

Community Forum on the TJ Construction Projects

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Forum Program

- Description of TJ construction projects
- Process to get to construction
 - City Council and Planning Commission
 - Architect Selection Advisory Committee (ASAC)
 - School Board Representative from CDG Arcadis
 - Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
 - Options for contract award
 - Design, bid, build
 - Design, build
- Survey Results
- Questions and answers



Walk the Grounds

- See the massing of proposed expansion/construction
- No design yet
- Design will come after bid process and input from stakeholders



TJ Construction Projects

- Two distinct projects that can each stand alone
 - Expansion – addition of 12 or more classrooms and cafeteria expansion to accommodate additional students – 2011 – 2013.
 - Renovation of existing building to include library, gym, classrooms and sprinkling of the building – 2012 – 2013.



Funding of Projects

- **Project 1 – Expansion**
 - Funded by \$3 million in Qualified School Construction Bond and \$2.9 million of locally bonded funds

- **Project 2 – Renovation**
 - Funded by \$4 million in locally bonded funds



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Timing of Projects

- Expansion/addition to be completed between 2012 and 2013 – possible use as swing space during renovation
- Renovation to be done when expansion is complete – 2012 into 2013.
- Goal is for grade 2-5 occupancy for 2013-2014



City Project

- Site approval from Falls Church City Planning Commission and City Council
- Build on the positive experience of building Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School
 - CDG Arcadis – Warren Walker and Bob Jones



ASAC Committee

- Policy 4.30.1 – “ASAC works on capital projects where the impact of education program issues is central to the design of the project.”
- Membership made up of staff, administrators, parents, and community members
- Reviews proposals
- Reviews progress
- Post construction evaluation



ASAC Committee

- Advises the design team and SB on:
 - Space requirements
 - Schematic design
 - Community use
 - Safety and accessibility
 - Project implementation and schedules



Request for Qualifications or Request for Proposals

- Options include RFQ or RFP
 - RFQ results in design, build – similar to MEHMS
 - RFP results in design, bid, build – longer process



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Survey Results

- Most important (Very important or essential)
 - Addition of 12 classrooms
 - Addition of science lab
 - Expansion of library
 - Expansion of cafeteria
 - Playground space
 - Upgrading of existing HVAC and other systems



Survey Results

- Very important or essential during construction:
 - Impact on academics
 - Impact on playground
 - Construction timeline
 - Post construction changes to playground/athletic field



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Survey Results

- Somewhat important during construction:
 - Impact on athletic field
 - Impact on outdoor classroom
 - Impact on Day Care
 - Impact on parking
 - Location of construction supplies & equipment
 - Neighborhood impact
 - Noise
 - Drop-off and pick-up (also for post-construction)



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Survey Results

- Somewhat important:
 - Removing trailers
 - Green elements or LEED certification
 - Green roof for outdoor classroom
 - Day care space



Survey Results

- Areas of concern during construction:
 - Child Safety – walking and biking to school
 - Child Safety – on construction site and from construction crew
 - Child Safety – during play
 - Play and green space – where?
 - Noise – both for students and neighbors
 - Space – is there enough of it in the plans?



Survey Results

- Areas of concern during construction:
 - Construction – make it a teachable moment for students
 - Trailers – stay or go?
 - Timing – get it done on time!
 - Get it right!!



Survey Results

- Programmatic Issues of concern:
 - Great to reconfigure back to Pre-K-5, 6-8, & 9-12
 - Leave 8th grade at GMHS!
 - How will the move of 5th grade impact their grading, curriculum and PYP?
 - How will this impact Day Care and ASAP?



Survey Results

- Other issues:
 - Consider community use of the facility and grounds
 - Parking
 - Remain an accessible polling place
 - Expanded population at TJ – adequate staffing and administration
 - Land acquisition
 - 20 year plan for schools – no piece meal



Questions and Answers

- What do you want to know that we haven't told you?



The End

To make further comment on the TJ project,
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