



State College Area School District

Districtwide Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee Park Forest Middle School Tuesday, April 18, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Brown convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. He thanked attendees for participating in the process and those who provided the Park Forest Middle School tours that took place before the meeting. He noted that the district is embarking on a new facility for the Park Forest Middle School and mapping out a 20-year facility needs plan for the entire district. Mr. Brown advised that after visiting a few schools on the tours last week, he is very aware of potential costs and the need for budgeting. He will work with the Board, Steering Committee, and Community Forum members to develop facility goals and objectives to determine that the most important features are budgeted for in an appropriate timeframe within the 15 to 20-year facility needs plan.

Mr. Straub provided an overview of the facility assessment narratives, Park Forest Middle School educational planning, and Valley Vista site development preliminary plans. He indicated that a large part of the educational planning process is understanding how the existing building is currently being used and how that utilization will transition into the new building.

Overall Discussion/Inquiries:

- Valley Vista traffic study.
- Grade level teams/departments.
- Shared equipment concerns/elevator access.
- Natural light/shortage of private spaces due to windows.
- Department spaces for conferences, PLC's, etc. vs. larger classroom spaces.
- Cafeteria - student quiet space, proximity to fields for outside time during lunch, administrative supervision
- Nursing/administrative/counseling layout.
- Conversation with CRPR regarding the adjacent park.

Small Group Breakout Discussions:

Group 1:

- Tech Ed Commons - dumpster needs; exterior ventilation for woodshop.

Group 2:

- District drop-off locations for buses/parents; outflow for buses.
- Adaptive P.E. - needs space that doesn't conflict with the main gym and activities.
- Staff lunch space.

Group 3:

- Handicap accessibility for all common areas and entrance doors.
- Truly accessible bathroom spaces for students/staff in wheelchairs.
- Possibility for outdoor dining?
- Is there a way to manipulate the arrangement of classes to be away from the cafeteria or manage sound so classrooms aren't impacted by mic usage and sound from lunches?
- Concession stand?

Group 4:

- Cafeteria - easy access to outside for recess.
- Outside access on all sides of the building.
- 6th grade - on the main floor closest to all areas? Music may be too far away; playground access.
- Auditorium/Gym - shared wall concerns.
- P.E./O.D. - space different from recess space.
- Science - room square footage must be bigger than current rooms (primary rooms); elevator access to transport materials; usable storage in all rooms.
- Parking for sports
- Classroom window (all classrooms aren't 90%).

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

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