

Second Meeting – May 19th

The Architect Steering Committee met on this date for the second time to review the initial conceptual design with Architect Bruce Williams.

Bruce stressed that what he heard at the first meeting was “unity” and “Catholicity.”

Bruce has observed our school at various parts of the day and commented that we have a “great, small school” and that we should remain as such. What we need is a building to match the work that’s going on inside of it.

We have two choices: take the “band-aid” approach by incrementally addressing particular issues, but largely having the same problems; or a more robust approach that sets the community on a course for the next 30-40 years.

To do this project right and unify the buildings into one community, we might have to look at relocating the existing Miki Center classroom space.

The initial conceptual design envisions moving existing in-classroom storage to the hallways (redesigned to be proper storage rooms), and moving the hallways to travel around a central courtyard. There are additional multi-use spaces that could be used for everything from tutoring to adult faith formation to parent –teacher conferences, etc.

The bottom line for this conceptual design is to unify the buildings and have faith formation space, worship space and administrative space.

The Committee asked Bruce to come up with “Plan B” that has a hard connection between buildings, but is much cheaper to build. This way two options could be presented to the community at a future “town hall” meeting. It will be interesting to see which way the community might want to move.

Next meeting calendared for June 29th.