

### CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITY SERVICES (CFS)

3200 Center Street, Houston TX 77007-5909

## **PAT Meeting Minutes**

# Lee High School

MEETING: 009

**LOCATION:** Lee High School

DATE / TIME: January 30, 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Melanie Hauser, Lee HS alumni/ Community Member; Marcelin, Kamdoum,

Student; Monica Quintero, Lee HS Principal;; LaJuan A. Harris, HISD-Facilities Planning; Joseph Benjamin, Lake/Flato Architects; Michael Britt, Lake/Flato

Architects; Alfiee Herran, Lee HS AP; Steven Redmond, URS; Rufus Chaney CTE;

Gilbert Sosa, 11th grade student; Mel Butler, URS,.

**PURPOSE:** To review design progress since the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Review and Discussion of the Seattle Learning Tour, January, 2014
- Review of progress on the Schematic Design
- What to expect at the next PAT meeting

#### NOTES:

- 1. The District sponsored a tour of schools demonstrating 21<sup>st</sup> Century design principles. The tour took place January 14-16, and included Marysville Getchell High School, Valley View Middle School, Nathan Hale High School and Odegaard Library in Seattle, WA. Ms. Herran presented a review of the site tour observations which included:
  - a. All spaces should be designed with flexibility and collaboration to support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.
  - b. Neighborhoods support Linked Learning programs Positive buy-in from students and teachers
  - c. The collaborative spaces / common areas lend to a new culture for students and teachers, i.e., "**Trust is assumed until broken**."
    - i. Students were self-guided when using common learning areas
    - ii. Areas provided students the opportunity to work independently and in pairs
    - iii. There was strong evidence of student centered and self-directed learning while utilizing flexible spaces.
  - d. Flexible furniture allowed for various uses based on need
  - e. Open spaces were common elements of schools visited in Seattle. The spaces could be described as:
    - Visible and therefore supervised
    - ii. Welcoming for students and teachers

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- f. 21<sup>st</sup> century schools are designed for learning to occur in every space within the school building: Class, Common Areas, Cafeteria, Outdoor areas, Teacher workspaces.
- g. Our current building is structured with little visibility, light and isolation (long hallways). The design of a new Lee High School will provide an opportunity to:
  - i. constantly communicate and collaborate through the design and structure
  - ii. communicate themes and cultures for the school
  - iii.intentionally structure our building to embed our Guiding Principles
- 2. Joseph Benjamin (Lake|Flato Architects) led a presentation of the development of the design, including building orientation and the location of each of the functions and images of the various elevations of the proposed plan.
- 3. The Architects presented a plan for an entrance from Beverly Hill in response to the PAT's request. The plan also consolidates the athletic and performing arts facilities into a unified block on the east end of the facility. Staff and Visitor parking are located in front of the entrance, and softball and baseball fields have been provided. Service access to the kitchen and utility functions has been provided from Hillcroft. The PAT generally approved the Beverly Hill entrance but expressed concerns on other aspects of the design. The Architects will make changes to address these concerns prior to the next meeting.
- 4. The group discussed the access connection to the gymnasium/natatorium wing and issues related to security and visibility.
- 5. The faculty expressed the desire for the auditorium to have fixed seating. This will be addressed during the Design Development phase.
- 6. The location of the child care center was discussed. The Architects have relocated the unit to the west of the main entrance of the school, so that children could be easily dropped off by students on the way into school.
- 7. Discussion of the requirements and locations of specific CTE programs: space for the Baylor College of Medicine clinic program; location of the Construction program; location of the Welding program. Assignment of CTE spaces within the school plan needs to be developed during design development phase. Program Manager will review the current budget to confirm health / life safety concerns are addressed in the current welding / construction program facility.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 09-01 Design Team to submit Schematic Design Package for review February 10, 2014. (WHR Lake|Flato)
- 09-02 Program Team will address the locations of the CTE programs to specific spaces in the new building. (HISD; URS; WHR)
- 09-03 Program Manager to confirm budget provisions for Health and Life Safety concerns in the Welding / Construction shop facility (URS)
- 09-04 Architect will revise Program Evaluation matrix to address Planning review requirements. (Lake\Flato)
- 09-05 Architect will respond to the desire for fixed seating in the Auditorium. (WHR)
- 09-06 Community Meeting will be March 27, 2014 at 6:30 PM. (HISD)

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## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2014 @ 4:30 PM and the Architects will present refinements of the design.

Please review these meeting minutes and submit any changes or corrections to Steven Redmond. After five (5) days, the minutes will be assumed to be accurate.

Sincerely,

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