

SCIENCE EDUCATION METHODS MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
PRAIRIE SPRINGS SCIENCE CENTER – PHASE II
La Crosse, WI

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MEETING DATE: October 21, 2021

MEETING TIME: 2:30pm-4:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

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OVERALL PLAN REVIEW:

1. The overall plans of each floor level were presented. The following items were noted:
 - a. No comments.
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DESIGN REVIEW:

1. Adjacency Overview:
 - a. No comments.
2. Science Education Methods Lab:
 - a. Base cabinets along north wall as previously discussed. No wall cabinets shown as previously discussed to allow for taller benchtop equipment. Upper cabinets desired by user group.
 - b. Wall of Wonders with sliding markerboards and storage along south wall.
 - c. Double-bowl sink, single-bowl ADA sink, oven, and refrigerator along east and west walls. Wall cabinets to be provided but not over the oven or sink.
 - d. Fixed teaching station.
 - e. Whiteboard space in lieu of full-height storage? Center whiteboard on back wall.
 - f. Stainless steel countertops not required.
 - Non-stainable, non-porous material required. Sanitizing with bleach solution. Non-laminate. Solid surface, quartz, or stainless steel to be considered.
 - g. Technology/collaboration monitors at north wall?
 - Not required for Nutrition. Counterspace more beneficial.
 - Surfaces requested for sticky notes and brainstorming.
 - Omit technology at north wall.
 - h. Microwaves above ovens are not accessible. Countertop location per Scott.
 - i. Projection screen needs to be viewable from all stations.
 - Screen distance away from wall can block viewing from students on opposite side of the room.
 - Tables could be moved for presentation.
 - Typically, 24 students. Retain size and table layout.
 - Text, videos, spreadsheets, etc.
 - Single screen to be centered.
 - j. Counter height tables.
 - k. Services:
 - Power at tables discussed. Scott expressed concerns regarding rearranging the room and issues associated with power at the floor.
 - Power at tables important for Nutrition. Four plugs at each group of tables. Discussion needed on location (closer to leg vs center). Tabletop power desired.
3. Support Spaces:
 - a. Stainless steel sink and counters in prep areas currently.
 - b. Space in middle used for cleanup and storage. Table can be fixed. Power needed. Students do prep in the lab.
 - c. Under counter dishwasher to be located adjacent to 3-compartment sink.
 - d. Refrigeration in the lab is sufficient. Not needed in the prep space.
 - e. Storage cabinets below center island.
 - f. Consider locating 3-compartment sink on other wall to reduce travel distance from lab.
 - g. Cart storage space important at south wall.
 - h. No technology required.
 - i. Additional door needed at north end? Not required.
 - j. Pantry supplies – location to be determined.
4. Student Science Education Space:
 - a. Two movable tables and chairs.

5. Faculty Science Education Space:
 - a. Design height tables.
 - b. Power and data required for computers and eye trackers.
 6. A copy of the presentation and additional notes can be found here: <https://river-architects.sharefile.com/d-s2a5c5aca579b4af08c2ff8a196dc23ff>
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SCHEDULE & NEXT STEPS:

1. Design team to revise plans based on discussions held.
 2. Next meeting to be scheduled in 3 to 4 weeks to review specifics.
 3. UWL to provide equipment selections and specs for the SmithGroup SharePoint site for all university-provided equipment.
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ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY		
1	Equipment selections and specifications to SharePoint	UWL

Note: This constitutes our understanding of the issues presented. Contact River Architects, Inc. via phone at (608) 785-2217, or e-mail m.adler@river-architects.com if there are any discrepancies.