

**NORTH MASON HIGH SCHOOL
NORTH MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT - NO. 403
FOCUS GROUP MEETING MINUTES**



Date: September 11, 2013
Time: 5:45 PM
Recorded by: Wade Jensen

PERSONS PRESENT

NAME	POSITION
■ Jeff Bevers	NMHS, PE/Athletics
■ Michelle Carter	NMHS
■ Chad Collins	NMSD, NMHS Principal
■ Anne Crosby	NMSD Administrator
■ Dan Dittler	NMHS, Math/Track
■ Cassandra Erickson	NMHS, Drama & Dance
■ Betse Feider	NMHS, Marketing
■ Gavin Forseth	NMHS, Ceramics & Woodworking
■ Michael Gastineau	NMHS, Studio
■ Al Glitch	NMHS & Hawkins Coach
■ Steve Hackett	NMHS, CTE & Basketball
■ Steve Hanson	Hanson Consulting
■ Valerie Johnson	North Mason Music Booster Club
■ Don Lefere	Faculty Community Theater, Kiwanis
■ Bill McCarty	NMHS, Wrestling
■ Jeanene McCarty	NMHS, Booster
■ Martha Music	NMHS, Golf
■ Susan Otto	NMHS
■ Joe Reasons	NMHS, Substitute
■ Mark Swofford	NMSD, NMHS Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director
■ Jerry Wight	Parent, Community Member
■ Jeannie Wilson	North Mason Music Club, PTSA Hawkins
■ Roland Wilson	NMYSC, Soccer Coach
■ Wayne Lerch	Principal, Erickson McGovern Architects
■ Wade Jensen	Project Architect, Erickson McGovern Architects

ITEMS DISCUSSED

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

- A. EMA presented the current site plan and schematic plans A, B and C, see attachment. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the adjacencies between the different areas and how those areas relate to the site. The plans presented are preliminary. EMA will take the comments from this meeting and incorporate them into the plans which will be presented at the next meeting.
- B. Representatives from the following focus groups as well as members of the Capital Projects Advisory Team attended the meeting:
 - CTE
 - Performing Arts
 - Athletics

II. SCHEMATIC PLANS

The following ideas are driving the layout of the plans which were presented:

- A. The school will be constructed on the current middle school football field which is a long, narrow site. The main entry of the building is oriented toward a new plaza, creating a connection to the walkway between the new middle school and shared bus drop off area.
- B. The administration and athletic administration areas are on either side of the main entry.
- C. The public areas (commons, gymnasium and auditorium) are near the main entry. Classrooms areas are zoned so that they can be secured when after hours events are held in the public areas of the school.
- D. The gymnasium and auditorium are near the commons so that the commons can serve as a lobby/gathering space for large events.
- E. The classroom wings are oriented so that the windows face north/south which is the best direction to maximize daylight. The SPED classrooms are near the emergency vehicle access to the east of the building, allowing a separate bus drop off area that is easily ADA accessible.

III. SCHEMATIC PLAN COMMENTS

The following comments were made by those who attended the meeting:

GENERAL COMMENTS

- A. The counseling area should be separated from the main administration. Counseling needs a separate entrance from the main office.
- B. The exit stairs at the end of the classroom wings are required by code. They might be an area that is hard to supervise. Some schools have made these stairs exterior with exit only doors to discourage students from using the doors.
- C. The library should be closer to the classrooms. In Scheme B it is too far away. The location in Scheme C is better.
- D. The hallways need to be sized to accommodate traffic and students stopping at lockers. The hallways in the current high school are too narrow.

CTE AREA

- A. Provide a computer lab close to the shop. A 500 sf digital graphics lab is planned to be adjacent to the shop.
- B. A conditioned kiln room is better for the kilns as they degrade more quickly when left in a semi-enclosed outdoor space. Currently, the kilns are planned to be in a covered outdoor space so that they do not count towards the overall area of the building.
- C. A secure outdoor area is desirable near the ceramics classroom and the shop.
- D. The student store should not be located near the classrooms as it can be noisy. The student store should be to the commons.
- E. It would be nice to have a greenhouse near one of the science rooms for the horticulture program. A place to store supplies/ soil would need to be part of the greenhouse.

DRAMA

- A. The auditorium needs to be acoustically isolated from both the music room and the commons.
- B. If the library is above the music room (as shown in Scheme B), the room will be acoustically isolated.
- C. There will not be a pit for the stage. The pit would need to be ADA accessible which would require a lot of area to be dedicated to circulation. An area will be provided for the band in the auditorium.
- D. A fly system is not planned as part of the project, but a catwalk and control booths are part of the program.

- E. Make up rooms and changing rooms are shown down a hallway that is accessible to the stage. Bathrooms will not be located on the stage or within view of the stage but will be nearby.
- F. A separate shop is not planned as part of the drama area. Outside access will be provided to the CTE shop for drama to use to build sets. A sink for washing out paint brushes is needed in the stage area.

ATHLETICS

- A. It is desirable to have the athletics area be somewhat separate from the rest of the school. The athletics location in Scheme B is more desirable than in C. Having the gymnasium on the north side of the building with a separate, side entrance is desirable and provides access to the new field and stadium.
- B. The training room needs to be on the first floor with an outside door that is close to the stadium.
- C. Space for three 40' x 40' wrestling mats is needed in the auxiliary gym which will be used as a wrestling room.
- D. It is desirable to have a more direct connection between the gym and the commons/public entry. Scheme B does this well. The other schemes show the locker rooms along the main corridor which is not as desirable.
- E. Storage for athletic equipment is important.
- F. The field constructed in phase 1 needs to be a full size soccer field, a minimum of 50 yards wide.

STADIUM

- A. The home team side of the stadium will have covered seating for 1,100 people. Enclosed storage below the seating area is desirable for storage.
- B. A broken back track model is planned with a full soccer field, a minimum of 50 yards across.
- C. It is desirable to include as many events inside the stadium as possible. The javelin throw area can go on the turf field without voiding the warranty of the field as long as rubber tips are used.
- D. Lake Stevens has a desirable set up. Their horizontal jumps are on the south side of the stadium with a bermed area.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at the Administration Building on September 18, 2013.

The above minutes, as compiled by Erickson McGovern, shall be considered to be correct as stated unless revisions are received within five (5) working days.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: NMHS floorplan boards-9-11-13.pdf, NMHS-SITE-boards-9-11-13.pdf
