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Cleveland High School Design Advisory Group

MEETING NAME:	Design Advisory Group #1
MEETING DATE:	09 May 2024
PRESENTATION SLIDES LINK:	DAG 01 Slides

MEETING SUMMARY:

The Cleveland High School Design Advisory Group (DAG) held their first meeting on May 9. The DAG members were selected through an application process and represent a mix of students, staff, parents, and community members. The purpose of the DAG is to meet with the design team (PPS + Mahlum/Studio Petretti) on a regular basis to provide input on the evolving details of the design. Further information on the process, including the DAG charter, is available at

https://www.pps.net/clevelandbond.

As DAG members entered the room, those who lived in the catchment area were asked to place a pin on the map showing what mode of transportation they used to get to Cleveland High School. After introductions, PPS reviewed the DAG charter and the group elected Co- Chairpersons. PPS also provided an overview of the project schedule and bond funding for the Cleveland High School modernization.

The design team presented an analysis of the Cleveland High School site, and showed some of the different site configurations that were explored in the comprehensive planning process. The designteam reviewed the project vision and goals, and the recommended approach outlined in the comprehensive plan.

A larger site plan showed how all three Cleveland Sites, and potentially Powell Park, will be utilized. The design team reviewed community engagement to-date, including the comprehensive planning committee, staff and student groups, public workshops, community based organizations and affinity groups, and a PPS survey.



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Q&A comments:

- If the whole process runs on schedule, the new CHS would start construction in 2026, and open in 2028
- > The DAG will go on tours of similar school projects. There was a specific request to add Benson to the school tour list.
- > The design team clarified that the softball and baseball fields don't fit on the existing track and field site. PPS has begun the conversation with Portland Parks to improve the baseball and softball facilities at Powell Park. This would be a separate project led by Portland Parks and would not be bundled with the Cleveland High School project.
- > The schools are designed for 1700 students. This enrollment number is based on the Area Program in the PPS Education Specification (Ed Spec), see page 18 of the High School Ed Spec for more information.

After the Q&A Period the DAG members participated in a Program Adjacencies exercise. DAG members worked in small groups, exploring which building programs should be close to or far away from one another in the new high school. Some ideas addressed in this exercise were:

- The idea of separate lobbies for the theater and gym
- Relationship between administrative offices, counseling, and student support areas.
- Location of library, commons (Cafeteria) and the main building entry.

This feedback will be referenced by the design team when creating concepts for how the building is organized. The Program Adjacencies exercise was also repeated with other CHS groups. Different user groups bring their lived experiences to the table, with varied perspectives on which programs should be located close to one another in the building.

Resource Links:

PPS Bond Website: https://www.pps.net/Page/209

