



**PROJECT: Ridgway School District – Facility Master Plan**

**PROJECT NO: 19057.00**

**DATE: May 5, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE: Mr. Shima (Tech), Jonathan Silvester, Maggie Guscot, Pam Foyster, Susan Lacy, Marilyn**

**SUBJECT: Ridgway Secondary School Staff Work Session**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this meeting is to garner staff comments regarding desirable components of a renovated building as part of a broader master plan. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Brian provided an overview of PAT process to date including a quick review of Elementary School Options. The secondary school group was asked to provide big picture perspective of what elements are current issues in the school from a facility standpoint and what improvements could be made.

**General**

- A list of identified building issues was discussed. Some of the items on the list are building maintenance items that will need to occur in the near future. Another sub-set of the list included items that are required by code or due to board policy. Refer to list below:

Maintenance Items

1. Replace Roof – 5 years
2. Replace Mechanical Units – 5 years

Required Items (due to code or district policy)

1. Provide Gender Neutral Locker Rooms
2. Renovate Locker Rooms – private shower stalls

Program or Functional Improvements

1. Solar Panel Project
2. Renovate for Teacher Collaboration, Conference Room
3. Renovate/Improve Cafetorium
4. Expand Industrial Arts Program
5. Enclose storage area on north side of school
6. Provide additional outdoor learning spaces
7. Provide Flexible Furniture
8. Construct a Track/Practice field
9. Accommodation for Health Office
10. Pave/improve Parking Lot
11. Provide Green House
12. Provide separate weight room

While the entire list was presented, the items below were considered by the group to be the highest priority items and were discussed in more detail.

**Cafetorium**

- The group outlined a number of challenges with the current space including the items below
  - o Lack of sound/light control room and associated adequate lighting and sound systems including wireless and hanging microphones

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- o Excessive noise from HVAC system (duck sock is inflating and popping as well as fan noise)
- o Lack of built-in projection screen
- o Lack of wing space for sets and storage
- o Sound from practices is heard on all surrounding spaces including the Library which serves as a green room for performances (lack of sound isolation)
- o Poor acoustics in the commons leads to very poor intelligibility
- o Accessibility to stage would be improved with a ramp (there is a lift)
- It was discussed that ideally a new dedicated auditorium or black box theatre that could seat about 100 would serve the needs very well; however, this would be the most expensive option.
- A renovation of the existing space could address many of the issues that were identified.

**Administrative and Support Spaces**

- Nurses Office (Room 310): This space is currently located off the Library as the same staff manages both spaces. The nurse’s office is too small (accommodates only one student) and so when multiple students need the services of the nurse there is a lack of privacy. It would be beneficial if this room could be expanded and a restroom provided.
- Academic Counseling (Room 303): This room lacks good sound isolation in the walls and ductwork. The school felt like this location worked well.
- Emotional Counseling (Room 107): This room works well where it is located. It currently has a restroom that is not used.
- Gender Neutral Restrooms: a few possible locations were discussed for this. One location would be to take one of the staff restrooms and make it accessible off the front entry hallway. Another location could be the restroom off room 107 – this would require reconfiguring the restroom to get corridor access.
- Staff Lounge 106/206: It was discussed that these spaces are appropriately located in the building but lacked proper furnishings to be both inviting and usable for small group meetings. These spaces would benefit from improvements.
- Multipurpose Room 308: It was discussed that the building lacks a large enough conference room. Perhaps room 308 could be used for this function.

**Track and Field Options**

- Brian presented an option that included a new soccer field with all track surrounding it. The issue with this scheme is that the current field was funded with a GOCO grant and the complete reconfiguration of this field would violate that stipulations put in place with the original grant. This would jeopardize future grant possibilities.
- A track option was discussed that would include a 100m straight section with a 180 degree corner. This would allow for some practicing even if it would not provide a complete track.
- The district will consider which of these options if any are worth pursuing.

**Outdoor Educational Spaces**

- Addition opportunities to take classes outside are desired. It was discussed that there is space to the east side of the existing school and to the southwest (near accessible parking) that could accommodate more outdoor classroom spaces.

**Weight Room**

- It was discussed that it would be nice to have a separate weight room and climbing wall, but this is not a high priority since both these spaces currently are workable.

Attachments:  
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