement?

- Only if current hazards exist or if work causes the need for abatement.

What about the balcony railing in the auditorium?

- No current plan, but will explore accommodations that could be made. The balcony space also has peeling paint and has had no maintenance while not in use for several years.

Will the work make the space ADA accessible?

- There is a significant amount of money budgeted to accommodate ADA accessibility.

In regards to the auditorium, is there a plan for the stage steps, chandeliers, and fire wall?

- Next meeting will take place at North high school so specific concerns can be seen while discussed.
- The fire wall will be evaluated, sprinklers will not be added to the building.
- Lighting is on the list of repairs, there is a lighting consultant for this project.

Will the skylights in the art room and gallery be replaced?

- Slope glazing is not scheduled to be replaced.
- Skylights in the gallery will be replaced, but lay lights will not be replaced.

What about all of the cabinetry?

- There will be full survey of all cabinetry and repairs needed.
- There is money allocated for cabinetry repair.

What about the steep drop to the ravine directly behind the school with no barrier?

- This will be evaluated.

What can be done to ensure the stadium walls are not a safety hazard?

- Not currently on the list of repairs.
- Can there be a structural inspection of the stadium to address safety concerns.

A multipurpose field would be desired. Fields would be used for baseball, softball, and soccer. Irrigation will be important to any sports field. Adjustable bases could be used for baseball and softball on one diamond.

What about the auditorium equipment in the current DMS building?

- Equipment such as lighting, sound, and curtains will not be moved as they will not be properly fitted in the North HS auditorium.
- Equipment will be replicated and properly sized.
- The fly space will operate as any other school auditorium.

Will there be signage to help students get around?

- Perhaps color coding areas
- Students on the committee can help with the wayfinding piece of the project down the road.

Is it possible this move would be delayed?

- That is not what's being planned, but it is a possibility.
- We we have a time table at the next meeting.

Will fire alarms meet the needs of our hearing impaired students?

- New fire alarms in the building are currently under contract, just temporarily on hold until the right installation moment.
- Fire alarms will have light and voice alerts in every space reasonably occupied.
- It should also be noted that carpeting is essential in CHIP classrooms.

Acoustic treatments will be needed in the cafeteria.

A finalized map of spaces will be complete within the next couple of months.

There is a preference to return the music room ceiling to the original open beams rather than the current drop ceiling. Sound panels, floor panels, and water damage will need to be evaluated. It was also noted that band room locker space will be needed on the east wall of the band room.

Current lockers do not have built in locks, but the plan will be to add locks.

How does the move happen in June?

- No move plans are developed at this point.
- Contractors will likely work by floor, allowing for floor by floor move in.

Will work in the current DMS building impact learning?

- Nothing will be happening during this school year at the current DMS building, unless it is done on second shift with no impact to student learning.

What about furniture, will it all be moved?

- No final answers on furniture yet.
- Discussion around Maker Space items will occur.

What are the expectations of the gym?

- Accessible to all
- DMS has a strong athletic program
- Safe bleachers
- Locker rooms to be discussed further at our next meeting.

What are the expectations of the library?

- Will be separate from Maker Space.
- Furniture should match the space.
- Computer lab
- Designate historic zones within the library

Will the grates be removed from first floor windows?

- Yes, replacement windows will be tempered and laminated, making them vandal safe.

How do we keep students informed of changes?

- Student representatives can do presentations/monthly production to the student body. Cameras/video will be available at our next meeting.
- Meeting minutes and future videos are posted on the school website.

## REBRANDING EFFORTS

Name ideas include:

- Dominion Middle School
- North Dominion Middle School
- Dominion North Middle School

Mascot ideas include:

- Polar bear (changing mascot is a nod to old NHS)
- North polar bear

Color ideas include:

- Blue and white (keeping DMS colors is a nod to old DMS & identify with cold climate of polar bears)
- Maroon and gold
- Combination of both schools (for example, blue and gold)

Committee member Laura Zimmerman shared her opinion of the significance of the mascot and school colors being more important to alumni than the school name. She would like to clarify this is her own opinion, not as a representative of the alumni association. Laura would also like to propose a brief history lesson of the school before voting happens for name, colors, and mascot. Laura will find a speaker to present for approximately 20 minutes at the next meeting.

The school name chiseled in the North HS building will remain as is.

The idea of a multimedia presentation of school history was suggested and will be explored further. Also the idea of the school library being the hub of building history. 6th grade curriculum includes timelines and could assist with project.

Visual examples of the names, colors, mascot will be available at the next meeting to help with decision making.

#### MEMORIALIZATION

May 12, DMS alumni are invited to play in the final band concert at the current DMS building.

Other memorialization opportunities to be brain stormed at another meeting.

#### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 2 at the North High School building.