



WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING #3 – MEETING NOTES

May 2, 2024

Location: Williams ES Cafeteria

Attendance: 100

CAT Members in Attendance

Natalie Cardona-Villanueva, Jessica Lopez, Ricardo Cardona, Cynthia Gonzales, Laurence Gonzales, Mark & Sonia Foster, Deysy Sanchez

Support Team in Attendance

AISD Staff:

Superintendent Matias Segura, Bryan Hakim, April Glenn, Viviana Estrada, Michael Mann, Melissa Laursen, Beth Wilson, Taylor Cavin, Sherry Frye, Amanda Leyendecker, Angela Cardona, Susan Lustar, Kim Melton, Kevin Brown, Olivia Mitchell, Ana Lahti, Priscilla Perez, Jaime Miller, Chrystal Larty, Lizzet Avitia Macias, Rosemary Guerrero, Deina Lard, Michelle Good, Rebeca Perez, Sandra Escalera, Josefina Velazquez.

Smith & Co.:

Terry Smith, Melissa Duran

Balfour Beatty:

Ronnie Calderon, Patrick Fruin, Leroy Hinton

Communications Consultant Team:

Sarah O'Brien, Katy Fitzgerald, Jamal Nelson, Teniece Evans, Lorena Castaneda

Trustees:

Andrew Gonzales

Media:

Austin American-Statesman, CBS Austin

Purpose of Meeting

Discuss construction plans and timeline, dedicate the old campus to officially prepare for construction of the open concept spaces to begin in June 2024



Notes

- The community was receptive to the finalized design of Williams School's renovation project.
- The community raised the following questions and concerns:

1. How many classrooms are being created within the existing open space?

The architectural design team clarified that 19 studios will be created in the main building split into 3 Learning Neighborhoods, 2 with 6 studios and 1 with 7 studios, plus a Life Skills studio in the Annex building.

2. How do you plan to secure the Learning Neighborhoods in case of an emergency?

The architectural design team responded that the primary intention of these neighborhoods is to be able to lock down areas in case of emergencies, each neighborhood will have 2 control access doors to block circulation in cases of emergency. You will be able to exit but not to enter. Another security element is the curtains on the studio windows that can be closed in an emergency.

Next Meetings and Events

- Grand Opening – TBD

End of Meeting