



State College Area School District

Districtwide Facilities Master Plan Community Forum Park Forest Middle School Monday, April 29, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Brown convened the meeting at 6:11 p.m. He advised that the presentation will provide an update on the master planning process and the Park Forest Middle School Project (MNMSP). He introduced Mr. Jeff Straub and Mr. John Beddia from Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates and Mr. David Parmalee from the district's facilities office. He thanked steering committee members for providing the tours that occurred before the meeting.

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 and several steering committee members recently participated in five middle school tours to see various design and functionality options. He indicated that a lot was gleaned from the experience including some options that may be developed and incorporated at the new PFMS.

Overall Discussion/Inquiries:

- When will the building be complete?
 - Construction will take approximately two years to complete.
 - The building should open in the fall of 2028.
- Parent drop-off logistics
- Pros/cons of the North side of the building
 - Lots of shade
 - No glare; close to the playground
- Is there access to the building from Valley Vista Drive and Circleville Road?
 - As of today, the only access is via Valley Vista Drive. Conversations regarding Circleville Road are planned.
- Is a pedestrian overpass possible for walkers?
 - PennDOT determines walkers; at this time there are no walkers.
- Are security measures being considered?
 - Discussions with code and township officials, the police force, SRO's, and school security occur on a regular basis.
 - Mr. Straub is trained in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).
 - Safety and security are embedded in each building.
 - Balancing act to make it not seem overpowering
 - Visibility which helps with bullying vs. fortress
 - Is it best to have only one way to enter the school parking areas?
- 6th-grade recess needs to be separate from lunch; need easy access to recess areas that aren't P.E. sites.

- Stage access
 - Access to the stage from an exterior entrance for loading props and equipment, and exits from up stage (the back of the stage) from the wings, so actors can enter and exit the stage from the wings and/or behind the rear curtain. Good examples are MNMS auditorium and the HS PAC.

Group 1 Comments:

- Music
 - Need 3rd rehearsal room; three rehearsals are often held at the same time daily.
 - Where is instrument storage?
 - Music office, tuba sink, music storage, drama storage, loading doc?
- 6th grade playground location?

Group 2 Comments:

- Park parking
 - CRPR discussions
 - Drop off and school pick up
- Road through Circleville?
- CATA access (Valley Vista School Side).

Group 3 Comments:

- Locker room access for public use/opposing teams/restrooms
 - Switch locker room with health room?
- Access relief for Valley Vista
- Parallel parking

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

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