

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT – SOUTH LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY MEETING 02 – 10/05/20

MEETING CHAT RECORD

Attendee Sign-In

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Jeff Landrie: Architect, DLR Group

Celeste King: Principal, SLES

Aaron McKinley: Assistant School Administrator, SLES

Heather LaDuca: STEM Focus Teacher, SLES

Emily Dematatis: Art teacher, SLES

Leticia Melendez: Paraeducator Pre-K, SLES

Sherrie Piper: Second Grade Teacher, SLES

Jackie Escobar: Teacher, SLES

Brian Franco: Staff Member, SLES

Ramatou Bakori: Parent, SLES

Jessica McVary: MNCPPC / Montgomery Planning

Nkosi Yearwood: Montgomery County Planning

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Josh Poulin: PE, Civil Engineer, Project Manager, AMT Engineering

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Online Survey – English:

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Online Survey – Spanish:

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COMMENTS

07:49 PM Heather LaDuca to Everyone: Where would the modular/portable classrooms in scheme A go?

RESPONSE: Modular/ Portable classroom location will be reviewed with MCPS. Location will be evaluated to consider access from main building as well as at a location that limits impact to other site elements.

07:50 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: Great question, Heather! I am wondering the same thing.

07:55 PM Heather LaDuca to Everyone: "Health Services/Parent Resources" does this space serve as the student health room as well as the school-based health center?

RESPONSE: This space would be for the community; a separate health suite is provided for the school.

What is the size/capacity of the multipurpose room in each of these schemes?

RESPONSE: The MPR is 3700 square feet in all schemes.

07:55 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: I am wondering the same things, Heather. I am also wondering if it would make more sense to have the gym connected to the fields to enable them to easily have PE outside as opposed to having the Media Center closer to the fields. I don't know if it's possible to do that.

RESPONSE: Repurposing the existing gym is under evaluation. It is understood that the current location accommodates direct after-hours public access from the parking area however the Multipurpose Room is also being considered reviewed for direct field access.

PROVIDE YOUR THOUGHTS ON SCHEME B

- 07:56 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: Scheme A - more open concept!!!
- RESPONSE:** Various schemes are being explored.
- Scheme B - courtyard may be wasted space.
- RESPONSE:** Courtyard may provide opportunities for outdoor learning, gathering, and natural light into the building. More details to be provided if this scheme is developed further.
- 07:57 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: Is it possible to show them side by side? It's hard to compare the two.
- RESPONSE:** Schemes are side by side under the Feedback slide.
- 07:57 PM Heather LaDuca to Everyone: Will we have an opportunity to see them side by side?
- RESPONSE:** Schemes are side by side under the Feedback slide.
- 07:57 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: Scheme B - creative and multi leveled - very cool, how ADA compliant will we be and how easy will it be to navigate the building quickly during potential emergency.
- RESPONSE:** All schemes will comply with accessibility requirements and provide exit access as required by life safety Code.
- 07:57 PM Mr. Franco to Everyone: Scheme A has too many classrooms in one section of the building.
- RESPONSE:** Clustering of classrooms will be looked into further.
- 07:58 PM Heather LaDuca to Everyone: Connecting to Mr. Franco's comment - how many bathrooms would sections of classrooms have?
- RESPONSE:** In-Classroom toilet rooms will be provided where required by the Ed Spec (program). Overall, restrooms will be provided as required by Code.
- 07:59 PM Celeste King to Everyone: Since the gym is used by outside agencies, I can understand why it would be connected to the parking lot. Is there a way to provide easy access from the gym to the play area for outside PE?
- RESPONSE:** Field access is being explored further including potential paths from within the building.
- 07:59 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: I agree, Ms. King.
- 07:59 PM Celeste King to Everyone: Scheme A - APR room near play area a plus.
- RESPONSE** – Acknowledged and will remain a consideration.

- 08:00 PM Mr. Franco to Everyone: Scheme B I do not know if having a courtyard would benefit the students.
- RESPONSE:** Courtyard may provide opportunities for outdoor learning, gathering, and natural light into the building. More details to be provided if this scheme is developed further.
- 08:00 PM Jillian storms to Everyone: Questions on Bent Bar Scheme - The View from the North looked like the largest floor plan (Ground floor?) attached to the classroom wing on the lowest level and it went up 2 levels from that. Am I seeing this incorrectly?
- RESPONSE:** In Scheme A, the existing lower level will be expanded and will be two stories. An additional third story occurs at the 'bent bar' to house classrooms.
- 08:00 PM Celeste King to Everyone: Scheme B - adding additional classes on the lower level a good idea but this scheme not a favorite.
- RESPONSE:** Other Schemes are exploring connectivity to the existing lower level classrooms by expanding with additional classrooms or other program space.
- 08:02 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: Scheme B - love the gym to play field option.
- RESPONSE:** Whether gym remains at current location or not, access to fields from either exterior or interior is being reviewed further.
- 08:02 PM Jillian storms to Everyone: I asked as the best design is if no classroom is more than a floor level away from the main entrance and main spaces (cafeteria, gym LMC).
- RESPONSE:** To be considered as schemes develop.
- 08:03 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: Sorry I meant scheme C.
- 08:03 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: Does the Health Services and Parent Resources area include Linkages to Learning? Or are these separate? Will this include a health room and a School Based Health Center or just a health room?
- RESPONSE:** All areas are being developed during schematic design and will be separate.
- 08:04 PM Deborah Szyfer to Everyone: The School based health center would include the school health room and the Linkages to Learning program.
- 08:04 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: My concern about having the gym and APR so close to each other is the noise level. Both already get very loud.
- RESPONSE:** Acknowledged and noise concern will be considered as Schemes develop.
- 08:05 PM Jillian storms to Everyone: Folder Bar Scheme seems to be the hardest to monitor/supervise, i.e. requires multiple points to view all corridors.
- RESPONSE:** Sightlines will be considered as Schemes develop.

08:05 PM Celeste King to Everyone: gym-APR together = too much noise! Also looks like a of unused space. NO triangles, we've had our fill of them.

RESPONSE: Acknowledged and noise concern will be considered as Schemes develop. Triangular spaces will be avoided.

08:06 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: Scheme C seems very tight and closed in with the triangular shape.

RESPONSE: Triangular shape is proposed as a Garden. This scheme is being revisited to address relying on single-loaded corridors.

08:06 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: I agree about the triangular shapes. I do like the idea of a garden though.

RESPONSE: Opportunities for garden areas / outdoor space can be explored with the other schemes.

08:08 PM Heather LaDuca to Everyone: Are there any room sizes for these schemes?

RESPONSE: These layouts are conceptual however all spaces will be sized as required by the Ed Spec (program) to meet MCPS standards.

08:09 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: I like the garden, should be incorporated in all schemes

RESPONSE: Opportunities for garden areas / outdoor space can be explored with the other schemes.

PROVIDE THOUGHTS ON SCHEME C

08:10 PM Kwame Bailey | DLR Group to Everyone: Erika she likes scheme C lol.

08:10 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: Courtyard in scheme B is wasted space

RESPONSE: Courtyard may provide opportunities for outdoor learning, gathering, and natural light into the building. More details to be provided if this scheme is developed further.

08:10 PM Heather LaDuca to Everyone: Not sure if this would be at the stage in the design, but would any of these have a green roof like the other new MCPS schools?

RESPONSE: All sustainability aspects will be gone over through the design process.

08:10 PM Mr. Franco to Everyone: I think scheme C has better distribution of spaces and sections compare to A and B.

RESPONSE: Space distribution, particularly for the larger common areas, will continue to be evaluated as the Schemes develop and will factor adjacencies, security, and community access.

08:13 PM Heather LaDuca to Everyone: Do each of the schemes provide exterior windows for classrooms?

RESPONSE: All classrooms will receive windows.

08:14 PM Mr. Franco to Everyone: Regarding the noise of the gym and multipurpose room being next to each other, we can come up with a schedule where there's no PE classes during lunch.

08:19 PM Jillian storms to Everyone: Bent Bar Scheme separates the main public spaces (Multi-purpose & gym) on different levels which makes it hard to close down the school afterhours to a more limited area.

RESPONSE: After-hours access and security will be considered for the common areas and reviewed with the school based on anticipated community use.

The Courtyard Scheme seems the best for the use of the school afterhours.

RESPONSE: After hours use and access will be considered for all schemes.

08:22 PM Emily Dematatis to Everyone: Are you going to choose one scheme as it is, or can you take different parts of different schemes that would be effective if all put together into a final scheme?

RESPONSE: Based on stakeholder input, schemes will evolve to address the most effective academic layout as well as community feedback.

08:33 PM Aaron McKinley to Everyone: Yes, please!!! Multipurpose room close to field! Multipurpose room! We need an overhang. A large covered area out front of the building. Most of our students are walkers so there is always a large congregation of parents waiting for students out front each afternoon, rain or shine, they need cover as well.

RESPONSE: Team will evaluate anticipated staging and drop-off/ pick-up arrangement. Covered waiting will be provided as required by the program.