



State College Area School District

Districtwide Facilities Master Plan Community Forum Grays Woods Elementary School Wednesday, April 24, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Brown convened the meeting at 6:12 p.m. 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. Straub provided an overview of the facility assessment narratives, Park Forest Middle School educational planning, and Valley Vista site development preliminary plans showing how the district has transitioned from the first plan into the second. He indicated that he and several steering committee members participated in five middle school tours to see various design and functionality options.

Overall Discussion/Inquiries:

- ADA Accessibility
 - Elevator access; van access
- Interesting findings from the middle school tours
 - Interesting track layout
 - Collaborative spaces that combined tech ed and art w/ rollup doors
 - Multiple communal/large group instruction areas
 - Cafeterias
 - Three were open-concept (3 walls)
 - Two were located in the center of the buildings
 - Locker spaces varied at each school. Locker alternatives:
 - Cubby spaces
 - Built-in instrument storage
 - Athletic bag drops for sports
 - Open areas looking over the cafeteria
 - Mr. Johnson was concerned about this at the high school, but there haven't been any issues.
 - Floating walkways with easy access to elevators.
 - Colors
 - Two schools used the same colors throughout the building.
 - The other schools used school colors.
 - PFMS will be painted by area; like the high school.
 - Unique spaces - fun, but functionality is important.
 - One school incorporated a door from the nurse's office to the vestibule so parents didn't have to enter the building.
- 6th grade classrooms are located on the lower floor - will there be windows?
 - Grade room assignments haven't been completed; this is a preliminary plan.
 - There will be natural light in all educational spaces.

Mr. Brown reiterated that the final floor plan is months away and that it can change. Ms. Wiser invited community members to participate in the PFMS tours that will take place on Monday, April 29, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6:47 p.m.

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