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WAUWATOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wilson/WSTEM Design Visioning Neighborhood Meeting # 1

Artifact Scavenger Hunt

March 20, 2019

Agenda:

1. Project Approach – 5 Mins
2. Artifact Scavenger Hunt – 40 Mins
3. Team Report Out – 20 Mins
4. Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings:
 1. Wednesday, April 17th @ 7:00PM -- Site Design Charrette
 2. Tuesday, May 14th @ 6:00PM -- Preliminary Design Presentation & Neighborhood Commentary

Summary of discussion:

After walking the building inside and out to identify features they liked about the current building, participants shared out their thoughts about what they'd like to see in a new building:

- Drop-off & Pick-Up safety - could there be a U-drive or an additional drop off point?
 - Feel they have more people driving to school with WSTEM students who can travel from across the City.
- Want to keep green space - but better utilize it
- Frustrated with street parking - could there be a parking lot?
- Don't want to lose green space for parking
- Loved large rooms and having cut-outs to connect rooms for collaboration, more space, freedom of movement for students
 - Being able to open and close the connecting doors in rooms is important.
- Would like to see a lot of storage - not having to use the window sills to store items
- Having spots for breakout spaces for groups
- Conference room/community space that has a kitchen for events that could also carry into the evening
- Lots of natural light
- Exterior - not married to any of it...like the shape and some of the bump outs
- Like the warmth of the wood - wooden floors and trim - probably can't be kept but the natural and warm elements
- Like high ceilings to create more sense of space
- Like wide stairwells and wide hallways
- Would like to see sinks in all classrooms
- Bathrooms – would like to see automatic sinks so kids don't have to push something down. It can be hard for the younger students
- An identifiable main entrance (that's a non-negotiable with safety)

- Like the unique shapes throughout the building but creating ones that are purposeful
- Like large kindergarten rooms and that specials had their own rooms
- Community room with storage for after-school activities
- Original character of the building...bump out with stonework..small piece
- Like the classic view of the exterior.
- Like basketball courts, but more softened with green space around it
- I want to build the world's best school, within the budget
- Have an exterior that will increase our property values...something newer looking may actually increase our values.
- Against parking lot
- Organization - storage
- Solar energy or green room - expanding what we already have on site
- Could there be a courtyard?
- Tall ceilings
- Secure windows
- Student art
- More windows
- Flexibility is key - more nurturing environment
- Little character pieces on the inside- tiles around the water fountains
- Having the building serve as a barrier between street and playground area
- A lot of discussion about parking vs. green space

