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Cold Spring ES Gymnasium Addition Schematic Design Meeting Minutes #2  
Meeting Date: 3:30pm-5:30pm; December 15, 2009  
Location: Cold Spring Elementary School

## MEETING MEMO

Attendees:

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### 2.1 General Summary:

- a. Mr. Bagai and Mr. Barnett provided brief introductions to the nature of the evening's presentation.
- b. Mr. Aehle presented two schemes: Schemes 1 and 2.

Briefly, Scheme 1 combines features of previous Scheme A and Scheme C. As in Scheme A, Scheme 1 places the new Gymnasium Addition on-grade with the existing lower exit/entry

on the west side of the existing School, and it employs the same Lobby configuration of Scheme A. As in Scheme C, the orientation of the Gymnasium is along a north-south axis.

Scheme 2 is basically a refinement of previous Scheme A. The Gymnasium storage areas have been shifted to the back of the Gymnasium to reduce the impact on the Existing Playground.

Both schemes employ a new enclosed open courtyard, providing a direct interior link between the existing upper and lower entry/exits. This courtyard also provides a controlled enclosed outdoor area for use by the Kindergarten classes during school time and as an open garden space for after-hours use by the public.

- c. After discussion of the pros and cons of each scheme by Mr. Aehle, and discussion of the comments and concerns of the community and members of MCPS (see below), a vote was taken and Scheme 1 was preferred.

However, after the vote, there were concerns from an attendee about the schemes' proximity to the neighbors along the rear property line. This attendee raised the question: What would happen if the new Addition was placed closer to the front of the school. Mr. Aehle demonstrated in a very conceptual manner what a scheme such as this would look like. From this demonstration, it became apparent that, most likely, such a scheme would require an additional corridor (as compared to Schemes 1 and 2) at the lower Vestibule. It was also apparent that the new Playground Area would be behind the Gymnasium. Since the new Playground Area would not be visible from the front of the School, this location could result in hang-out space or a hiding place during after hours. It was established at the previous schematic design meeting that this situation was undesirable and should be avoided.

Mr. Shpur suggested that JK architects create a third scheme with this concept in mind (developed to the same level as Schemes 1 and 2) as a way of demonstrating to the adjacent neighbors and the surrounding community that neighbor's concerns have been heard and have been responded to by creating another scheme for consideration. He suggested that a third schematic design meeting be scheduled after the beginning of the next year to present this third scheme.

JK architects will create a third scheme based on the premises above along with consideration (wherever feasible and practical) of the community's and MCPS's comments/concerns raised at the meeting (see 2.2 and 2.3 below) and will present to the community at the next schematic design meeting scheduled for February 2, 2010 at 8:00 pm in the School.

**2.2 Community Comments/Concerns:** The community had the following comments/concerns about the presented schemes for consideration by JK architects and MCPS (responses to several of these were offered by JK architects and/or MCPS at the meeting):

- a. Consider providing a double door from the Gymnasium to the exterior for equipment, etc.
- b. Consider placing Outdoor Storage closer to the front of the new Addition.

- c. One of the Cold Spring teachers is concerned about having offsets in the Gymnasium walls – this creates possible pockets for hiding places.

### **2.3 MCPS Comments/Concerns:**

- a. Mr. Shpur suggested that MCPS will meet with each of the adjacent neighbors who border the rear property line to see what type of landscaping each would prefer along the rear property line of the School.
- b. Ms Szyfer: The existing “Portable” closest to the school on the west side is to remain during construction. She will follow up with Ms. Julie Morris to determine if a second “Portable’ on the west side shall remain.

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The next meeting will be the Schematic Design (Public Hearing / Design Advisory Committee) Meeting #3 at Cold Spring ES. This meeting will be held at 8:00 pm, February 2, 2010.

Any corrections to these minutes should be brought to the attention of JK architects, and they will be noted and revised.

It is the intention to post the presentation as well as the meeting minutes on the Cold Spring Elementary School’s website.