

**MINUTES: NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**March 31, 2008, 5:30 – 6:40 p.m.**  
**Desert Sky Middle School**

*Present:*

Jon Aitken, Eric Anderson, Sean Anderson, Hailey Butler, Kevin Carney, John Carruth, Shane Chism, Brent Edwards, Larie Evans, Al Flores, Sara Fontaine, Kirk Johnson (Diversified), Keith Miller, Roger Montemayor, Micah Mortensen, Kristin Murray, Tetine Price, Kathy Shelledy, Phil Swaim.

**1. Welcome**

This meeting will focus on the refined concept of the campus layout and classroom layout/pod design. Al and Phil met with the School Facilities Board on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**2. SFB Meeting Summary**

There were a few setbacks experienced at this meeting. The SFB suggested rerouting the road to the campus drop-off area. Al and Phil objected because the rerouting would endanger students. However, student safety was not a major concern for the SFB. The SFB also suggested removing the doors to the student restrooms and moving the sinks out of the restrooms. The committee rejected both suggestions, citing privacy and disciplinary issues. AIA and District lobbying efforts will continue to push for further funding from the SFB. Al, John and Phil will meet with Calvin Baker on Wednesday to go over the SFB meeting as well as to review the site design and budget scenarios. Also, funding for the new high school could be used temporarily. We need to open the school in July 2009.

**3. Revised Campus Layout**

Revised plans were displayed, and a 3-D computer model was displayed. The following changes were made:

- The entrance road was pulled over to allow room for an additional ball field.
- The second baseball field will be terraced for the drainage way.
- No major changes to the administration building.
- There is a covered entry plaza between the administration building and the gymnasium.
- Added space to the interior portion of the angular courtyards by altering science class storage space and moving the electrical/data rooms from the teacher work area to between the wing science classroom and the adjacent wing regular classroom.
- The classrooms on the ends of the wings were changed to a more rectangular shape.
- There are now three sets of restrooms. One set of combined restrooms will face each angular courtyard, and separate boys' restroom and girls' restroom in between the two classroom buildings. Note: the committee asked if the combined restrooms could be flush with the perimeter of the building to remove area where students might congregate.
- The southern classroom building was moved up a bit to open up space near the administration building and to break up the long line of the two classroom buildings. (Offset by 20 feet.)
- The walkways are to be covered by metal canopies and roof-level extensions.
- Taller windows will be added to the community room.
- The Swaim team is working on the gymnasium walls (creative touches).

- Vail middle schools and high schools do not have lockers.
- Exterior lighting similar to the lighting at Empire HS will be used on the buildings. Perimeter lighting will be under the canopies.
- Bike racks will need to be added to the campus layout. Bike rack area will remain locked during school hours.
- Tax credit donations could be used to finance some design and landscaping options.

**4. Pricing**

Diversified will provide price projections within a couple of weeks. Pricing will include landscaping and design options.

**4. Technology**

Meetings to inform all teachers of new classroom technology products will be arranged soon. Possible date: April 21, 2008.

**5. Planning**

The committee will be approached before any changes are made to the plans, i.e. design elements that must be sacrificed or changed, during the SFB approval phase.

**6. Naming Committee**

The naming committee further refined the list of potential school and mascot names and selected the school colors (dark blue/silver). A rough draft will be sent to the naming committee members for feedback. Approximately 150 students will be surveyed. The final version will be sent to the prospective students and community members.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008, in the library at Desert Sky MS at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tara Knechtle, April 1, 2008.