

## Eastshore Elementary School Public Information Meeting 06.08.2016

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### Oral Comments Received

- Parent has a concern with losing a basketball court, especially with the addition of additional students. Basketball is very popular at Eastshore.
  - Response: Facilities staff will work with the architect and principal to determine if the basketball court can be relocated.
  
- From a safety perspective, as the principal, are you concerned with the classroom doors facing the field and not the blacktop?
  - Response: Lisa Kadam, principal, responded that she was comfortable with the layout, as there are two classrooms that face the field, however, the existing ramp faces the blacktop forcing the students to exit to the blacktop.
  
- Any barrier planting along the sidewalk? Similar to the planting along the back?
  - Response: Staff will review the project budget and determine the feasibility to provide a landscape barrier along the building and ramp area.
  
- The area of basketball is heavily used during and after school hours, and with Dolphin Club having dominated the rest of the play space until 7pm. Concern with there being no use for residents once the portables are installed.
  - Response: Lorrie Ruiz, director of facilities planning, responded that due to licensing requirements, Dolphin Club has exclusive use of the play space until 6pm. Staff will review the project budget and evaluate the overall play space for any additional accommodations to blacktop courts.
  
- Existing portables air conditioning units have sharp, dangerous edges. Surprised no one has hit their head. Likes the idea the new portables will be installed backing up to the existing to create a barrier.
  
- How much space between the basketball courts that remain and the portables? Concern with noise levels of other students playing while the portables are in use for instruction.
  - Response: Lisa Kadam, principal, responded that the condition currently exists with the existing portable classrooms. Staff and students have been able to adapt to the exterior play noise while lower grade students are at recess.
  
- Measure E passed. Why not consider permanent buildings? The first disbursement is in January, can't we use Measure E funds? Now that Measure E has passed, you're going to get rid of the portables, correct?
  - Response: The Projects that were prioritized and identified to be funded through Measure E did not include the replacement of relocatable buildings with permanent construction. Even though the first disbursement is in January, the first major improvements will take 12-18 months of planning and state agency approvals before

construction can commence. These classrooms are needed by August of 2017 to accommodate the enrollment growth.

- Was there any consideration to install one in a small area off the main building and another one somewhere else?
  - Response: PJHM Architects responded that staff and the architects did review those as options, but the topography and grade change and property line eliminated those as viable options.
- What is the estimated time frame that they will stay?
  - Response: The portables are leased and will be evaluated annually as to the need at the site. At this time, staff believes the need will be five years.
- Request: Trees don't block the sound or view due to the lower branches being cut off in front of the existing portables. Can maintenance do something?
  - Response: Staff will forward the concern to the District's Maintenance and Operations department for consideration.
- After the fire, residents were told security cameras would be installed. What is the status?
  - Response: At this time, there is no plans for security cameras to be installed at Eastshore Elementary School. The initial proposal was for Irvine Police Department to install a temporary camera, however, the incident was isolated and did not warrant the need.

#### **Written Comments Received**

- Several members of the Eastshore PTA support the "location A" scenario with plantings continued up the access sidewalk.
- Please consider installing a paved path from Beechwood Street to the location of "option B" to reduce U-turns and congestion at the corner of Marsh Hawk Street. The existing basketball court at "option A" is the only area opened to the local community between 3:30pm and 6:30pm.
- Option A is ideal, but if you go with option B then landscaping really needs to be addressed – it's a huge privacy issue (for those on Mountain Ash) and for beauty.