

Oak Grove Elementary  
April 27, 2010  
Meeting Recap

We are sure that many may have wondered if their attendance during the March public meeting at Oak Grove Elementary Schools would have any affect on the work being done by the architects to build a new school for the students, faculty, and surrounding community. You were surely satisfied to witness how much your thoughts, opinions, and concerns influenced the decisions and design methods of the architects if you were in attendance at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. During this public meeting, it was clear to all present just how much the designers, builders, and architects had taken all of the input into consideration when designing the new school.

We were pleased to hear Principal Jannie Laursen share her excitement about the progress being made in the design of the new school. She reminded everyone that the new school was not just for the faculty or the students, but for everyone. “This is community building” she said, speaking to the process of collective input and efforts. It was apparent that she was pleased with the input of the parents, faculty, and community and equally pleased that the design team had seemingly listened to their suggestions and concerns. Principal Laursen encouraged continued support and participation amongst parents, faculty, and community members during this building process.

Also in attendance was Dawn Paige, RPS School Board Vice Chair and District 8 Representative. She excitedly encouraged meeting attendees to see how their “input had been implemented into preliminary designs”.

City Official, John Winter shared that the success of this type of project “starts at the top with Mayor Dwight C. Jones and Superintendant Brandon”. He spoke highly and graciously of the support and vision of both city and school leaders in the progress of the building of this new school. Project Manger, Mike McIntyre assured those in attendance that their suggestions were communicated to the designers and builders, and that it would be evident by the conceptual design they would see. Although the new school building will begin in 2011, the point was stressed that the school would be equipped to handle technological changes and trends for the next 15+ years.

Many in attendance were pleased with the planning process thus far. If you missed this meeting, you still have the opportunity to share your ideas and express your concerns. Also, more public meetings will be held as the new school year begins.