

Notes: Howard Furniture Team Meeting April 9, 2015

Guest presenters: Matt Cornwell, 4J Facilities/Safety and Martha Cornwell, MRC, GameTime, with the help of Howard staff presented a great Multi-media presentation using the document camera and iPad linked with the overhead projector. The design was for the soft play area for the new school. It has two distinct areas: One area for 2 to 5 year olds and another for 5 to 12 year olds.

There is an area of swings that are 8' high and another bank of swings that are 10' high. There is an 8' slide and a 'spinner' It is a playful and exciting design. The only change requested by the team, was to remove the drums and in their place have 'talking tubes'. One area of concern was a place for students to just sit around. This concern can be addressed by the landscape design. Allan will follow up to be sure that the steps are part of the design.

Liza presented different furniture arrangements for classrooms with student desks and chairs, bookcases and storage units.

**After discussion the following decisions were made:**

Each classroom will have seating for 32 students. The mock up room will have samples of 24" square single desks and 24"x48" rectangular 'two' student desks.

The Teacher desk will be a two piece 'sit/stand' desk. One section will have a quick adjustable design and the other section will have the 'slow peg' adjustable height design to save on funding.

The top of the student desks will be matching the counter around the sink. Formica "Storm" laminate.

On Wednesday the entire staff met and selected two chair designs for the mock up classroom. All student chairs will be black. Liza had samples of the rug, tack fabric, maple of the cabinets and colors in the halls. The team was able to see the palette for their rooms.

Liza presented 3 different designs for mobile storage cabinets. The three designs were approved by the team. There will be one of each in every classroom.

Each classroom will have a kidney shaped teaching table with a top matching the student desks.

Allan and Kay will meet with Life Skills and also determine how to use the 'school specialty' kidney tables that are in good shape in the new building.

The meeting was held in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom that has the Steelcase Nodes. They were delivered today. Staff will work writing grants to get funding due to their cost.