

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Core Action Team – Meeting #2 Minutes

CAMPBELLSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Somerville Project #6654

Notes/Discussion Items from C.A.T.:

1. Expectations from the Core Action Team:
 - We appreciate you all being here and appreciate and welcome ALL comments and feedback
 - The CAT's goal is "to vet" options and opportunity and ultimately bring a recommendation to the School Board.
2. Community buzz / FAQ – as heard by the C.A.T.
 - I've been asked - *when a decision will be made and when we can expect a referendum?*
 - *Was there something going out in the mail mentioning an upcoming referendum?* – Yes a District-wide newsletter mentioning that the District is reviewing the facilities again.
 - Would it be possible that an email goes out to the CAT prior to any District mailers go out? The District now has the C.A.T. emails and will give the committee updates on communication.
 - I had one community member say that *the board already made a decision.*
 - *I haven't looked on the website, has the verbiage been changed yet?*
 - Meeting minutes will go on the website
 - FAQ will be updated regularly
 - We might need to strengthen the wording/images on the website
 - *Having CD Smith on board this time around is a positive thing for our community*
3. Somerville provided posters for the committee members to place around the District informing of upcoming meetings
 - Somerville will keep providing these throughout the process so the community is aware of any upcoming meetings and is certainly invited and encouraged to attend.
4. Tech ED / STEM
 - It was noted at the last meeting that we should investigate the use of the Lower level (currently underneath tech ed area) for expanded Tech Ed /STEM?
 - The lower level would require accessibility
 - Elevator would need to be housed internally

- Estimated costs for elevator (equipment only) cost is around \$70,000; however, the additional expenses because it needs to be included in a rated shaft, excavation, build footings, clearances overhead – cost is approximately \$125,000
- Egress out of the lower level – benefit is that there is one at-grade exit; there needs to be a secondary exit. This would require rating the existing stair. This would be difficult with the existing layout and access to the existing corridor.
- The Tech Ed/STEM instructors provided a plan to Somerville of what should be included in the space along with adjacency requirements. Melanie shared that layout with group.
 - The instructors concept plan was used to lay out the square footage of previously presented Option B; it would require approximately 19,000 SF
 - The existing building (Tech Ed space) plus the lower level is approximately 15,000 SF (general classroom space and larger lab space is sacrificed with less square footage in this plan)
- The preliminary estimate for the remodeled area is approx. \$100-\$125/SF (\$1.85 million for 15,000)
- The preliminary estimate for the new construction is approx. \$190-\$200/SF (\$3.8 million for 19,000)
- We've talked about the commitment the District has to STEM and Tech Ed, and the fact that they wish to grow the program(s) – and then we look at this remodeling the lower level plan and we are putting this program in the basement. Is that acceptable or is it important to give this area a new space?
- If we were to move STEM/Tech Ed to the basement, where do the things that currently occupy that space (maintenance garages/vehicle storage, supply storage) go?
- Do we build a new maintenance garage? An approximate 50'x100' metal building cost is approx.. \$80-85/SF - \$400,000-\$425,000 + utilities
 - Where does this building go?
- Also, if we move STEM/Tech Ed to the basement, the District has numerous "dead areas" when it comes to Wi-Fi – this would need to be addressed?
- Another option we briefly discussed was moving music to the current Tech/Ed space
 - Square footage wise- the current band/choir rooms would fit comfortably in the current Tech Ed space - However, we'd need more space for auxiliary space (practice rooms, storage, etc.)
- Some CAT members commented: *Previously the Ag and FFA classrooms were in the basement and students felt sort of "shunned", isolated, etc., our schools needs to be an attractant to new students, new families. We need to look at the*

kids and families who live on the border of our District, do families make the decision to send their kids to our school where programs are sitting down in the corner with no windows, or in a beautifully lit facility with windows and natural light. We do need to keep safety in mind, but a new space would draw students, teachers, families, etc., it is a better opportunity for our District.

- It was noted that the group lacks a priority list – what are the priorities? What are the objectives?
 - Needs have been identified (see meeting minutes from 5/17 under item #3)
 - Deb noted one board member previously said after the last referendum, “we didn’t listen to our community and results of the survey” – the focus needs to be on the curriculum.
 - The survey is on the website; the group is to take time to look through the survey prior to the next meeting.
- One member questioned - *why can't we build out of the current HS office area and take advantage of the grade that is available – make it a two-story facility. THEN you knock down the 1936 portion of the building and make that parking lot.*
- One member asked - *Can we put a number together for what “Option C” is – giving up this entire site and building something new, a brand new school?*
 - The building of a new school has previously been discussed and is not financially feasible (new site required, etc.)
 - If a cost is required to help ‘tell the story’ as to why we are not proceeding with a new school, Somerville and CD Smith can put together a number.
- It was discussed that people are going to compare what Lomira got for \$24 million to what they would get here. People will compare.
 - Somerville and CD Smith will put together info on SF and cost
- Discussion of where posters go; we will need send email blast out to parents/students; also send PDF of the meeting dates to the committee for them to print as needed
- Goals for next meeting – direction for Somerville/CD Smith
 - Clearly identify the needs/goals/priorities
- Vote taken – who votes for remodeling the existing Tech Ed space and remodeling the existing lower level and adding an elevator – ZERO VOTES
- Somerville and CD Smith will move forward with the approach that Tech Ed/STEM should be further investigated on the same level – whether that be NEW building, or remodeling an existing portion of the first level to a new STEM/Tech Ed area