

DOMINION RELOCATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: CML Linden Branch, 2223 Cleveland Ave, Meeting Room 1

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:20 PM

Facilitator: Dottie Flanagan

Attendees: Tracie Barzdukas, Erin Bauer, Bruce Carlson, Carson Christopher, Michelle Christopher, Adam Conn, Megan Foley, Matt Hysell, Colleen Kehoe-Conn, Ja'Mez Kogan, Laura Kogan, Jessica Mercerhill, Pattie Niese, Sara Kraus, Stacy Piper, Melinda Shah, Pam Sherratt, Laura Zimmerman

INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves and shared what perspective they bring to the committee.

FACILITY WALKTHROUGH REVIEW

What excites us about the North building:

- Space
- Air conditioning
- History of the building, memorials
- Architecture
- The potential/creative options
- Teachers will have their own rooms
- Multiple floors
- Library
- Maker Space area
- My student is really excited.

What concerns us about the North building:

- Space/hooks and crannies
- It's big!
- Supervision
- Safety
- Electrical
- Accessibility
- Stadium wall is bowed
- Drop off in the back of property and no fencing
- Will it be up to code?
- Balcony space

Further discussion occurred regarding the stadium wall concerns. As of now, there is no plan for the stadium. CCS does not have another MS in the district with a stadium to maintain.

Watterson will not be using the stadium and football field in the future due to maintenance expenses and access to a turf field.

MELINDA SHAH, SCHOOLEY CALDWELL

Melinda explained her firm does not have a signed contract yet, contract is expected to be signed at the next board meeting on 6/18/19.

- Contract will include working on all 3 buildings in this relocation project.
- Firm is passionate about working with schools and completed the project at Clinton Elementary.
- \$14 million in upgrades will occur in the North building.
- Major projects include roof, masonry, AC, accessibility, and branding.
- Branding dollars can be incorporated throughout the project; gym floor, school colors, mascot, and name.

Will there be delays due to the building having historic identification?

- This will not be a tax credit project which could cause delays. The firm is experienced with historic structures and buildings from the 1920s which should help reduce delays. Delays are not expected, however delays can happen with any project.

Will the upgrades address all of the safety concerns listed above?

- This project should take care of safety concerns.

Will projects be prioritized around students?

- Yes. Projects will be prioritized by those needing completed while the building is empty.

Will the upgrades include any landscaping improvements?

- Not sure at this time.

Will the safety of the stairs be addressed?

- Yes, some have been repaired at this point.

What about the firewall in the auditorium?

- The district is considering options for the fire wall.

What about acoustical options and stair safety in the auditorium?

- Mr. Carlson suggested the use of sound panels or potentially extending the stage by 8 feet in order to address the acoustics. He also shared the stage stairs are not in safe working order.

Other issues to consider;

- Current door handles are not properly fitted
- Are the window grates necessary as they create an institutional/unwelcome feeling?

- Excess number of lockers

STEERING COMMITTEE PURPOSE STATEMENT, GOALS & SUBCOMMITTEE IDENTIFICATION

The purpose of the steering committee includes branding, assisting with the physical move, and helping to determine needs.

- North High alumni are phasing out due to age. Discussed the importance of honoring those who have walked the halls in the building. Incorporating their history into the current classroom lessons. Also discussed the preservation of historical photographs and memorials. Perhaps considering dedications of specific spaces in the names of North and Dominion alumni.
- Imagine an historical place in a new and vibrant way. Purpose should be inclusive, positive, seamless, maintaining existing identity and honoring what was before us, advocates for follow through
- Discussion regarding bridging the gap for those who didn't want to move and student buy in. Again addressing safety, academics and electives, student/teacher connections, transparency, and being visible advocates.
- Suggestions for transparency include; "here's what's happening in our new home" in the DMS lobby, newsletter updates, website updates, possible use of drones for photos and videos.
- Subcommittees identified at this point: Fundraising (Clintonville Go Public dedicating Clintonville Quest proceeds to this cause), Communication (we need a tag line), Spirit Wear, Memorializing (alumni events, talks with 8th graders, alumni band members in final concert?, alumni Suessical cast in next spring's production?), Athletic & Grounds.
- Tracie, Meg, and Matt agree to craft a vision statement prior to the next meeting.
- How will students get this information and when can they tour?

REBRANDING IDEAS

- Important to honor the history of both schools.
- The power of Dominion. We've built the reputation and now we don't want to lose that identification.
- Branding comes with strong opinion and emotion.
- Jessica will look into the branding ideas around the new program that will move into the Dominion Blvd. Building.

NEXT MEETING (8/7/19) TOPICS

Review purpose statement and minutes

Facilities update

Scott Varner, CCS Communications, regarding branding

Partnership discussion

Steering Committee members who are available will attend the North on the 4th celebration, 7/4/19, at 11 am.