



Watkins ES SIT Meeting Minutes

FINAL December 4, 2014

1) <u>Attendees</u>

- a) Patrick Davis, Renard Alexander DCPS
- b) Marcos Miranda, Adnan Mamoon, Sarah Hasselmann, Meagan Miller DGS-DCPEP
- c) Deanna Newman DGS Ed Spec Writer
- d) Jackie Stanley DGS Communications Team
- e) Anthony Lawson Assistant Principal
- f) Currie Renwick, Claire Reintgen, Christine Kurtz Teacher Representatives
- g) Kevin White, Lindsay Miller, Carl McFadgion, Joe McNamara, Parent Representatives (Watkins & Peabody)
- h) Ted Jutras ANC representative
- i) Laura Marks CM-Elect Charles Allen
- j) TBD Neighbors

2) Work Completed

- a) Univent switches repaired
- b) Window sealing complete; no concerns expressed from staff at this time as methods seem to be successful
- c) Window contractor hired
- d) Windows process (approved by Historical Preservation Review Board (HPRB))
 - i) 1 window will be removed upon approval by Watkins' administration. Shop drawings and material ordering to follow

3) Ed Spec Overview from Teacher Meeting

- a) DCPS comments
 - i) Moving towards laptop computers with storage and carts throughout the District
- b) Teachers wants (not exclusive list; Deanna given several paper copies at meeting)
 - i) Electric outlets on all walls
 - ii) Shelter-in-place provisions
 - (1) Locks and glass are insufficient barriers
 - iii) Privacy for boy's urinals ("hiney covers")
 - iv) Teaching computer lab
 - (1) Separate from the laptop computers with storage and carts
 - (2) For math and technology classes
 - v) Slow down project schedule to accommodate all needs in 1 master plan
- c) Ed Spec
 - i) Ed spec remains in draft form until the schematic design phase (per Deanna)
 - (1) Science lab to be factored into revisions
 - ii) Ed spec formulas
 - (1) Size of media center and dining, for example, vary based on enrollment
 - (2) Size of PE room stays the same ½ court size (3,400 sq ft.), the elementary school standard size
 - iii) Outstanding data
 - (1) Enrollment data





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- (a) Office of Planning (OP) still working with population projections at neighborhood cluster level
- (b) Population projections need revision to reflect school enrollment boundaries rather than neighborhood boundaries
- (2) DPR commitment to project details
- iv) Goal to have 4 classes at every grade level, one side of building literacy and social studies, other side math and science (per Anthony)
- v) Ratio for students to computer (DCPS to advise)
- vi) Display cases (like Stuart Hobson)
- vii) Art room
 - (1) Half of space walled cabinets with large doors to accommodate utility boards to be mounted on top
 - (2) Nix the storage room which, when used, prevents teacher from keeping an eye on students
- viii) Multipurpose space
 - (1) Current multipurpose space has challenges
 - (a) Unsafe layout
 - (b) Not large enough for 3 afterschool programs
 - (2) Desired to finish this space Summer 2015
- ix) Teachers' and community's concerns
 - (1) Waiting on enrollment data and DPR input to complete ed spec
 - (2) Project is being "fast tracked" and funding was delayed 3 out of the 4 years
 - (a) CIP doesn't expire, however, concerned that the option for an addition may be put on hold
 - (3) New director of DPR may nix all the work done in 2014
 - (4) Why is Watkins ES not getting as much financial attention as Garrison ES full modernization given both schools are of similar age and condition?
- 4) Scope comments: at minimum, have HVAC and windows done Summer 2015
- 5) Preliminary Design Schedule pending review from Architect
 - a) December 2014 Architect on board (announced Dec. 9 Community Meeting), February 2015 Concept Design, March 2015 Schematic Design, Spring 2015 Design Builder on board, June 2015 construction starts, August 2015 construction complete
- 6) Items Due
 - a) Final ed spec
 - i) Enrollment data
 - ii) DPR commitment to project details

7) <u>Recurring Meetings</u>

- a) Next meetings
 - i) Community December 9th
 - (1) January 29th, March 26th, June/July/August TBD
 - ii) SIT January 15th
 - (1) February 19th, March 19th, April 14th, May 21st, June/July/August TBD
- b) Meeting patterns
 - i) SIT every 3rd Thursday, Community once per quarter (more if needed)