

Schematic Design Meeting 2

K-8 Design Committee

Mendocino Unified School District

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QKA Project #686.04

Committee Business

QKA issued the Draft Schematic Design Project Narrative, for Committee members to review prior to the next meeting. Information that should be reviewed is highlighted. In addition, there will be discussion on various ways to achieve a high-performance school

Building Programming

A review of comments on the plans from the June 13th was done, by doing a sheet by sheet comparison. Points raised by this meeting were:

At Band and Chorus, place the teaching wall on the long wall instead of the short wall.

The wall between the Band and Chorus storage rooms should be moved to provide more storage to Band. Move the doors to maximize clear wall space. A small window in the north storage space would be appropriate.

It is important that the existing Grammar School building get a new sloped roof. It would be good if QKA can figure out a way to light the hallway with small skylights.

Provide an eating area outside the Multi-Use for barbeques. A small wall would contain students and control trash.

QKA will show the Title 1 room adjacent to the Library, with a door into RSP, per the meeting of June 13th.

At the K-1 classrooms, it was asked if there was a cost savings in straightening the curve. QKA replied that the cost for the curve is minimal, although it could be straightened. Others liked the curve.

Lockers removed from the current Middle School will not be replaced. Instead, provide coat hooks next to the classroom doors on the exterior walls.

Two staff restrooms should be provided at the Upper Classroom building. There is sufficient Custodial existing.

The Computer Lab should be even bigger. The space shown as Home School will be relocated to the end of the B wing, where two small offices are shown and the Computer Lab will extend into that area. In addition, there will be a small alcove created at the current window location to allow for a table and chairs for teacher student discussions. Projection screens should be mounted high on end walls. The Lab must be Air-conditioned.

Dissatisfaction with the sight lines from the new bleachers – QKA will ask the Structural Engineer to investigate what would be needed to open up more wall, leaving the columns in place, and allow a more diagonal view line. QKA will also ask the Cost Estimator to break this out separately.

The Committee decided that it would be better to have the restrooms at the Gymnasium laid out so they could be assigned to specific grade levels. There will be both a Boys and Girls restroom each side.

Once the modular classroom cluster is removed, the fields should be developed as grass baseball and playing fields for the lower grades.

Meeting Schedules

Next meeting August 9th at 3:45 p.m.