METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Our Future

Subcommittee 4 - Sustainability

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- 1. Reducing energy consumption
 - a. Why
 - i. Lessen our negative impact on the environment
 - ii. Reduce costs
 - b. How
 - i. Improved HVAC
 - ii. Better Lighting- efficiency (automatic shutoff) and aesthetic (natural light)
 - iii. Collaborative space for teachers (kitchen)
 - iv. Electric buses
 - v. Remove sewer treatment plant
 - vi. Native planting
 - vii. Increased pervious ground cover
 - viii. Charging stations
 - ix. Use of renewable energies
 - x. Multi-use spaces
 - c. Elements Impacted
 - i. Environmental
 - ii. Social-Comfort of environment; educational programs; behavior
 - iii. Economic
- 2. Decrease our Physical Footprint while increasing spaces to gather
 - a. Why
 - i. More environmentally friendly-energy efficiency
 - ii. Better opportunities for students to work together
 - iii. Costs less
 - iv. Reduce waste
 - b. How
 - i. Less wasted space-lockers, long corridors
 - ii. Improved layout- better flow, reduced travel time between classes
 - iii. Multi-use space- Gym that could also host an assembly for full school
 - iv. Multi-level building versus wider one floor
 - v. Shared classroom space
 - vi. Teacher lounge spaces
 - vii. Clusters of classrooms
 - c. Elements Impacted
 - i. Environmental-less carbon footprint
 - ii. Social-increased parking with lesser footprint; access to one another

iii. Economic-costs less to build

3. Ensure spaces are more accessible to the community

- a. Why
 - i. To build community engagement
 - ii. Promote community buy in
 - iii. Optimize our resources
 - iv. Enhance sense of belonging
 - v. Branding
- b. How
 - i. Separate entrances to community spaces from classrooms
 - ii. Create desired spaces for use
 - iii. More parking
 - iv. Communication about spaces available
 - v. Ability to allow safe entry from within the space
 - vi. Outdoor spaces- fields and classrooms
- c. Elements Impacted
 - i. Environmental-eliminates need for duplication; shared resources
 - ii. Social-builds community; opportunities for students to teach others
 - iii. Economic-can raise funds
- 4. Decrease our Environmental Footprint
 - a. Why
 - i. More environmentally friendly-energy efficiency
 - ii. Costs less
 - iii. Reduce waste
 - b. How
 - i. More robust recycling program
 - ii. Reduce food waste
 - iii. Reduce diesel emissions
 - iv. Improve pool- reduce chemical use, eliminate leaks, functionality
 - v. Improved building materials- insulation
 - vi. Improved HVAC
 - vii. Eliminate sewer treatment plant
 - viii. Better traffic flow- car and bus
 - ix. Sidewalks to promote walking
 - c. Elements Impacted
 - i. Environmental-less carbon footprint
 - ii. Social-teaching sustainability; better air quality
 - iii. Economic-reduces costs