

Baltimore City Schools Coordinating Committee Meeting on School Construction: Agenda

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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1. Introductions

a. Participants

- Chad Hayes (DOP); Marie Anderson (DOP); Debra Brooks (MOCFS); Imani Jasper (DOP); Laryy Flynn (MSA); Marissa Berk-Smith; Ervin McDaniel III; Melissa Wilfong, Reginald Moore; Frank Murphy; Kari Nye (DOP); Eli Pousson (DOP); Cyndi Smith (BCPSS); Renee Stainrod (21st); Kim Knox (DOP); Jill Lemke (MDP); Jaffa Weiss (DOP)

b. Review and Approve Minutes of January 18, 2023

- Approved, Seconded
- Final draft of January notes to be sent out after meeting

2. Planning, Design, and Construction Coordination: (DOT, DOP, 21st Century, MSA)

a. Pedestrian Safety (DOP/DOT)

- Pick up/drop off accessibility issues at Wildwood E/MS
 - DOP staff contacted school leadership to plan site visit re: adding pick-up + drop-off location on Gelston Drive
 - Planning for school circulation is built into the design process but additional support for circulation plans may be helpful for both open/operating schools but should also be offered to schools that in the design process to make materials available when the school opens
- Primary Walking Route Improvements (DOP/DOT)
 - Crosswalks/sidewalks
 - Routes for CJR and CC are identified and with Highlandtown #237 are in process for coming under contract; DOP assured by DOT that the construction components will start early-mid summer
 - Resumption of relationship with BCRP Forestry; plantings to be done at KJGA/Billie Holliday and Highlandtown #237
 - Status of primary walking route improvements [listed in DOP INSPIRE Airtable tracker](#)
 - ADA ramp installation/repairs
 - \$1M in INSPIRE program, and additional funding coming to DOT for city-wide improvements
 - Initial inquiries into prioritizing accessibility improvements around 21st Century School projects

3. Miscellaneous Issues (DOP)

a. REACH!/Clifton Park

- Jaffa reached out to BCPSS for update (4/4)
- BCRP (Reginald Moore) requested additional information when available to anticipate any issues with location of planned stadium to be built in partnership w/ BCPSS

4. Design Issues (MSA/21st Century Schools)

a. No issues to report this meeting

5. Design Process (MSA/21st Century Schools/BCPSS)

6. 21st Century Schools

a. Commodore John Rodgers EMS

- Schematic designs have been presented to school community and scheduled for presentation to UDAAP

b. Frederick Douglas

- Starting the concept design process

7. Feasibility Studies for High Schools

a. All feasibility studies are complete

b. Frederick Douglas remains under 21st Century Schools program

c. Poly/Western and City College moving under Built to Learn

d. Feasibility study meetings are publicly available; publicly consumable report will likely be in IAC package

8. Construction Updates

a. Cross Country on schedule for Jan 2024 opening

9. Community Engagement Coordination

a. INSPIRE program (DOP)

- Plans moving to review and adoption

- John Ruhrah EMS INSPIRE Plan

- Finalizing plan for review and adoption by Planning Commission in late April/early May

- For more information, see:

- [Jan. 2023 Recommendation Review presentation](#)

- [Feb. 2023 Recommendation Review posters](#)

- REACH + Harford Heights INSPIRE Plan

- Coordinating with CHM Impact Investment Area planning process with DHCD

- Seeking to finalize plan for review in late spring.

- See [Feb. 2023 presentation](#) for information related to CHM IIA planning

b. Ongoing outreach for in progress plans

- Govans ES

- First draft of recommendation report was completed and presented to the steering committee for feedback; notes are being distilled into second edition of report for consumption and feedback from general public
- Cross Country EMS
 - INSPIRE team is establishing contact with new school-community coordinator at CHAI; planning more in-depth outreach strategy to the school community in the coming weeks
- Northwood ES
 - DOP staff in process of forming a steering committee with representation from community orgs. and other stakeholders
 - See [Jan. 2023 presentation](#) for additional updates on process
- Highlandtown EMS

c. 21st Century Schools

- Commodore John Rodgers EMS
 - School hosted meeting w/ DOT school transportation staff on 4/18 re: student transportation; expect to continue w/ additional conversations w/ re: BCPSS transportation and MTA
- Frederick Douglass High School
 - Schedule 4/26 community conversation in-person at Forest Park High School re: FDHS swinging to Garrison

d. INSPIRE will coordinate DOP engagement in these meetings

10. Review Follow-up Items

a. DOP INSPIRE

- Follow-up to identify source of water issue at REACH + next steps on resolution

Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 9:00am**