



Summary notes for Elementary School 15 Educational Specifications Design Advisory Committee
Meeting 5 – February 2, 2023

Micah Smith, principal at Alderwood Elementary School, welcomed the committee together at Birchwood Elementary School. Dykeman was the architect on the Birchwood Elementary rebuild project, which was completed in 2014.

Zach Ham, Dykeman architect, presented the final design goals and keys to design. They made changes based on suggestions from committee members during the last meeting. Those revisions were highlighted for the group to review and approve.

Zach then provided the Narrative Program, sharing comments and revisions collected from the last meeting, and indicating where adjacencies had been added and removed.

Detailed Space Requirements summarize specific needs of program areas within the elementary school facility. The committee had reviewed the Detailed Space Requirements as homework prior to this meeting, focusing on the special requirements of parking/busses, building hardscape, hard surface play/playfields/covered play and outdoor learning. Jeff Coulter, principal on special assignment, opened it up for questions and comments regarding details, space, storage, hardscape and sustainability.

The final activity was reviewing the site charrette exercise from the February 2 meeting. Zach and his team looked at site layouts that three different groups had come up with, finding emerging themes, and came up with three schemes. The committee was divided into three groups again to provide comments on one of the schemes, including what they liked, didn't care for, and what they were unsure about. Each group then shared their scheme and feedback to the whole committee. Zach collected these comments and will continue to filter the information as he and his team develop the footprint for the new school. A concept site diagram will be shared at the next meeting.

A community meeting is scheduled 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 23 at the Bellingham Covenant Church where work to date will be shared.

The final planned Ed.Spec/Design Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled 3-5 p.m. Thursday, March 2 at the District Office.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.