

## **Summary of Facility Advisory Meeting** **August 31, 2009**

The meeting of the FAC got underway at 2:30pm with 36 attendees.

Laurie Augustino, GHS PTSA Building Committee Chair, welcomed the group to the meeting, and turned the floor over to Paul Falkenbury, architect from Samaha Associates.

The meeting started with a brief overview of where we ended the last meeting. At the last meeting, the group decided that they liked both Option 5 (for the layout), and Option 6 (for Summit Ave. access). Mr. Falkenbury was going to try to find a solution to meet both needs.

As a result, we were presented with Option 7. This option keeps the site layout found in Option 5, and also includes the retention of Summit Avenue as an access road as found in Option 6.

This option seems to be the best of both worlds. Additionally, with Summit Avenue being connected, and not “dead-ending”, the City has indicated that we no longer need to install a cul-de-sac at the back of the building for emergency vehicles. This gives us a little more space to “play with”.

Discussion was held about the site layout presented in Option 7, and all present liked the design.

**The site plan as displayed in Option 7 of the presentation will be the site plan for the new GHS.**

### **Floor Layouts**

We next discussed the slides that show the floor layouts for GHS. There are 2 different options being presented for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of GHS. The differences revolve around the main gym and the locker room locations.

Option 7 has the gym near the auditorium with a shared concession/ticket area and lobby. Option 7A has the locker rooms in between the auditorium and the main gym, with each area having its own ticket/concession area and entrance.

The Athletic department prefers having the locker rooms in the middle, as it brings the students closer to field access. This will reduce time it takes to get to the fields for classes. Additionally, the close vicinity to the fields is more desirable for sports events and getting teams into the building at half time.

Option 7A is the desired 1<sup>st</sup> floor when it comes to gym and locker room placement.

Further discussion was held as to the actual location of other classrooms and functions across all the floor levels. Some of the comments were as follows:

- SCB and LFI are different, and should be labeled differently. LFE should be split from SCB and located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Cosmetology needs to be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
- Need to switch the wrestling and dance areas, as dance can have the windows and wrestling cannot.
- Career Center will be part of Guidance Suite.

Samaha will be updating the layout for the next meeting so we can start to focus more on the placement of the instructional space.

Lastly, Mr. Falkenbury reported that Samaha met with the City of Gaithersburg and a traffic consultant in August. The traffic consultant will be starting a survey of traffic counts sometime next week. After this, we will have a better idea as to traffic flow, and whether we need to add lanes to Education Blvd.

The meeting concluded at 3:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the GHS Choir Room. Please plan to attend.