

Windermere Elementary School – Building Team Meeting 2 November 11, 2015

1. Is there anything about the educational or physical assessments that surprised you?

- Not really. I was up to speed on both already. Actually, the single & on immediate building envelope (needs new roof which is expensive).
- Building envelope is in pretty good shape. Poor water quality.
- Bowing wall on 2nd story wing.
- How far students must travel to get to specialized spaces. Shared spaces are not optimal for learning. Safety concerns (spaces having 2 exits). Unflexible spaces and furniture.

2. Based on what you have learned so far, where is the current facility in alignment with the guiding principals and where is it not?

- I have unanswered questions about ongoing utility costs but suspect the answers would violate 2a and 2d.
- It looks to me that the guiding principals require flexibility in space. It doesn't appear that the building is very flexible, pretty segmented into traditional classroom.
- Does not really meet 4b. Not really 5a in context of security. Limited space doesn't meet size.
- Not aligned. Space is not conducive to what teachers need to create unique, individual learning. Not environmental. Does not bolster collaboration & creativity. Not safe emotionally b/c there are no private spaces.
- Updating is not going to meet the needs of students in the future. It is a band-aid. Students need flexible learning space, clean water, reliable (and unnoticeable) HVAC, common learning areas . . . a place we can be proud of and feel valued.

3. What is your reaction to the financial information that was shared tonight?

- Impressed.
- Expensive to do complete renovations, will all of these be necessary? Are the budget numbers conservative?
- It seems a shame that reno phase without the correction to the cramped inflexible educational environment costs about 2/3 new build cost.

- I am still unclear on if the recommendation is leaning towards maintaining or demand.

4. What are your expectations and desires for the options phase?

- Like to see TCO of options and not just capital costs.
- A look at operating cost comparison of competing alternatives.
- What are options for contemporary learning environments?
- How will the improvement to the edu environment be accomplished and at what cost?
- What are comparisons for operating costs to keep or rebuild? If we rebuild, what would the kids do for a year? (Modulars? Build behind?)
- I need a cost comparison analysis of building new vs. updating.