

**Valley High School Program Committee
Minutes – October 23, 2003**

Present: Whitney Beaver, Fred Bell, Anjana Chandran, Jean Doerge, Mandy Dorff, Jamie Ehlert, Allison Hansen, Ruth Henderson, Taylor Johnson, Randy Mead, Nick Nelsen, Vicky Poole, Rob Schebel, Sherry Snider, Mary Whitaker, Donna Wilkin

Support members: Brian Abeling, Jeff Blosser (RDG), Liz Celandia -Fagen, Gordon Dahlby, Eliz Erbes (RDG), Phil Hodgins (RDG), Kim Jordan, Jody Ratigan, Kay Rosene, Phyllis Staplin, Deb Van Gorp

Dr. Wilkin welcomed all to the meeting. She invited committee members to engage in discussion at each table on comments emerging from the world café session held at the October 7 meeting.

Jeff Blosser presented information on common threads found in the preliminary puzzles assembled at the last meeting:

- Family/consumer science, mathematics and science classrooms housed in the one-story area that would be remodeled
- “Fat C” arrangement of classrooms in the new construction area of the building
- Group classrooms by department
- Three-story academic wing to house humanities
- Art on third floor
- Smaller media center, dispersed throughout building
- Commons could be utilized for additional functions; current drawings have the space at least 62’ wide (space is under-utilized in the first round of “puzzles”)
What could go into commons area? Career center, student store, lockers, guidance offices, student activity offices, student services, some media center functions
- Special needs classrooms dispersed throughout remodeled and new construction areas

Eliz Erbes explained the revised footprint prepared for the upcoming puzzle exercise. It was noted that all puzzle pieces should be accounted for, since they represent necessary classroom space.

Dr. Poole said the Valley staff will review the puzzle plans in the near future. This will help ensure that all necessary classrooms are accounted for. The Valley Site Improvement Team (SIT) and the Student Advisory Council will also look at the puzzle plans to be developed at today’s meeting. Dr. Poole reported on the response to the preliminary plans as previewed by the SIT. Phil Hodgins commented on concerns raised regarding ventilation of the fieldhouse.

Kim Jordan commented on the specific needs for special education classrooms. She said clusters of four classrooms would be desirable.

Each table group then worked with new floor plans (reflecting assumptions from the last meeting) and utilized puzzle pieces. It was noted that placement of areas requiring public access should be carefully considered. Four puzzle plans emerged. Members of each group then moved to other tables to learn about the various space allocation plans. Each group then reconvened and recorded potential changes that could be made in their plan, based on what was learned from other groups.

Dr. Wilkin then recorded assumptions and common threads among the four potential floor plans:

- Special Ed – SCI & SC in 400 area. Resource – spread about
- Student Services in commons area
- Media Center needs further analysis
- Administrative office visible from entrances
- Interdisciplinary opportunities by arrangement of classrooms in the academic tower (example: language arts/social studies connected)
- Each porch has a purpose; some flexible for multiple uses
- Each porch needs to be well planned for best use
- World language lab needs to be able to be used for testing and flexible for other student use during the day
- Move room 400 to 409
- Maximize wireless possibilities
- Radio, yearbook, *Spotlight* and debate located near forum due to activities after school hours
- Student “work areas” located off the commons area
- Teacher work areas located on every floor.
- “Back” stairs in new addition for teachers to move between floors.
- Full computer lab on floors with language arts/social studies.

Points of Agreement from Oct 7, 2003

- Math, science and FCS together in existing bldg
- Most “humanities” classes located in new addition
- The main commons area will be located in the existing bldg from 35th St entrance thru existing Tiger Court.
- Cs will be included in old and new remodeled sections
- Forum will be remodeled – possibly house ICN

The schedule of upcoming meetings was reviewed:

Friday, November 14	7:30-11:15 a.m.	LRC	Program Committee
Tuesday, November 18	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Valley	Site Design Team & Program Committee
Monday, December 1	5:00-9:00	LRC	Board Workshop to present proposal

See additional documents:
 VHS_Puzzles 10-23-03.pdf
 Text for Sheet 1.pdf
 Text for Sheet 2. pdf
 Text for Sheet 4.pdf

comments made regarding the puzzle sheets