

**Project:** New Princess Anne Middle School Project

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**Purpose:** PAT Meeting Notes & EMERGING THEMES

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## Planning Advisory Team Meeting: 11.29.16

### INTRODUCTION

Attendees were asked to make an introduction, including a key reason they agreed to/want to serve on the Planning Advisory Team (PAT). With regard to the latter portion of the question, you said:

- new school design
- lend experience to process
- bring vision to life
- perspective / creativity
- how we can help
- inspiration
- help mid-school with new school
- combined perspectives
- listen to needs / technology
- articulate what's cool
- student's point of view
- voice of exceptional children
- define needs and possibilities
- legacy
- hear students point of view
- dream / future of technology
- mid sub focus
- incorporate sustainability
- help make dreams
- bring international perspective
- how space influences instruction (building as teaching tool)
- passion for education and architecture
- integrated processes
- have fun

### EXERCISE 1: Recognizing Various Perspectives of the Group: "Draw a Lightbulb"

Attendees were each asked to draw a light bulb. Once completed, drawings were collected and displayed. Not surprisingly, a variety of light bulbs were represented including traditional glass and filament, tube fluorescent, low voltage, LED, and others. This exercise illustrates that we naturally bring our own unique perspectives to any given task. Planning for the future of your school is no different. During this process, we encourage you to celebrate your unique perspectives while also being brave enough to think beyond them and recognize value in the range of perspectives contributing to this task.

### EXERCISE 2: "Keep Doing – Stop Doing – Start Doing/Improve"

Attendees were asked to identify practices that the new PAMS should keep doing, stop doing, and start doing (or start doing better). (Responses are summarized and paraphrased.)

#### Keep Doing

- Outstanding music program
- Experiential learning (EDGE, etc.)
- Whole child
- Successful students
- PAMS time
- Service to the Community
- Preparing students for 9th grade
- Being a good neighbor
- Creative, positive attitude
- School spirit
- Welcoming / Community friendly
- Accepting
- Strong parent Involvement
- Using less paper
- Forward thinking
- Spaces like the current library

#### Stop Doing

- Bad flow of traffic
- Overcrowded classrooms
- Fixed spaces
- Segregating grade levels
- A day / B day
- Spending on Books, more on Tech.
- So many lockers / different sizes
- Separating students in teams (cores)
- Portables
- Making do (spaces designed to meet actual needs)
- Classes sitting together at lunch
- Small/crowded locker rooms
- Too much focus on standardized tests

#### Start Doing / Improve

- High tech everything
- Interdisciplinary conceptual learning
- Using outdoors for learning
- Virtual-reality environments
- Café run by students
- Improve building security
- Provide sensory rooms
- More flexible groupings
- Culturally immersive spaces
- Improve team identity
- Better socialization/conversation
- More personalized learning
- Reform PE (fun + fitness)
- Work-experience opportunities
- Expand partnerships
- Better student communication
- More advanced books/resources
- More meaningful technology integration / tech learning labs, etc.
- More comfortable

**EXERCISE 2: “What Should it BE?”**

Attendees were asked to brainstorm their vision for the new PAMS. Following the list is a word-cloud illustrating emerging themes. (Responses are recorded as submitted, thus duplicates are expected.)

- cool
- vibrant
- empowering
- energizing
- energizing
- unique
- different
- hands-on
- original
- showcase for talents
- student-centered
- real-world
- user-friendly
- student-focused
- engaging
- efficient
- happy
- safe
- holistic
- inviting
- interdisciplinary
- collaborative
- reflective
- collaborative
- community
- open
- friendly
- positive
- inspirational
- inviting
- engaging
- inclusive
- flexible
- peaceful
- interdisciplinary
- flexible
- growth
- exciting
- colorful
- colorful
- open spaces
- lots of natural lighting
- transparent
- open
- personalized
- project based
- hands-on learning
- inspiring
- flexible
- flexible / dual purpose
- multi-purpose
- variety
- flexible
- projects
- flexible
- personalized
- spirit (go panthers!)
- fun
- flexible
- open (nature in)
- creative
- real-world
- innovative
- innovative
- forward thinking
- breezy
- progressive
- futuristic
- fluid
- hands-on
- multi-purpose
- advanced
- flexible
- hip
- fluid
- funky
- multi use spaces
- flexible
- growth
- change
- sustainable
- sustainable
- connected
- light
- airy
- open
- dynamic
- futuristic
- beautiful
- sustainable
- extension
- technology
- hands-on
- kids want to go
- modern
- creative
- innovative
- collaborative
- collaborative
- community
- bridge
- real-world
- destination
- diverse
- diverse
- durable
- student-centered
- hi-tech
- tradition and history
- changeable
- holistic
- safe
- welcoming
- welcoming
- accessible
- accessible
- inviting
- invigorating
- happy
- fun
- exciting
- stimulating
- inspiring
- motivational
- safe
- inviting
- flexible
- beautiful
- collaborative
- individualized
- inclusive
- flexible
- innovative
- interesting
- fun
- innovative
- unique
- limitless
- bright
- creative
- focused on needs of kids
- healthy
- light
- efficient
- comfortable
- personalized for panthers
- collaborative
- energy efficient
- sustainable
- organic
- forward thinking
- flexible
- visionary
- flexible
- functional
- intriguing
- futuristic
- boundary less
- creative
- creative
- transformative
- standard bearer
- intriguing
- safe / secure
- safe
- experiential
- hands-on
- beautiful
- efficient
- inclusive
- workshop
- workable
- busy
- action-oriented
- inclusive
- peaceful
- quiet space
- positive
- functional
- relaxing
- safe
- comfortable
- awesome
- inspiring
- holistic
- fun
- project-based
- welcoming
- structured but 'bendable'
- inviting
- outdoors
- blend with nature
- neighborly
- dynamic
- visionary
- responsive
- full of light
- pride
- futuristic
- real-world
- fun
- interdisciplinary
- choice

