RTA ARCHITECTS

MEETING RECORD – DAT #3

PROJECT: Monarch High School Renovation

PROJECT NO: 2023-083.00

DATE: 04-03-2024

ATTENDANCE: See Attached Attendance Log

SUBJECT: Design Advisory Team Meeting #3

The meeting held was to review and discuss focus area concepts for work focused on CTE budget. The following discussion took place.

1. Christine reviewed meeting agenda and upcoming schedule
2. Christine briefly reviewed meeting norms (refer to presentation slides)
3. Christine reviews overview of project scope (refer to presentation slides)
4. Focus Area Concept Discussions:
    - Options 1-3: Student Hubs for CTE Engagement
    - Option 1: Improve Cafeteria Addition/Engage Outdoor Patio
        - Student use library/other spaces during lunch because of more comfortable space – Furniture/Ceiling Height/Flexibility
        - Security concerns were mentioned with garage door access to exterior
            a. Doors would be tied to the security system and the centralization of students would create easier surveillance.
        - Diversity of furniture options displayed in conceptual rendering was preferred to existing seating options in cafeteria
        - Accessible power would be essential to creating a successful space for students' utilization – could be integrated within furniture or by other means
        - The incorporation of a distinctive feature, like the green acoustic panels depicted in the conceptual rendering, was positively received.
    - Option 2: Opening the Student Center
        - Concerns regarding the insufficient acoustical isolation between the main corridor and the student study area were raised.
            - Interior garage doors capable of offering both open and closed functions could address concern
        - Greg mentions the issue of unofficial and unsupervised secondary student entry and asks how a change to the student center could solve this problem.
            - Potential for staffed security kiosk to be integrated into space to create additional secure entry for students
        - MOHI Perk's – Coffee Shop – location within the student center is essential to its function, therefore, its would be best to not relocate
            - As a result, it would be preferred that a "pull down" security option would be introduced, rather than the addition of new walls.
        - The Student Center acts as an essential study spot and club gathering location during finals week. Recommended by student, that if space was to be opened, that space to accommodate these functions would be provided
        - RTA to develop options for review

- Option 3: Opening the Hallway
    - Reduction of column sizes in corridors was positively received with increased space for students, improved visibility of space and increased daylight.
    - Lockers are not being utilized in main corridor, can be removed, or relocated
    - Broadcasting on displays included in conceptual renderings would need to be centralized
        - Charles mentions that solution for this concern is already being developed and would not be an issue to incorporate in the high school
        - Could also use student engagement to manage through other CTE programs
    - Student suggests that the changes within conceptual rendering would increase usage and improve the space
- Option 4: Library Flex Space
    - Concerns raised about loss of teaching space within library
        - Would need to investigate how this function could be incorporated within library in other location
    - The ideas of relocating the broadcasting/wellness rooms/student success rooms were discussed
        - RTA to develop more options for review
        - Wellness function can be moved and reduced in size if necessary, not tied to grant
        - Not essential for student success space to be adjacent to library function and is growing. Could be swapped to another classroom/potentially Ben's
- Option 5: Health Science Expansion
    - Out of three presented designs, the exterior option was preferred
        - However, if budget was to constrain choice, the interior designs would also be welcomed too
    - Current PE lockers are underutilized, and Greg mentions that if gender neutral restrooms are looking to be incorporated in the academic wing, rethinking the locker room design could be investigated.

5. Christine highlights schedule and upcoming meetings:
    - User Group Meetings – April 9th
    - DAT#4 – May 1st
    - Question about how construction will impact teaching schedules and overall school function.
        - As project develops, a more definitive schedule will be established and coordinated with staff.

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