

SIT (School Improvement Team) Meeting

Date: March 28, 2023

Scheduled Time: 5:00pm (virtual)

Meeting Start Time: 5:03pm

LSAT Attendance: Craig, Kassekert, Venzant, Tolosi

Staff Attendance: Basin, Spinner, Gardner, Coble, Daniel, Long, Little, Holden, Morado, Dr. Williams

Other Attendance: Joi Ruffin, Bu Kavindra (Protec Construction Inc.), Kerric Baird, Urs Gautam (Protec Construction Inc.), Stephen Kitterman (DGS Contractor), Daniel Nebut (DGS Contractor), Ingrid Arraval (DGS), Patmah Aslam (Protec Construction Inc.), Miguel Garcia (DGS), Moussamim Saad, Damian Popkin (Central Office Community Action Team), Tania Jackson. (Ward 1 DC City Council)

Summary

The readiness of the third floor was discussed. Staff raised concerns about the lack of safety features in the science labs, including showers, eye wash stations, and ventilation. School members were advised that the issue of ventilation will need to be addressed through a work order along with any hazardous materials that may be present, especially related to chipping floor tiles and asbestos sampling. The staff also noted the need for a working PA system on the third floor

The renovation of the gym will not include bleachers or scoreboards but will include a PA system for school announcements. There is currently no update of when an elevator will be installed for basement accessibility.

Staff inquired about the availability of the school's scope and were told that a scope is not available to share.

Points of Discussion

I. Phase II Updates:

- a. Construction activities are in progress on Floors 2 and 3
- b. Gender neutral restrooms are in progress.
- c. Wifi connectivity and printer connectivity are in progress on Floor 3 Staff Lounge.
- d. Finalization of CTE spaces underway
- e. Gym demolition began
- f. Demolition in basement is soon to begin

II. Phase II Next Steps:

- a. Internal staff move and staff lounge relocation to temporary Floor 3 spaces TBD
- b. CTE program needs will continue to be reviews
- c. Asbestos Abatement notice to abate basements was distributed to RSTAY March 9, 2023.

- d. Bi-weekly project updates will be distributed to RSTAY SIT

III. Staff Questions/Concerns

- a. Science Labs Concerns
 - i. There are no showers, eye wash stations, or mouth gargling stations. These were not within the project scope. Ruffin stated that mobile science lab carts with eye wash attachments will be “looked into.”
 - ii. Ventilation is not present. Staff made it known that it is important that ventilation be present due to it being a liability, and windows should not be our only source of ventilation. Ruffin suggested putting in a work order regarding the ventilation.
- b. Gym Renovation
 - i. The school’s logo for the court is not included in the project scope.
 - ii. PA system for announcements will be in the gym.
 - iii. There will not be bleachers or scoreboards.
- c. What is the level of readiness for Floor 3? (*Note: Science Department, admin, and members of LSAT toured the third floor on March 28, 2023, at 3:15pm*)
 - i. Smart boards are coming. It is the intention that all classrooms will have smartboards at the beginning of the school year (SY 23-24).
 - ii. Some of the classrooms do not have water because the line is currently shut off. This will need to be turned on by the Building Engineer.
 - iii. PA system is not yet working on the third floor but is planned to work. No date is yet provided but DCPS Facilities will follow up. It was noted that staff need a working PA before moving to the third floor in case of emergency.
 - iv. Is there an option to have the third-floor floors redone along with an updated asbestos report? This is not within scope. The only floors that have gotten replaced are the floors with carpet. Floor replacement can be listed as a future project but is not within the current scope.
 - v. Has DGS sampled where the floor is cracking in the main hallway and in third-floor classrooms? It is “doubtful” that DGS has done this. It was noted that RSTAY has a report that the building has asbestos in the floor, windows, and doors. Nebut also suggested putting in a work order with DGS Facilities for disturbed hazardous material with the context that we have yet to occupy the space, but we plan to occupy the space in the near future.
- d. There will be only one staff lounge in the building on the third floor.
- e. Is there an updated estimated completion date for the door outside the auditorium damaged by fire? New windows and a new door have separate project timelines and they are set to occur through a small capital project.
- f. Clarity regarding the first-floor layout: Pro-tech construction will review the layout of the first floor and missing rooms that are not currently on the plan.
- g. What is the status of the elevator project to the cafeteria in the basement? There is no update provided. Staff made it clear that this is a high priority for the staff. There is no estimated completion date.

- h. Will the health suite come equipped with all health supplies and equipment, or will that need to come from our budget? A nurse will come with supplies from Children's National.
- i. Can we assess the lighting, rigging, and repairs needed in the auditorium? An assessment is not possible. Ruffin suggested putting in a work order with DGS.
- j. The notes from 12/21 state, "Presence of asbestos is common in buildings of this age. When it is discovered, are we following industry standards (OSHA) for safe abatement." There seems to be some disconnect between "When it is discovered" and the report that we received last week that confirmed asbestos was in the floors, doors, window caulking, and piping in the building. What can we do as a SIT to ensure that our community members are receiving the most comprehensive information available? The work order is the only system that we have now to address issues within the building.
- k. Do we have a copy of the scope that can be shared? A scope is not available. Ruffin suggested emailing Toussaint Webster for scope inquiries.
- l. Ruffin provided Ed Specs (educational specifications) created by the district.
<https://sites.google.com/a/dc.gov/dcps-school-modernizations/educational-specifications>

IV. Future School Advocacy

- a. Science lab ventilation
- b. Floor Replacement
- c. Fully updated HVAC system for the school building
- d. New interior doors
- e. Gym completion
- f. Asbestos sampling

V. Meeting Adjourned: 6:01 pm