

*Gunn High School Facilities Steering Committee*  
**Architectural Renovations**  
**MASTER PLANNING MEETING**  
Jan. 8, 2009

*In attendance:* Tom Hodges (PAUSD Facilities Management Consultant), Erwin Lee and Dean Schmitz (Deems, Lewis, McKinley architects), Jeanne Beck, Kristi Bowers, Don Briggs, Judy Buttrill, Kim Cowell, Lisa Hall, Chris Horpel, Joan Jacobus, Tom Jacobowsky, Marc Iglar (sub. for Paul Dunlap), Darice Koo, Noreen Likins, Dawna Linsdell, James Lubbe, Ron Smith, Todd Summers, Phil Winston, Gunn students Justin Kahn, Annette Marvin and Rachel Flesichmann, 12 members of the public (notes taken by Martha Elderon).

- I. REVIEW OF MASTER PLAN #4
  - a. DLM architect Erwin Lee reviewed the Master Plan presented at the Dec. 18 meeting. The main goals of this renovation are:
    - i. Give organization and structure to campus
    - ii. Create a priority of open spaces
    - iii. Utilize in-between spaces and preserve open space
    - iv. Create edges to buildings and open spaces
    - v. Accommodate population growth
    - vi. Articulate and emphasize building entries
    - vii. Maximize environmental benefits such as indoor air quality and open space
  - b. Some of the specific configurations to meet these goals are:
    - i. An open Quad
    - ii. Spangenberg lobby entry visible from parking lot
    - iii. Music building moved adjacent to Spangenberg
    - iv. Admin.-2 building emphasized as entryway to school
    - v. Single-classroom-wide buildings to increase air and light flow
- II. REVIEW SINGLE-STORY SCHEME
  - a. Erwin presented a layout of a single-story campus possibility, showing the following consequences:
    - i. Buildings that are 2 classrooms wide, lessening airflow and sunlight entry compared to single-classroom-wide double-storied buildings
    - ii. Eliminates the amphitheatre by placing a classroom building west of the current gym.
    - iii. Creates the need for a 2-story parking structure in the northeast corner by using part of the parking lot for classrooms.
    - iv. Loses campus open space such as the Quad.
    - v. Loses some trees.
  - b. Costs are approximately 7-1/2% higher to build 2-story buildings.
- III. DISCUSS HIGHLIGHTS FROM DEPARTMENT INFORMATION MEETINGS (IN DECEMBER)
  - a. A covered outdoor area and second floor balcony overlook for SAC building
  - b. Science classrooms added to current Science building for sharing of facilities
  - c. Science and math departments adjacent
  - d. Special Ed. classrooms L12 and L13 remain in place
  - e. All Special Ed. classrooms on ground level and centrally located for access to all departments
  - f. World Languages remain in place to be near renovated language lab
- IV. TRAFFIC & SAFETY, BIKE ROUTES

- a. Bike lanes and bike cages would be relocated to the perimeter of the current parking lot to separate cars and bike riders.
- b. 3 bike cages would be constructed: at edge of parking lot between gym and music building, near Miranda by T-12, and between Administration Bldg. and Library.
- c. A bike traffic study is currently being evaluated that will determine which of these cages should be the largest.

V. PROJECTED COMPLETION DATES

- a. The Gunn pool will be expanded to 35 meters and should be completed in April
- b. The IA building should be completed by June.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. (*Joan Jacoubus, Facility Steering Committee parent rep*) Is there room for fire truck access with a single-story campus which needs to expand onto current land? (Answer: yes, this is required by the city but might require an extra 20 feet of paved road)
- b. (*AJ Lumsdaine, no address given*) I want more opportunity to comment on this plan. We should reexamine the single-story option because maybe eliminating the Quad and building a parking structure aren't necessary. Two-story buildings block the light.
- c. (*Jane Sideris, 666 Georgia Ave., Palo Alto*) If a 2-story parking structure is built on the northeast corner of the parking lot, its lights will shine into my backyard. (According to Tom Jacoubowsky, Gunn Facilities Coordinator, this is a last-case scenario)
- d. (*Jim Baer, 3376 St. Michael Drive, Palo Alto*) What is the timeline for construction? (Plans and finalized costs will hopefully be prepared by April 2009). A second gym is definitely needed. I have nothing against 2-story buildings.

VII. PAST MEETING MINUTES & FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. All Facilities Steering Committee minutes are posted at the Gunn website under the "Facilities" bullet on the left side
- b. Master Planning maps can be found at the PAUSD website in the Board of Education minutes from Dec. 9.
- c. Future Facilities Steering Committee meetings in the Staff Lounge are: January 13 (1:30-2:30), January 21 (12:30-1:30), February 4 (12:30-1:30), February 18 (time to be determined). The public is invited to January 21, February 4 and February 18 meetings.