

Ad Hoc Concept & Design Committee Notes – 3/23/16 4:00 PM

Present: Kim Appleby, Tori Manzi, Kristin Collins, Bob Williams, Beth Fisher, Joanne Richards, Marianne Doyle, Rich Barratt, Jerry White, Sherry Moody and Ron Lamarre (via skype)

Ron reviewed the updated connected learning diagrams with the committee. Various programs have been connected to others with Beth's input. He discussed the adult education CNA and CDL program locations near the main entrance. Medical programs would be located near one another. A science lab would be located near the medical programs as well. Areas of shared interest are grouped together, i.e. Auto Tech, Auto Collision and Small Engine Repair.

Ron discussed building Option A that shows an Exploration Lab as you enter the building. There is one large exterior door with interior garage doors for each shop program. Jerry spoke about future program spaces such as cosmetology. Ron discussed sustainability and orientation of the building for the best energy efficiencies. The concept plan shows program spaces including a glassed entry and greeting area. Ron reviewed building Option B with the committee. Option B is similar to Option A but the programs are not oriented in a "straight line." Marianne asked about computer labs and testing spaces. The committee discussed space sizes and accommodating a number of students in each program. Parking for staff may be separated from the general public and students if the city allows adjacent land to be used. Marianne discussed how much space will be needed for the CDL program. Option B places administrative offices on both levels. The committee discussed the public areas on the second level and the need for separate student cafeteria space. Ron explained the reason why academics have larger classroom space than the shop classroom spaces. Bob asked about location and number of restroom facilities. Beth advised several programs will need changing rooms and/or locker room space. Ron spoke about the fact the design can be adjusted to each program's needs. He envisions smaller multiple restrooms throughout the building. He will find out if uni-sex bathrooms are allowed in schools.

Ron shared building Option C with the committee. The design is more straight-forward and simple but has yet to be developed. This option is educationally less connected than the first two options. Ron also felt the cost of all three options would be very close. He asked the committee to decide if Option A or B is best for further development. The committee determined Option B should be developed along with Option C. Ron feels the communities will look at three things: 1. Cost, 2. What the building looks like and 3. How much it will cost to maintain. Ron felt the new building should have a geothermal system. He advised the energy usage in all options would be very similar. Ron discussed sending a simple mailer out to the communities soon to explain what our school offers, how a region works and how we're funded. After attending a number of Select Board meeting, Ron felt these questions need answering.

Beth explained the programming documents that were sent out to the committee. Programming will be discussed at the committee's next meeting. The committee decided to meet on April 12th at 4:00 PM* and then again on April 27th at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

*Note: the time changed from 4:00 PM to 3:00 PM after the meeting ended.