



Summary notes for Elementary School 15 Educational Specifications Design Advisory Committee
Meeting 3 - Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022

Micah Smith, Alderwood Elementary School principal, welcomed the committee to Happy Valley Elementary, whose construction was completed in the fall of 2016. An Ed Spec/Design Advisory committee for Happy Valley went through a similar process as this group when designing the new school.

The committee reviewed comments and feedback from the tours of Alderwood and Sunnyland elementary schools from the previous meeting, and shared observations from their homework, reviewing [Stevens Creek Elementary School](#) and [Salish Coast Elementary School](#) video tours.

Dykeman architect Zach Ham shared the four district design goals with example descriptions from the Alderwood and Sunnyland projects. The goals represent [the Bellingham Promise](#) and the foundation of the district, striving to cover as much content of the Promise as possible. Curtis Lawyer, Director Capital Projects, added that the design goals have evolved over several projects and have stood the test of time.

The committee was divided into four groups. Each had one design goal and were to review the sample description and revise to clarify the Bellingham Promise for Elementary School 15. The design goals are the guiding principles and the keys to design support these guiding principles. Zach provided information collected from meeting 1, which included wishes, and site and building characteristics, with emerging themes highlighted. The group used the emerging themes to identify keys to design to support their design goal.

Each group shared out their design goal and description, and then their keys to design. Dykeman will take this information, further developing the goals and keys to design for Elementary 15, and present at the next meeting to confirm we are heading down the right path.

Curtis reviewed the Numeric Plan which lists spaces within the building and square footage of these areas. Throughout the first three meetings, great ideas have been shared of what spaces the committee would like to see in Elementary School 15. Curtis reminded everyone that there is a finite budget. If space is added, square footage must come from another area. The current total square footage for the Numeric Plan is 58,141 square feet. The group had a brief discussion, and at the January meeting, the group will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.



The next meeting will be 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 19 at Parkview Elementary School, where the committee will review the Numeric Plan and Narrative Program.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm.