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## Abington Frolio Middle School Project Working Session #18

Notes for Session: 7:30 AM, March 28, 2014

Attendees: Richard Testa, Peter Schafer, Felicia Moschella, Jason Linn, Peter Serino, Kathy Bailey, Shawn Reilly, Roger Boddie, Teresa Sullivan, Jessica Sullivan, David Drew, Craig Olsen, Troy Randall, Scott Dunlap, and Mary Mahoney

Items:

1. KBA provided a MSBA progress report including the Board vote on March 26, 2014 to approve the preferred solution selection and authorize schematic design for the preferred solution. The Board meeting also included information regarding MSBA evaluation of construction cost grant thresholds with recommendation of the \$/s.f. costs expected June 2014 for adoption July 2014. MSBA Board also discussed considerations related to sustainable design and high efficiency green school program (incentive point item) and adoption of new LEED standards July 2014 for project entering the feasibility study phase of a project. The LEED standard change will not affect the Abington project.
2. Ai3 presents an updated site plan noting that minor adjustments were incorporated based on discussions at last week's working meeting.
  - The entry drive from Gliniewicz Way was adjusted to a single entry that splits off to serve the bus queue area and parking facilities were further adjusted to maximize play field layouts and access to the building.
  - Parallel parking was added to Gliniewicz Way adding 28 spaces to the parking count.
  - Based on adjustments to the site entry, onsite parking and parallel parking along Gliniewicz Way to total parking count equals initial counts totaling 442 spaces.
3. Ai3 presented updated floor plans with focus on enlarged area plans for Athletics and Theater/Music areas. The enlarge area plans incorporate information obtained during recent programming meetings.
  - Athletics – review gym area access and circulation pattern.
    - High School gym provides a full size court with bleachers located along side court. Seating capacity is approximately 528 seats.
    - Middle School gym is 6,000 s.f. with full size court and limited bleachers provided along one side court. Seating capacity is approximately 100 seats.
    - HS and MS gymnasium will be separated by a moveable partition of construction to be determined. Flexibility to combine spaces and provide access between gyms while partition is closed were noted as important for future functionality.
    - P.E. Alt. 3 was reduced by 500 s.f. to provide for a separate Middle School P.E. Alt. 4 – Fitness Center space. Adjustment results in P.E. Alt. 3 assigned to High School or flex use (schedule based) use with a total area of 2,500 s.f.
    - Boy's & Girl's Locker Room layout for the Middle School population located to the west of the gym and Boy's and Girl's Locker Rooms with separate Team Rooms for the High School population located to the east of the gym were reviewed.
    - A corridor located between High School locker rooms was added to provide direct access to the fields and include public toilet rooms within the public access vestibule for the corridor.



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General discussion ensued regarding sight lines and physical connection needs between the gymnasium space and alt. P.E. space and the proximity of the P.E. Alt. 4 to High School locker rooms. Discussion also included need and available area for physical education equipment storage and athletic equipment storage.

- Theater/Music Area was reviewed including entry and circulation patterns.
  - Auditorium layout and entry reviewed with goal of providing public access to space without allowing access to the academic section of the building. An elevator and stair are located in the building area for access to second floor facilities.
  - The Athletic Directors Office is provided at the shared lobby of the Gymnasium/Auditorium to provide a supervisory component for the area.
  - Music area was reviewed including rooms; Band, Choral, Ensemble #1, Ensemble #2, Practice Room, and Music Storage.

General discussion ensued regarding the existing music program, music program student enrollment, and functional use of the ensemble rooms and practice rooms. Technology components for the music rooms was reviewed including preliminary plans for interactive white boards and local sound systems.

4. NEXT WORKING SESSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON **FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014 AT 7:30 AM.**

To the best of my knowledge, these notes are a fair representation of the issues and items discussed at the meeting. Additional items or corrections should be brought to the attention of the writer.

Submitted by: M. Mahoney 4/1/14