

Fremont City Schools
DESIGN TEAM MEETING
Thursday, March 26, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Renee Bissett	John McCreery	Cheryl Schell
Dave Chambers	Scott Miller	Curt South
Dave Fleming	Tina Myers	Dr. Kim Theller
Alex Gorobetz	Brent Parker	Tony Walker
Linda Hershey	Michaelleen Rogers	Cindy Young
Dr. Traci McCaudy	Dave Saller	Jon Zyski

1. Reviewed initial design drawings.

a. Concern expressed to avoid a bottleneck with students entry/exit into the academic area of the building. Second floor entry could help with some of this congestion; members were not certain that this would be enough.

b. Cafeteria – designed to serve 1/3 of the student body at a time.

c. Much of what is shown in the current drawings are massing diagrams and just show building volume.

d. Two exits currently shown for the academic area (meets code). Team members asked that additional exits on the first floor be considered in the design. Team members also asked for an additional stairwell in the academic area for egress.

e. Discussion held on three-story academic design versus adding a second story over another area of the building for one of the academic areas. Adding a second story to some of the common areas would be a challenge and they do try to avoid this.

f. Tornado protection: interior of the space; a study of special refuge areas will be accomplished.

g. Stage location – thought to keep with the cafeteria for atmosphere and acoustics. Keep music rooms close to the stage/cafeteria. There is some flexibility if the stage is placed in between the gymnasium and cafeteria.

h. Much discussion was held on the need for dedicated space for technology. Although two classrooms need to be dedicated for industrial technology classes, questions were raised as to whether computer technology classes can be mobile, moving to the students rather than having a dedicated space. This concept would allow some of the square footage from technology classrooms to be added to the Extended Learning Areas (ELA), wired for wireless technology. Classrooms will be hard-wired for four computers and set up for wireless technology. The size of the currently designed ELA would allow space for 24 students at computers.

i. Members recognized they must think out of the box, opening minds to avoid idle spaces with ownership and look more to community spaces.

2. Curt South stated that this type of discussion is why the design meetings are held and they appreciate the comments given. When the team meets next week, the focus will be on the major pieces of the building. Question to be addressed is whether members would like to see a 3-story design or a separate wing for 6th grade. John McCreery will bring photographic examples of a 3-story building design.

3. The next Design Team meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 4:00 p.m., in Room 116.

cc: BOE

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