STRATFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
RENOVATION AND ADDITION
ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BLPC # 13
OCTOBER 26, 2015
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Note: CMR pre-construction contract to be tentatively awarded at 11/16 SB meeting
• BLPC to conduct online vote to determine preferred site direction and preferred massing option.
• **Straw poll on 10/12:**
  • 13 in favor of West Option, 3 in favor of Link Option. (7 members not present)
  • 13 members present in favor of “high road” to Old Dominion (Site Option C3)
  • Terrace and East off the table.
• Several members no longer prefer the Link scheme now that program has been reduced and atrium removed.
• Members of BLPC involved in student instruction largely feel the program reductions are manageable; however all would like to see some program recaptured if possible.
• APS asked BLPC to consider recommending interpretative exhibit/approach as item that requires additional funding as not in current budget plans.
• **Straw poll on 10/15:**
  - 11 in favor of West Option
  - 6 in favor of “high road” to Old Dominion
  - 4 in favor of no connection to Old Dominion
  - No support for “low road” to Old Dominion

• Discussion focused on whether the high road is needed; close majority vote decided it was important due to the nature of this particular site.

• Additional issues that the PFRC continues to be concerned about include: Vacation Lane improvements, tree impact of scheme, impact to the RPA/increase of impervious area, impact to the park and the fields, and historic preservation.
• Met with APS design staff, QEA, and APS Instructional Supervisors (Gym, Library)

• Follow-up meeting will be scheduled with Visual and Performing Art Supervisors and Special Education

• Instructional staff advocated for relocating the Library to the new addition and considering opportunities for adjacent spaces to be flexible and with possible shared use. These could include:
  • Reading, Health, World Language, Testing Rooms

• Further conversations with APS instructional staff will continue through Schematic Design
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS
REDUCING PROGRAM BY 10,000 SF
173,000 SF FOR 1,000 STUDENTS

3000 SF • Support Space for Additional 10,000 SF (Halls, MEP, etc.)
1000 SF • Reduce Size of Locker Rooms
600 SF • Remove Student Activity Center
1100 SF • Reduce Gym Storage + Offices (Mostly Existing to Remain)
600 SF • Remove 2 Special Ed Resource Rooms
700 SF • Remove Drama Classroom
3000 SF • Maintain Existing Media Center
100 - 200 SF each • Remove Offices
1500 SF • Repurpose Weight Room as Auxiliary Gym
1100 SF • Remove Business Lab
750 SF • Remove 1 Elective Classroom
300 SF • Reduce Teacher Work Areas
700 - 1000 SF each • Remove Flex Classroom / Lab
SITE OPTION C3 + “WEST” BUILDING

PREFERRED SITE PLAN

- Site Option C3 - High Road to Old Dominion - shown
- Added surface parking off Vacation Lane to replace 50 spaces lost
- 144 parking spaces
SITE OPTION C3 + “WEST” BUILDING

MASSING - PHASE 1

• 35,000 gsf
• 3 floors
• All new program at west end of building
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PROGRAM

- Media Center renovated in existing building
- Auxiliary Gym and lockers in new addition
- 6th grade on Level 1 of existing building
- 7th grade on Level 2 in addition and existing
- 8th grade on Level 3 in addition and existing
SITE OPTION A1 + “WEST” BUILDING

SITE PLAN - PHASE 1

- No Old Dominion access drive
- Expanded surface parking lot and parent drop-off on Vacation Lane
- West addition does not have a new entry proximate to either bus or car drop-off
- 144 parking spaces
RESPONSE TO BLPC

ADDITIONAL ELEVATOR AT EAST END

BASEMENT

LEVEL 1

LEVEL 2 AND 3