

Gunn High School Facilities Steering Committee

**Architectural Renovations
MASTER PLANNING MEETING**

Nov. 5, 2008

(next meeting is Nov. 19 @ 2 pm)

In attendance: Tom Hodges (PAUSD Facilities Management Consultant), Erwin Lee (Deems, Lewis, McKinley architect), Bob Golton (PAUSD CBO), Ron Smith (Building for Excellence chair), Jeanne Beck, Kristi Bowers, Don Briggs, Judy Buttrill, Kim Cowell, Paul Dunlap, Lisa Hall, John Hebert, Chris Horpel, Tom Jacobowsky, Anne Jensen, Noreen Likins, Dawna Linsdell, James Lubbe, Todd Summers, Lettie Weinmann, Phil Winston. (notes taken by Martha Elderon).

I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Gunn's projected student population increase from 1900 to 2300 in the next 10 years necessitates renovations and expansions. This is a "general working session" covering an overview of renovations, the architect's initial impressions of campus layout, and general staff needs. Future meetings will deal with more specifics.
- b. After Gunn approves of the Master Plan it will be presented to PAUSD and the Board of Education

II. GUNN RENOVATIONS HISTORY

- a. Some projects (e.g., fields, pool, and IA building) were carried over from the Building Projects Fund and are now funded by Measure A funds.
- b. A comprehensive master plan made in 2004 included these building options: renovation of Admin-1 (Staff Lounge, Attendance Office), new RC building, renovation of Titan Village, building where bike racks are currently, and building a second gym.

III. CURRENT RENOVATIONS

- a. *Current projects funded by Measure A:* pool (currently under construction), IA building (being bid in next 2 weeks, with construction hopefully starting Jan. 2009), Admin.-2, RC building, a second gym, Spangenberg interior renovation, and modernization of existing classrooms (especially ventilation/heating improvements).
- b. *Additional projects suggested by staff:* book storage room near library, music and art building enlargement, more office space and staff restrooms, and computer lab in Village.

IV. MASTER PLANNING GOALS

- a. Architect Erwin Lee noted the following campus layout needs at Gunn:
 - i. Organization and structure (improving pedestrian and traffic flow; possibly creating a 2nd entry/exit, though not onto Georgia due to traffic problems)
 - ii. Hierarchy of open spaces (should there be many small courtyards or a few large ones?)
 - iii. Utilizing in-between spaces and preserving open areas (2nd stories save open space and improve air circulation)

- iv. Creating edges to open spaces and buildings (distinguishing buildings by giving them individual identities)
- v. Defining and articulating building entries (e.g., facing Main Office entrance toward parking lot)
- b. Lee suggested using our current spaces during construction. Although disruptive, this would keep the campus from sprawling.
- c. Lee pointed out that renovation planning is not a linear process, and will continue to be revised in future discussions.
- d. *Staff and Architect Suggestions:*
 - i. Plan building interiors as well as exteriors (this will be done in later meetings)
 - ii. Place departmental offices near departmental classrooms (consolidation)
 - iii. Place the RC building elsewhere on campus, enlarging the current Quad
 - iv. Make Spangenberg more visible by giving it a lobby visible from the parking lot
 - v. Put a 2-story building where T portables are, bordering the campus edge
 - vi. Put a 2nd gym where the Village currently is
 - vii. Gym showers can be reduced in size since they are underused
 - viii. Create a more visible entry to campus with remodeling of Admin-2 and removal of landscaped islands
 - ix. Create more space for student dropoff in parking lot.
 - x. Improve north-south walkways through campus by using landscaping to keep students on paths (like what we have at current library entrance)
 - xi. Remove ramps on both sides of Spangenberg to better utilize space
 - xii. Minimize blacktop on campus
 - xiii. Our current “deep” buildings make it difficult for air and light to get inside classrooms. Two-story buildings would improve this.
 - xiv. Create flexibility in future classrooms since needs will change with time (e.g., large, multi-use spaces with room dividers, though this can be noisy)
 - xv. A double classroom for larger lectures is requested.
 - xvi. Create more storage space
 - xvii. Put a phone in each classroom.
 - xviii. Give each classroom adequate ventilation
 - xix. We could expand buildings out to where current covered walkways are
- e. *Questions:*
 - i. Can we keep our portables after renovation? (We probably won’t need them, since 40 new permanent classrooms are planned to replace our 30 portables.)
 - ii. Will there be enough room for Special Education needs in the renovated RC building if other departmental offices are included? (This will be dealt with at a later meeting; today is a general planning process.)
 - iii. Can future Science classrooms be placed close to current Science rooms? (T portables area could be used for Science classrooms).

- iv. Should all offices be in one building? (This would create a long walk for some teachers, though it would be a space-saver. There was a preference for clusters of dept. buildings, such as we have now)

V. WHAT ARE GUNN'S SPECIAL OR RESTRICTED AREAS?

- a. We'd like to save our trees and preserve open space
- b. The amphitheatre area is special
- c. Nothing can be built on Hetch-Hetchy watershed, which runs between football field and gym/amphitheatre
- d. Our parking lot can be moved if needed
- e. More parking along Miranda would be nice
- f. Quads and courtyards are important, but they can be moved if needed
- g. A 2nd story cannot be added to the weight room or dance studio due to seismic requirements
- h.