Meeting Notes

Date:	10/14/26

Project:	CMSD – Eastside High School	**Job#:**	25075
Subject:	Steering Committee		
Location:	1111 Superior Avenue. Room 1813		
Time:	1:00 pm		
Meeting #:	001		

Attendees:

Hollie Dellisanti - CMSD
- CMSD
Jeff Henderson – TDA
Andrew McIntire - TDA
Ashlyn White - TDA

Notes:

- General Information requested:
    - 1300: capacity for the competition gym
        - would be used for assembly purposes
    - 650: number of PAC seating
    - Parking 'split' with landscape line in site plan, but some sharing will happen with the YMCA
    - Building Square Footage: 230,000 sq. feet, 3 floors on U-shaped academic area
- Existing site:
    - Existing rec center is on both city and school property
    - Old Y location, shown on today's site plan as additional parking across St. Clair
    - Parking plan is still being developed
- Current parking estimate on the site: 290 spots including the Y
    - 170 for Y and 170+ was school estimate, so currently not to estimated need
- YMCA,
    - 9 areas of health, emotional, financial, etc.
    - Health focus beyond just physical health
    - Want to bring as many services as possible in the building
    - Collaborating with Tri-C and Metro health center + pharmacy (8,000 sq. ft), early learning center, still conceptual, Ginn Academy
    - Creating a campus along with the school
    - Welcoming plaza to Y as entry on corner of St. Clair and 113th
    - 2nd floor fitness oriented
    - Fundraising to make sustainable operation and ensure long-term commitment
    - Question about if the plan is to include holistic services and be a LEED certified building
        - Holistic Health is the aim of the multiple services
- Construction timeline of the site
    - Ideally the Y and school would be constructed at the same time,
    - However, the school's construction will start first
- Funding questions

    - OFCC and district funding was discussed (generally 1/3 funding provided by district and 2/3 from state excluding LFI portions such as PAC)
    - Funding strategy is created and signed by committees
    - High school Budget: approximately 100 million total not including LFI expenditures
    - YMCA Budget: 14 mill donated for 30 mil total budget for YMCA, waiting for additional government funding
- Community vs student focus
    - The Role of student focus versus the community campus focus was discussed along with ways to make the new school marketable for school choice
- School Name
    - Not all committee members like the current Eastside HS naming, territorial nature and school pride
    - Eastside High School name currently is being used since no official name has been selected
- Schedule: 2030 school construction is set to finish, there will be swing site involved
- Additional Comments:
    - Attractive Programming will bring students to Eastside HS
    - Student and Community input needs to happen before design is created

Team Activity #1 – Questions, Goals and Ideas

Group 1:

- Future proof CT programs
- LEED gold, sustainable building, wellbeing designation (LEED silver req.)
- How is enrollment and attendance going to be tracked? Want to create a school that would be chosen on the Eastside. Better accessibility with the Y hours and school
- Current wellness center is underutilized; how would the Y be better used?
- Idea for students to staff the youth childcare center at the Y
- Want community services at the Y to be bold and understood, marketed connection to both

Group 2:

- Name part was discussed heavily
- Pro keeping Glenville as name,
- Comments: what happens to Collinwood residents views, region vs area
- How to make it attractive to whole northEastside with naming?
- Where are students during transition: as of today Mary B. Martin
    - Walk through with principal completed and confirmed capacity is enough
    - How to make school attractive/welcoming to all, while also honoring specifically Glenville
- Idea for family name bricks on a wall and on pavement as a way to feel community connection (Solon library reference)
- Idea: Railroad concept through the school to also represent Collinwood
- Idea: Historic area of existing historic areas and local residents who are involved in Glenville and Collinwood; emphasize positive connection between neighborhoods
- Blight of area was discussed; 60-80 employees, where can they go to eat at current health center?

Group 3:

- Want students included in the design process through surveys, community meeting, or other methods
- Emphasis on not sharing blueprints with the community before the community meeting, let them understand that their input will influence the design

- Programming and curriculum: The district is working with the same pool of kids with school choice; How does Eastside we have a unique and marketable academic programming to attract students
- 1200 is a large number to fill, desire to fill the school

Team Activity #2 – "Rise Up" Quilt

- Pillars with speech excerpts, like Harvard's Kennedy school of government (quotes from Kennedy)
- MLK memorial includes many quotes, how to capture brick or elements from the original schools, artifacts where he stood and spoke
- Rise up speech took place in the existing auditorium, with opening to gym open for view
- Interactive wall with quotes and how it relates to students, change at semester time
- Knowledge is power, you are special and will succeed, doors are open to you
- Video of speech available involved, in his MLK's voice
- Quote "I am who I am, somebody".
- Auditorium has his name now, and currently have quotes throughout school, put permanently signage
- 2 large photo murals are existing also
- Name: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
- Incorporate Historical Context with Mayor Stokes, history, why came to Cleveland, the Hough Riots, Glenville Riots, Langston Hughes (other important figures for student to know
- Bench with videos of MLK's speeches (like a museum exhibit) centrally located
- Formerly brought MLK artifacts to Glenville for that merger with MLK

General Comments:

- Importance of student agency and design impact
- Want people to feel connected to the space
- Enhancing design from these meetings (design team)
- Last steering committee (#3) will show a more finalized design outcome
- Presentation will be emailed out
- Lots of rumors in Glenville Community and school:
    - End of school year students will be changing buildings
    - Communication needs to be confirmed when they are moving to swing site
    - Don't want to take back misconstrued information or things that may change
- Councilman will share information out before the 17th
- Request for steering committee to change locations to a Collinwood Community Center

Signed:

Ashlyn White