

## MEETING RECORD

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	HD	Heather Diez	FCPS, Assistant Director
	HM	Holli McKinley	FCPS, D&C, Acting Coordinator
	AP	Andy Peterson	FCPS, D&C
	MA	Mahri Aste	FCPS, MES Principal
	AS	Andrea Shaw	PEA
	JM	John Morris	PEA
	DH	Danielle Haas	PEA
	MP	Monica Prakash	PEA
	ML	Mark Liberati	Pennoni
	LH	Laura Hall	Pennoni
	KF	Karl Frisch	FCPS
	JM	John McGranahan	FCPS Attorney
			Community Members
	<b>See attached attendees list.</b>		

NEW BUSINESS NOTES		ACTION BY
1.0	<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Introductions</b>	
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karl Frisch greeted and thanked everyone for their hard work.</li> <li>Douglas Tyson is looking forward to further input and collaboration on the design, noted that this project will end up being a part of the community that everyone can be proud of. Thanked Dalia Palcheck and Michael Wing from the Supervisor's office for all of their input and support.</li> <li>Dr. Aste thanked everyone for their engagement and input throughout the design process.</li> <li>FCPS expressed their excitement to provide updates on the design and status of the project, and introduced the project consultant team.</li> <li>PEA presented the proposed project, including scope, timeline, site plan, floor plans, and elevations.</li> </ul>	

	<p><u>General Remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community member (Kristy Glassick) mentioned that the MES community has not yet been given much of an opportunity to provide feedback on whether/how the project will be an issue for them. She feels that it is difficult to come in this late in the game and still feel like the community has a say.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS appreciates the input, and doesn't want the community to feel like it's too late. Explained that everything presented tonight is still "proposed" and in progress.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Building</b>	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community member asked how the AAP programs are accounted for, as the proposed floor plan appears to show less classrooms than are there currently. Noted that there are only (5) classrooms for each upper grade (3-6), while there are currently 6-7 teachers for each upper grade level due to the AAP program.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PEA assured that the plan and classroom count follows the Ed Spec, that the AAP classrooms are accounted for and included in the design, and that there are more classrooms shown in the proposed design than are in the school currently.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Site</b>	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community members expressed concern for the new bus traffic at Kingsbridge Drive and asked if there have been any discussions about widening the road. Noted that the residents rely on the street for parking, kids frequently cross/walk through the street, and there are safety concerns with parents making U-turns. The Community believes the road is not currently very wide and doesn't believe that buses can get through safely. Explained that there is also a "blind corner". Concerned about buses and students crossing the street in the same location.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS expressed that they believe they can safely accommodate bus access, and that site distance and other requirements have been carefully analyzed.</li> <li>○ Pennoni explained that widening Kingsbridge Drive has not yet been investigated since the road already meets VDOT standards. Currently, the road is 30ft wide (curb to curb), which is sufficient for parking on (1) side of the street, and vehicular travel in (2) directions. FCPS' traffic study has not yet been completed, and reviewers will look further at this plan and make any comments if they feel adjustments need to be made.</li> <li>○ FCPS assured that they will continue to evaluate these concerns as the design progresses. FCPS is working with a firm to conduct a traffic study that analyzes the impact of a secondary entrance.</li> <li>○ FCPS understands the concerns about using the new entrance as a cut-through and is currently looking at adding a gate to eliminate cut-thru vehicles during the daytime when buses are not using the entrance.</li> <li>○ Despite no parking signs, Community member explained that people park on both sides of the street. FCPS acknowledged this.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community members are concerned that some of the kids who walk through Kingsbridge Drive come from Hawthorne (the adjacent townhouse community) and walk through their property, and that MES has been contacted multiple times about parents who use their lot to park or wait for kids, which blocks resident parking. Hawthorne has also reached</li> </ul>	

	<p>out to the police department to occasionally bring in officers to resolve the issue and redirect parents to the Five Oaks Road entrance. The community is worried that the addition of a secondary entrance will lead to an inability to filter out parents from using this entrance, which could pose more safety risks and increase traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS noted that they are aware of this concern, and that Kingsbridge Drive has become an impromptu kiss &amp; ride spot. FCPS assured the community that the goal of the proposed design is to separate bus and kiss &amp; ride traffic to help alleviate the issues on Kingsbridge Drive and Five Oaks Road. FCPS is actively working with the Office of Safety &amp; Security (OSS) and Office of Transportation to improve and regulate traffic.</li> <li>○ FCPS noted that while they will work with the school to minimize this occurrence as much as possible, FCPS and MES are not able to prevent parents from parking and dropping off kids outside of school property.</li> </ul>	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community members are concerned about losing parking on Kingsbridge Drive as well as how many trees will be lost due to the adjustment of the conservation easement and construction of the new entrance. Concerned that the new entrance is not wide enough for buses to pull into the school without taking away parking.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS noted that the design is still in progress and the new entrance is 30' wide. They will determine a standard width for the access, and will study how to minimize the impact to available parallel parking space on the street.</li> <li>○ Trees will be evaluated as well and will be minimally impacted.</li> <li>○ All plans will be taken through the County for review.</li> <li>○ FCPS added that there is no work being proposed at the SW corner of the property, so nothing will be disturbed in this area.</li> <li>○ Pennoni explained that less than 1/3 acre of the conservation easement is being lost to accommodate the new entrance (currently the easement comprises 2+ acres of land). The portion to be removed is adequate to allow for the required site distance. Part of this is due to the need for site distance for the exit. Engineers used an auto-turn program to mimic turning movements for various situations; Pennoni used full-size buses as part of this analysis to determine required space for bus turning movements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The community asked how far the new Kingsbridge Drive entrance is from the Villa d'Este entrance. Noted that it looks like they are too close to one another, making it a very busy and dangerous intersection for both driving and walking.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pennoni answered that it is approx. 72ft from Bayswater Ct.</li> <li>○ FCPS explained that the new entrance is still currently in design. Driving and walking patterns will be considered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community members asked about the number of children who walk to school from neighboring apartments, and how they enter the school, particularly from Hawthorne and Fairfax Circle. Mentioned that kids currently cut across the lawn at staff parking areas and the proposed bus route, and asked if buses will back up on Kingsbridge drive in the afternoon at pick-up (and if the bus counts will increase).           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Aste explained that there is currently a crossing guard at this location, and that most of the kids who walk to school arrive before the buses. The school manages this process safely for all kids, and will continue to monitor and control access at this entrance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS assured that student safety is their top priority, and that they will make sure there is a safe sidewalk path from every point of access to the school entry. The existing sidewalk will be connected to a new sidewalk at the entrance, and there will be a crosswalk that then connects to the main entry. FCPS will work with the school to ensure a crossing guard is present at this location. Currently the school has (13) buses, and the proposed plan accounts for an increase to (14) buses. D&amp;C is working closely with OSS and Transportation to keep buses off of Kingsbridge Drive. HM also noted that the existing parking lot will remain as-is, though there are more parking spaces being provided as part of this design, and that the paved basketball court can be used as overflow parking during special events if needed.</li> <li>○ Jeannie Reyes echoed that student safety is the primary focus, and that the school has morning duty staff all over the site when students are arriving and departing school. Explained that buses will pull into the school as they arrive, and there are dedicated lanes and parking inside the site to accommodate every bus. She acknowledged that what actually happens in reality is difficult to visualize on a plan.</li> <li>○ Community members responded that there are never staff members present at Kingsbridge Drive to help direct pedestrian traffic, and suggested that someone be assigned to that location with the new design. Impression is that the kiss &amp; ride, bus traffic, and students who walk to school (on Mosaic property) require all of the staff's attention.</li> <li>○ FCPS assured that all of these items and issues of concern will be discussed and explored internally.</li> </ul>	
3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community members asked if staff parking will remain where it is currently, and expressed concern about overflow parking on the paved playground where students play.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PEA explained that the proposed design has (146) total staff parking spaces; existing site has (91) parking spaces. The paved playground will provide overflow parking in the case of special events only, not on a typical, daily basis. FCPS assured that students were free to use the paved play area safely on a daily basis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community members asked what could be done about the noise from the buses if they queue up on the street.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS explained that the buses should not have to queue on the street.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community members pointed out that there is currently a problem with parents driving faster than the posted 25mph to drop off their kids in the Hawthorne Village parking lots, and asked if FCPS anticipates this problem being solved with the new design.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS acknowledged this issue and assured that they will evaluate accordingly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community members asked if the runoff from the construction be contained in a pond on the school site, or will it drain downhill to the houses in the court at the end of Kingsbridge Drive (resulting in flooded basements).           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS explained that runoff is required to be accounted for under stormwater regulations by the County and VDEQ. On-site structures are planned. Community members can contact D&amp;C if there are any concerns during construction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

3.10	<p><u>Emergencies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community members asked if there is a plan for kiss &amp; ride traffic when the creek floods. Villa d’Este asked if MES has a plan to discourage the kiss &amp; ride traffic to relocate to Kingsbridge Drive in this event.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS noted that flooding is not a long-term issue (it lasts for maybe an hour), however in these instances, the 2<sup>nd</sup> access point would be established for emergency only, to be overseen by the school.</li> <li>○ Dr. AsteA echoed that this creek on Five Oaks Road has flooded over the access road in the past, blocking traffic into the school. In this case, the school had to be evacuated with students’ loading on Five Oaks Road. She noted that the creation of a secondary entrance addresses this important safety issue and that the school is excited about it. She also reminded the community that the school has a myriad of tools to keep them in touch with parents and the surrounding community should an emergency situation arise.</li> <li>○ John McGranahan noted that the school uses people on-site to help regulate these situations and keep parents from accessing the bus loop, but would like additional details as to how this has been handled in other instances.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><b>Construction</b></p>	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community member (Geoff) asked about continued communication for the community as the project progresses, and asked how the Villa d’Este HOA (and others) in the community can raise any concerns during construction. He expressed concern of the new Kingsbridge entrance allowing large construction vehicles easier access to the site, and how it will impact the safety of students and residents due to the additional vehicular traffic.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS assured that they will continue to host additional PTA meetings to discuss the renovation.</li> <li>○ FCPS noted that as permit applications are submitted to Fairfax County, notifications will be sent to neighboring residents. During construction, anyone may contact the FCPS Office of Design &amp; Construction at any time.</li> <li>○ FCPS explained that they will have a field construction representative and team available on site while construction occurs.</li> <li>○ Construction vehicles will be controlled via a specific construction entrance (location yet to be determined).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community member (CL) asked which hours/days of the week that construction will occur, and what the surrounding neighbors should expect as far as noise time frames. Asked if there will be any days or times that they can expect increased traffic, delays, or road closures, on either Kingsbridge Drive or Five Oaks Road.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS explained that they are required to follow the Fairfax County Noise Ordinance, and will provide the link to the website for noise ordinance information.</li> <li>○ Project construction typically occurs Monday through Friday, with occasional evening or weekend work as needed (as some work cannot occur during school hours). FCPS’ priority is to not interrupt the education of the students.</li> <li>○ A construction traffic plan will be prepared closer to the time of construction.</li> <li>○ Community members are free to contact the Office of Design &amp; Construction at any time with concerns during construction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community members asked about the projected timeframe for design and construction.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS explained that the project is currently in the design phase. Construction bids are scheduled for Spring 2023. Construction is due to begin in late spring/early summer 2023, with estimated completion in Spring 2025.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5.0	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Further Discussion</b>	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community member (Kristy Glassick) thanked the team for a fruitful discussion and for acknowledging the community's questions and concerns. Asked what the community's involvement would entail moving forward, if there were additional, upcoming opportunities to weigh in, when there would be a traffic study conducted, and when they could see the results of the study.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FCPS explained that they will continue their community outreach through the PTA, and that the regulatory process will also continue to include community notifications. Plan updates will appear in Board of Supervisors newsletters, and other standard means of community outreach.</li> <li>○ Rezoning process will include public input.</li> <li>○ There will be further opportunities for community members to be involved and voice their questions and concerns, and can use Holli McKinley as a contact.</li> <li>○ FCPS noted that they will share additional events and meetings in the upcoming months.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community member (Eliza Selander) is a long-time resident, and has put (4) kids through Mosaic ES. Voiced her appreciation for this meeting and for the project team's acknowledgment of the community's concerns.</li> </ul>	
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community member (Jack) acknowledged and agreed that FCPS has to do what is needed for the school's increased capacity, but the main priority continues to be the safety of those students who walk to school, and still feels that the proposed site design is not a safe solution.</li> </ul>	
5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community members thanked FCPS and the design team for answering questions and listening to their concerns, and look forward to future updates and the design develops further.</li> </ul>	
5.5	<p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-zoning will provide an additional opportunity for questions and feedback.</li> <li>• FCPS noted that they are currently working on a traffic study, and that results can be expected within the upcoming months that will be shared with the community and can be discussed further.</li> </ul>	

Next Meeting: TBD

cc: Jennifer Coticchia, file

Attachments:

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