



## State College Area School District

### **Districtwide Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee Park Forest Middle School Tuesday, June 12, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

Mr. Fisher convened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. He introduced Mr. Jeff Straub and Ms. Madison Renna from Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates, and Mr. David Parmelee from the district's facilities office. He noted that feedback from the steering committee and community forum meetings is important and that many suggestions have been incorporated into the design. He advised that the district purchased seven acres of land adjacent to the site, which will allow for a second entrance, and that a traffic study was completed on Valley Vista Road. The district is working with the township and PennDOT to reclassify Valley Vista Road to a collector-use road which would allow walkers. They are also discussing traffic calming ideas.

Mr. Straub provided an overview of the proposed site plan indicating that the purchase of the seven acres will allow for a loop road around the site and that the grading issue is an ongoing challenge. He noted that the plans allow for the future expansion of an additional twelve classrooms which will accommodate 300 students. The team continues to complete DWFMP including facility assessments, athletic & field utilization, greenhouse gas emissions, and option development.

#### **Overall Discussion/Inquiries:**

- Bikepath connector to Circleville Park
- Storm drainage
- Incorporation of office spaces, mechanical closets, storage areas, etc.
- Lighting for inner classrooms

#### **Small Group Breakout Discussions:**

##### **Group 1:**

- Would like numbered seats in the auditorium
- Cafeteria access for "walk & talk" and fields - not near green space
- Lockers?
- 7th graders must go up two floors for library, Languages, and Art
  - Longer transition times between classes?
- Number of elevators

##### **Group 2:**

- Pods/classrooms too small
  - Square footage up to 950 sq. ft. or move SGI's in pods to the science commons area, or give up common space to enlarge classroom - (1450 square feet - redistribute this).

- 3rd Floor Language Hall
  - Open to below to allow daylight to interior science rooms from clear story lighting?
- Amblewood Road - Are the curves intentional?

**Group 3:**

- Drama storage
- Which room holds students in the morning during arrival?
- Possible three full-time instructional teachers in the future as enrollments increase (enough lesson rooms?).
- Coordinator/PLC/Team office and/or meeting rooms?
- Perhaps run several different student schedules for each grade level to track how many times they change floors.
- Outside play/recess area for each grade level
- Parent drop off
- Security gates to other portions of the building during cultural functions
- Sports fields that could host playoff events, etc.
  - Gates, seating, lighting, concessions, restrooms
- Bike path that connects Valley Vista path to Circleville path (not sidewalk)
- Auditorium stage level with hallway, access to hall via double doors.

**Group 4:**

- Admin: conference rooms, offices, nurses, main office
- Some people don't like the skewing
- Light for faculty room - want windows for interiors
- Overall like the new plans - occupiable roof? Garden?
- Like that 6th is on middle floor so they have easier access - but want grades separate
- Strategically place windows to allow for expansion
- Heating elements in sidewalks/roads/parking
- Large enough openings for equipment and materials for stage (same level as first floor).
  - Dock area with big overhead
- Security gates/doors for lockdown
- Push button blinds or in windows
- More elevators?
- 800 student capacity
- Grading and roof lines to prevent flooding

The meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.

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