

East Elementary Building Committee
March 6, 2008
6:30 p.m.
East Elementary Library

Present: Joan Whitsell, Jeri Godberson, Amanda Buse, Kathy DeGroot, Sue Zehnder, Jenni McCrory, Angie DeVries, Scott Simonsen, Karissa Jacobsma, Tony Haning, Marv Van Riessen, Jim and Jane Anema, Jim Ruble and Gary Ihnen

Items discussed:

- Having a gym versus having a commons area. What are the benefits to both? What is needed at East?

- Discussed plans for concessions and restrooms under the locker rooms. Should it be part of the bond?

- PE storage – enough space on the plan.

- Jim explained that 2 doors are needed if the room is over 1000 square feet. Sidewalks are needed at outside door.

- Kindergarten rooms need to have their own bathrooms. Discussed having a small sized bathroom versus a regular size (toilet & sink sizes). Regular size is sufficient.

- Lower level – ball diamonds – sight plans to see how it affects the playground.
- Lower level – Concessions will pay for themselves. Everybody looks to the school for not providing a bathroom facility during rec ball.

- Need to reach out to parochial schools because all children participate in summer rec programs.

- Commons area closed off and sound proof on south wing. It needs to be a place for sensory overload.

- Discussed having a separate commons and sensory room or could they be together. Decided they needed to be split up and two separate rooms because they serve different purposes.

- Cut media center in half and move kindergarten rooms down to accommodate a sensory room off of the SCI classroom.

- Take out the apple tree in the library and leave the shelves to create a story place in the library.

- Need to remember to have a blacktop play area on the playground for the students to use.

-Need to have the gym wide enough to have bleachers out and 2 volleyball courts. It currently is not enough and so it needs to be made wider.

-Discussed a way to shut off the gym to the rest of the building for safety purposes when the gym is being used.

-Discussed how to get out to the public. Need to get out to communities and have informational meetings.

-Discussed voter population from the Middle School bond votes. We need to focus on all the communities. The personal touch is important. Need to get people to call 10 people so we reach everybody.

-Absentee ballots are very important. Especially students who are in college.

-Need to have special education teachers and parents of special education students go to the community meetings with the committee to help share the information.

-Next meeting will be March 27 at 6:30.