

Meeting on Swanson School Design
January 23, 2017 ABC Building 6:30-8 p.m.

The bulk of the evening was spent hearing from the neighbors and parents in attendance. It was a listening and learning session for the designers and architects. A wide variety of ideas were discussed in response to three questions. (Notes will be on D-66 website)

1. What will the newspaper headline be on the opening day of Swanson's new school?

Most wanted to see modern, clean lines. A school unlike any in the state or world for green living and cohesiveness with the landscape and environment. Utilizing the park as classroom – an extension of the school. Flexible, safe, warm,

2. How will we measure success? &

3. What are the challenges?

Questions 2 and 3 were similar in many ways. Meeting timeline, budget. Solving drainage issues for neighbors. Safety. Streamlined parking, pick up. Drop off, building for now and 70 years from now, fostering community pride, accessible to community.

Generally

1. Swanson's new school will be built on footprint of old but will be bigger. (Roughly 38,000 current to 56,640 square feet) How that fits and how it works with the neighborhood, park and horizon remains to be determined. Whether it's one or two stories etc.

2. The Park and Outdoor area will stay, with hopefully better use and connection to school

3. There are certain standards all 66 new schools will have

4. Building for the next 70 years and respect its location within the neighborhood.

5. District has developed list of principles to follow.

Team

Project Advocates is working on Swanson's new school. This is their 4th project / new school in district and have noted how different each design was based on the input of neighbors, parents, teachers and students.

Alley Poyner is the architect. They have already met with the teachers, students and the design advisory committee all offered many great suggestions and insight. Last night was an additional meeting for community and parents. Anyone wanting to offer ideas can also go onto the district website and submit ideas, concerns via the "Let's Chat" button on the top right of the home page.

Design Process

Visioning – this is the big picture – Swanson is here! Hearing from all interested parties as well as assessing current site. Consider what presently is there, what works, what doesn't. Views that are available, design of homes, how school looks on property etc....

Conceptual Design –Whittling down ideas and creating a design

Schematic Design – Test the design

Design Developmental - Resolve issues with design

Documentation - Finalize

Timeline: Two possibilities. Move over winter break of 2018 or wait til summer and in Fall 2018 begin in transition school. Oakdale first day in new school is after winter break in January . Swanson's project is 18 months.