

Minutes
Garrison School Improvement Team Meeting
November 5, 2015

Participants

To be updated

A. Introductions

- i. See list of participants above (to be updated).
- ii. David Bell and Steven Orlansky from the Bell-Newman A/E Team were introduced.

B. Field Update

- i. DGS shared that the \$3M towards the Garrison field improvements were placed in the DPR budget. DGS and DPR are working to move the money over to the project budget. The \$3M is in addition to the ~\$750k to fix the sinkhole issue.
 - i. DCPS and DGS will review of the design with the SIT and larger community.

C. Layout Review

- i. DCPS shared that the DCPS Special Education department determined that the PK ELS and the grades 3-5 SLS program will be phased out. This change allows the rest of the Ed Spec program to fit within the existing building footprint.
- ii. DCPS noted that the preference is to keep Kindergarten students on the ground floor. There have been some cases where they are on 2nd floors (Peabody, Van Ness), but that is typically only when there is no more ground floor space.
- iii. The Bell-Newman team reviewed the layout, which has the PK/PS, K, and admin areas on the ground floor. Grades 1 through 5 and the majority of the “specials” spaces are on the 2nd floor. The design includes two elevators.
 - i. A few SIT Members expressed a desire to have a connector, and not two elevators. They shared that it would help connect the school and there were concerns with ADA accessibility, especially for elementary students. There was also a request to see if there is a separate ADA budget that could be used for a connector.
 1. DGS and the Bell-Newman team shared that the connector is significantly more expensive (~3x the cost of the two elevators).

