



Working with the Community to Develop a Building Exterior in Keeping with Belmont Tradition

On the evening of May 16th, the Belmont High School Building Committee met with project architects Perkins+Will and community members to view and discuss exterior options for the 7-12 school. Previous meetings have been devoted to site design and interior space, but a part of this most recent meeting was held to ensure that the community had the opportunity to weigh-in on the exterior of the building, including materials, window design, and the general building façade.

Three new exterior design options were presented and explored at this meeting, and two options, titled “Arcade” and “Environment,” will be fully investigated and presented again in a more detailed exterior design plan. Based on feedback from the Belmont High School Building Committee and community members in attendance at the May 16th BHSBC meeting, project architects will continue to focus on the following exterior building aspects:

- ❖ Classroom window placement and orientation – particularly from the perspective of the typical classroom experience
- ❖ Southern elevation views towards Concord Avenue – the prominence of this bar and its presence from Concord Avenue
- ❖ Entry approach for both the lower and upper schools – how one recognizes the main entrances of the building upon their approach on site
- ❖ Top level transition of materials – the fourth floor creates a large massing and options to reduce its perception of height will be further explored
- ❖ Classroom wing façade – the potential to break up the large expanse of façade at the classroom wings



Updates on the design of the building's exterior as well as updates on security, zero net energy, and technology will be discussed at the BHSBC's next meeting on June 7th at 7:30 AM in the Homer Municipal Building Gallery.

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