

MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: January 25, 2024

SUBJECT: **SWSD – Design Steering Committee Mtg #3**

Held January 24, 2024

Integrus Project No. 22221.00

Parties In Attendance:

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The following is a record of the author's understanding of comments made and direction given, corrections should be directed to the author.

- I. **The meeting began with reviewing the attached PowerPoint including:** Timeline & Overview, Character, Precedent, Entry Analysis, Restrooms, MS Stair, Next Steps.

II. **Highlights from our discussion of Community Characteristics:**

1. Established Farm program.
2. Salmon restoration program
3. Natural elements: Forest, farm, and water.
4. South Whidbey boundary at the phone booth at Classic Road.
5. Island trail system.
6. Northwest contemporary architecture, a lot of glass and cedar.
7. Established student relationships from kindergarten-12th grade.
8. Environmental sustainability is important.

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9. Reduce maintenance & operation costs.
10. Integrated into the natural world, reflects that many in the community live deep in the forest.
11. Give recognition to the native history and seek opportunities for engagement.

III. To cultivate a shared perspective – images were reviewed of other schools – the comments shared included:

1. Projects like Clyde Hill ES that abstracted the view through the trees in the brick detailing resonated well with the group.
2. The use of metal panels in blue tones that reflected the flow of water, and use of natural elements in graphics inside the building at Park Place MS were great strategies to consider.
3. The use of color for wayfinding and indicating entry was effective at Juanita HS, as was the colorful outdoor seating (perhaps an umbrella with the seating (maybe with solar) could be integrated in outdoor areas).
4. Careful considerations of maintenance and the importance of native and simple landscaping was discussed.
5. Modern building expressions that looked industrial as seen at Fife ES is not the right fit for SWSD.
6. Red exteriors felt too bright, yet the use of wood in a non-structural way was appreciated as shown at Swift Water ES.
7. Awnings are great, like the idea of an awning or canopy reaching out to people.

IV. An analysis of the entries and outdoor areas were discussed, comments included:

1. A desire for more glass at entry for increased supervision, daylight and connection to the landscape.
2. A preference for increased landscaped area between the High School & Community (Student) entry.
3. Kitchen service area on the front elevation should be concealed.
4. In the existing MS/HS courtyard
 - a. student gathering areas need to be provided.

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- b. Planted areas should be restricted to pots to prevent them being trampled and easy to maintain.
- c. Paving could be provided creatively (similar to textures in downtown Langley, by 2nd Street)
- d. Connections to the building can activate the courtyard and should be provided in a direct manner to support consistent use.
- e. Acoustic treatment will be needed to mitigate the hard surfaces in this area.
- f. Opportunities for art work should be provided and coordinate with the school art program.

V. Restroom & Locker room considerations were discussed

- 1. Strategies to reduce congregation in the restroom should be integrated into the plan to prevent loitering and enhance supervision.
- 2. Changing rooms are very popular in locker rooms, showers are not highly used.
- 3. It's a good idea to have an all-gender entry to the locker rooms, with the added advantage of allowing all students to be able to talk with coach/PE teacher regardless of gender.
- 4. Replacing the partitions with a more durable product that will not retain urine, and closes gaps between stalls is important.
- 5. Like the idea of open group restroom with visual access to hand washing area.
- 6. Cleaning and maintenance of the restrooms are important considerations in selecting material.

VI. Responding to the need to create a safer stair for the MS a few options were shared.

- 1. Modifying the handrail to run perpendicular to the existing stair is an option to immediately improve the condition, recognizing that the area adjacent will need to be blocked off to maintain positive student movement at the stair.
- 2. Replacing the stairs is the best long-term solution, options are to be studied to create a welcoming stair.

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VII. Other topics discussed:

1. Ongoing concerns about the pick-up and drop-off traffic and circulation to be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.
2. Identify a date for a community meeting to share information about the athletic field, stadium modernization, site developments and exterior improvements at HS/MS
3. Next steps will include small group meetings with “user groups” to develop specific areas of the projects in more detail, this development will be shared at an upcoming meeting.

Attachments: Powerpoint from the meeting.

CC: file