

CAC Chair Meeting with DCSD and Nix Fowler

(Dr. Culbreath, Jenny Shulman, Callie Parker)

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Items Discussed:

Playground –

- DCSD has already paid for the playground that is intended for the space on the new AES campus, so AES Foundation cannot change entire plan. AES Foundation is allowed to add to the existing plan. The site manager from Nix Fowler (Crystal@nixfowler.com) will speak with the site architect to discuss where supplemental equipment can be installed.
- We asked that Nix Fowler not encroach on the Play Field when identifying new space for play equipment.
- Playground Equipment is manufactured by Little Tikes
- Playground surface will be a smooth rubber material, similar to that at Brookrun Park
- There will be 2 separate spaces; 1 for PK-2 and 1 for 3-5. It is unclear whether there will be a fence between the two spaces or a “curb”. Dr. Culbreath is concerned about the spaces being combined, and not being able to schedule all classes for recess efficiently.
- Rockbridge has the new playground equipment similar to what AES will have.
- Supplemental equipment will need to be installed after Nix Fowler installs Little Tikes playground.

Brick Campaign –

- DCSD approved the 4 main areas where bricks are to be installed (Two on front side of school, One leading from parking lot to school, One under tower)
- Foundation does not need to hire an outside brick installer to put bricks in place, Nix Fowler will install them.
- We cannot pop out blank bricks and install inscribed bricks at a later date; all bricks will need to be installed at the same time whether or not they are inscribed or blank.
- Bricks will need to be delivered to site 1 month prior to Nix Fowler needing them for install. Date TBD

Retaining Wall –

- Nix Fowler is currently pricing the cost to face the exterior (Dunwoody Nature Center side) with bricks.
- Alan Mothner has suggested ivy and other landscaping, but Nix Fowler explained that it could be 5 years before the wall is covered, and asked who would maintain it.
- Another option is to have Nix Fowler paint it, we could then have an artist in residence come to AES and partner with Dunwoody Nature Center to make a mural that is agreed upon between AES and DNC.
- A comment was made that the wall at John Lewis is a much bigger wall if we want to visit their school to observe.

Timeline –

- The original dirt on the new campus was deemed unsuitable.
- It is required to remove unsuitable dirt and replace with dirt that could be built upon.
- As of today, storm drains are being installed.
- Joseph Brew would not speculate as to how much this has delayed the timeline. He has asked for another month before setting a new opening date.
- DCSD did say that AES could open in January 2020 after winter break if the opening date is push back until then.
- *Question for Dan Drake: How will the new timeline effect redistricting?*