

New Miami Trace High School Update

March 2016

During the month of March, the team was very busy as the schematic design (SD) phase of the project wrapped up. To review, the SD phase is the first phase of the development of a construction project. The early designs for the building and site are now with the estimating teams from SHP Leading Design and Ruscilli Construction Company. The teams will be working through the early design to determine if the project is on track in terms of budget. The estimating process will take approximately four to six weeks to complete. If it is determined that the project is on budget, the team will continue to move forward into the next phase of design, which is design development (DD). If not, the team will make adjustments to the project to keep things within budget. During the DD phase, the design team will begin to develop the finer details of the project such as furniture and casework, finishes, lighting, technology systems, and exterior detailing. We will be working to schedule another round of staff meetings prior to the end of the school year to seek additional input on these details.

The team has also been very busy with site development such as storm water management, traffic engineering, water and sewer lines, and technology and electrical infrastructure to the site. Due to the size of the facility and the desire to integrate the new school into the existing campus, the site development costs may be significant. The team continues to monitor the cost estimates and make adjustments as needed to remain on budget.

On March 30, the district received public bids for the new tennis courts that will be located on the new property near the existing visitor football bleachers. The facility will feature five tennis courts and related items such as fencing, walkways, and electrical service. It is anticipated that construction on the new courts will begin during the month of May and be usable for the upcoming 2016-2017 varsity tennis season.

The entire team is working very hard to keep the design and budgeting process on track so that we are able to begin the early site package in September/October 2016. The early site package will consist of preparing the building pad for construction; drilling the geothermal wells; installing the driveways and parking lots; and installing storm water drainage, parking lot lighting, water/sewer lines, and electrical services. The goal would be to complete this work prior to the start of the bad winter weather. If this schedule holds true, it may be possible to begin construction of the actual building in March 2017. At this time, the team does not foresee any significant project issues that would delay the January 2019 opening for students.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments related to the project. We may be reached at (740) 335-3010, or by email at bfranke@mtrace.org. Thank you for your continued support and Go Panthers!