

# Minutes 2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Pilgrim Academy

**MEETING #:** 10

**LOCATION:** Pilgrim Academy K-8

DATE / TIME: June 2, 2015 4:00 pm

ATTENDEES: (those marked with a check were present)

√	Diana Castillo	Principal	~	Edna Chible	Parent
~	Andrew Casler	Dean of Students	~	Carrie Flores	Asst. Principal
✓	Jim Teater	Community		Romerico	Teacher
✓	Tom Davies	Teacher	✓	Dinah Wiafe	HISD
$\checkmark$	Jarrad Lenoir	RDC Architects		David Funk	HISD
$\checkmark$	Stennis Lenoir	<b>RDC</b> Architects	$\checkmark$	Albert Wong	HISD

**PURPOSE:** Review and discuss the design concept that was developed and agreed upon during the Pilgrim Academy Design Charrette work sessions

## AGENDA:

- Review and discuss the current Pilgrim Academy design concept for traffic circulation and the new proposed building additions and limited renovations
- What to expect at the next PAT Meeting

## DISCUSSION:

- 1. The meeting was relocated to the Pilgrim Academy Library because the conference room, where we normally meet, was not set up to show the RDC Architects' design presentation material. It began with the introduction of Ms. Dinah Wiafe, the new HISD Facilities Design Sr. Project Manager, who was attending this meeting instead of Eric Ford, who had a scheduling conflict.
- 2. The meeting was turned over to Stennis Lenoir, with RDC Architects, who presented and discussed the two design concepts that were developed from the Pilgrim Academy Design Charrette. In both concepts, the existing T-Buildings (7) were relocated to an adjacent area where they are intended to serve the Middle School grades while the new construction is ongoing.
- 3. Mr. Lenoir presented Scheme 1A, which was a linear arrangement of the programmed Middle School classrooms in the new addition that are expected to replace the existing, corresponding classrooms now located in the T-Buildings. The twelve classrooms and support areas were shown grouped around two Extended Learning Areas and an expanded corridor area. This proposed new building addition was placed at the end of an extended new "Learning Corridor", which is an expansion of the existing main corridor running through the Pilgrim Academy main building.
- 4. Scheme 1A also shows the enlargement of the existing Multi-Purpose Room to the west and south to accommodate a regulation sized Middle School basketball court. In this scheme, the locker rooms and coaches' offices were located at the west end of this addition to minimize the new plumbing costs. There was also discussion about locating these new locker rooms and coaches offices on the east end of the



Gymnasium, instead, within the existing Multi-Purpose area to allow access to the locker rooms and Coaches Offices from the existing corridor. This variation, however, might result in more plumbing costs, due to modifications to the existing floor slab and suspended ceiling areas.

- 5. Scheme 2 was a variation of the previous scheme in showing a less linear arrangement of classrooms and more expanded corridor areas for Extended Learning and Flex spaces. This layout showed the Music Room relocated to another location and its present area repurposed for the Gymnasium locker rooms and Coaches areas instead.
- 6. In both schemes, it was pointed out that there was the ability to add some future classrooms along the Learning Corridor.
- 7. The PAT, led by Principal Castillo, was concerned about the pending loss of two existing 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms that are currently housed in the T-Buildings. Although the relocated T-Buildings will be in use while the new addition is being built, once this construction is completed, the District's anticipated position would be to remove these temporary buildings as soon as they're no longer required. However, with the projected increase of the Pilgrim Academy student enrollment for the next school year and no perceived immediate relief in sight, the Principal and PAT want to keep as many of these T-Buildings as feasible, once the new additions are completed. This became the topic of some extended discussion, with Principal Castillo wanting to confirm this possibility with the District, prior to having the Pilgrim Academy Community Meeting and knowing that this issue will come up for debate. She wants to establish HISD's position on this topic before proceeding with the current community meeting date of June 30, 2015 and may request that the date be postponed until a decision is made.
- 8. In closing, the PAT again expressed concerns about having sufficient construction funding to address their immediate and future student enrollment needs or being able to keep some of the relocated T-Buildings to assist with this issue. Mr. Wong responded that he would check with HISD officials to confirm the possibility of this scenario.

#### **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

1-1 There were no additional questions.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1-01 Confirm if Pilgrim Academy can utilize some of the relocated T-Buildings after the new additions are completed, if their student enrollment justifies their extended usage. Mr. Wong will try to confirm.
- 1-02 Confirm if the scheduled Pilgrim Academy Community Meeting on June 30, 2015 will be postponed. Principal Castillo to confirm, once the extended availability of the T-Buildings is established.
- 1-03 Prepare for the next PAT Meeting.

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:

1. Review Schematic Design drawings and ideas developed from the last PAT design work session.

**NEXT PAT MEETING:** Tuesday, July 7, 2015; 4:00 pm, Pilgrim Academy



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

Sincerely,

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