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Subject: Re: EFTF meeting Thursday, December 15th, at 7pm.

Good evening team,

Just capturing some of the notes from the chat/call here to pass along to Dan and to Mr. Matlock.

- Stabilization funding for HMS to ensure continuity of staffing/programming/budget throughout the swing (not to be negatively impacted by potential enrollment dips) - not answered, to be followed up on
- Was St Marks (or any other private space) considered - yes, no good options
- Multiple questions about clarity on the timeline for finalizing the swing space splits of the school - vaguely mentioning "spring" but need more clarity
- Transportation questions... length of bus ride (originally said 20-25, others commented more like 30 without stops, so this doesn't account of hub pick ups), bus infrastructure up to the task (Matlock gave a cautious "yes"), using city/county transportation as an option to supplement? (Matlock said it hadn't been considered yet), will transportation be provide for practices/afterschool events (Matlock couldn't confirm but hinted it was likely) - emphasis placed on timing of this as Middle School decision deadlines are now/fast approaching (Matlock said he understands, wanted to get names of swing spaces out soon and the commitment for transportation for all, but hp
- Demo timeline - October-November 2021, construction to be done by Fall '23 school year
- Traffic on Oglethorpe/Oliver - Matlock answered that this is TBD and not "quite as ideal as they thought" but they are working on it now, Jason Washington jumped in to add a 20ft egress onto the school property to allow more room for Oliver/deliveries/service vehicles/emergency vehicles
- Fields - must have a multipurpose field, but could look into getting feedback from students/community about basketball vs soccer vs baseball/softball, etc, looking at limited field space with new building footprint due to increase by 400 students for this space
- Auditorium/performance space - looking at modifications to have portions flipped, possibility of using "learning stairs" as part of a performance area, contract includes getting acoustic space right, acoustics will test at "a performing arts level" for whatever space is used, some of this working out through the PPC (project planning committee), updated design and updated concepts being sent out to PPC prior to meeting on the 5th, an actual auditorium is completely out based on footprint, the "lab" is comparable to a smaller "black box" theater that could serve performances, suggestion brought up for connection with Northwestern to share their space for larger shows

- PPC on the 5th will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the current design and the thinking of it - things that aren't moving are "learning stairs," restrooms, and elevator bays
- Questions about using EFTF as a vehicle for a forum for folks who live near the construction site

Final comments in the chat - question about Hyattsville City Council Meeting on Jan 12th to address this project? question about what is being done to address air quality in both the future space and the swing spaces?

Thanks team!

Jake

On Tue, Dec 15, 2020 at 2:43 PM Daniel Muth <muthdaniel@hotmail.com> wrote:
Hello all. I think it's time we reconvene at our regular time to discuss the newest developments regarding the advancement of the Hyattsville Middle School Build. The agenda and a couple resources are attached. As you'll recall, our last meeting dove into the nature of the Alternative Construction Financing (ACF) package in some detail and Mr. Jason Washington with the PGCPs Capital Improvement division offered answers about the immediate and long-term viability of the project. A number of things have happened since then that we should be aware of as a group.

1) Dr. Thornton, chair of the school board is stepping down. If you have an opportunity, please write him a thank you letter for his excellent stewardship of the board over the last couple years (alvin.thornton@pgcps.org). It has been a time of relative growth and tranquility on the board. And Dr. Thornton has been instrumental in helping pass the ACF locality and the Blueprint for Maryland's Future at the state level. The recent election saw two very good board members lose their primaries. And they have been replaced by members rather hostile to public private partnerships and with little knowledge of the long legacy of school infrastructure in the County. In short, if the ACF was voted on by this new body, it would be in jeopardy. I've been assured that they cannot meddle in it now, but this will bear watching as we move into the implementation phase of this project.

2) At the recent Hyattsville PTSO meeting, plans were released for the proposed site plan of the school. They are worth looking over carefully and I've attached them here. On first glance, the routing of all bus traffic down Oglethorpe looks potentially problematic, as does the lack of dedicated auditorium space in a performing arts school, as does the abbreviated field space. We all knew when the rebuild was suggested for this site, we were going to be constrained by our footprint. But we should take a hard look at these plans and see if they make sense given what we have to work with.

3) Also at that meeting, and again last night in public forum, it was officially announced that the kids will be swung for the entirety of the project starting next fall. The new school is projected to open in the fall of '23. They propose splitting up the kids (though not sure entirely how) and bussing some of them to the Glenarden Montessori School and the rest to Meadowbrooks in Bowie. Quite a bus ride. This is generally what we feared and expected all along, yet were assured time and again that it wasn't going to happen. Bring your questions about what options were explored and why in the end this plan looks so much different than what was initially claimed. Also any potential alternatives and mitigations.

I've also attached the overall HMS plan that was given to us last year as a part of the original visioning meetings. Worth a quick look to see how they've lived up to the initial sales job. Hope everyone is well and progressing through the madness of 2020 in as much tranquility as can be mustered. It may be that a couple good things come out of this year. So lets do our best to make them happen!

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