

January 24, 2019 Parish gathering to tour the former school facility and reflect on the November 27, 2018 Community Presentations.

Part I. Participants were asked to write their impressions, positive and negative, of the former school facility as it now stands. Impressions were written on sticky notes (one per person) after the tour and posted without comment.

1. So many good sized rooms with minimal maintenance required. Some windows need work. More room than the church needs. The house could be made into a house again.
2. Lots of space, many bathrooms, an elevator and a full library. Concerned about upkeep; Some windows need work.
3. Computer lab is an asset.
4. Lots of space, bright and attractive. Still have occasional leaks. Who would pay for utilities and cleaning?
5. Concerns include the number of entrance/exits; lots of disjointed space; separate church from this space; interior condition needs work; parking.
6. Best part was the diversity of the space, kitchens in several places. Many expressed "excitement" over the computer lab and art room. Concerns about water damage.
7. Large Rooms; parking is an issue.
8. Multiple groups could use this space. Computer lab provides built in resources for community. Concerned about handicap accessibility.
9. Building is flexible and could be adapted for many uses. Concerned about the cost of adapting the building and security concerns.
10. Building is in pretty good shape; large spaces, good memories, good equipment. Wonderful space needs to be used quickly. Security is a concern.
11. Best things are spacious, large and small spaces, multiple bathrooms, and access to outside. Concerns are the rooms seem a little chopped up, not all areas are handicapped accessible, and there is only street parking.
12. Good small meeting spaces.
13. Space has so many possibilities with all of the different rooms. There is some water damage. Too many small rooms (perhaps) to hold one group. Kitchens – ADA rooms? Doorways are narrow; stairs might be an issue for some groups. Lots of space to keep clean.

14. Charming architecture, windows, murals and other art. Concerns include no showers, space divided up, kitchen-like rooms but not full kitchens. Concerns include moisture and window damage, doors not ADA, as well as bathrooms. Renovations take money.
15. Large number of rooms, even though some are relatively small. Rooms are spread out, we could have several ministries. Can we afford remodeling costs? No showers, small doorways, a lot of "up and down." Limited kitchens.
16. Rooms are small so would have to be limited to smaller groups. Chopped up layout – not a good flow.
17. Space is large and accessible from anywhere in the building. Furniture and materials present. Difficult to see it used for anything other than education because of the layout. Space is large enough that it could be used for several things. Need a target population.
18. Lots of variety in the space – large and small rooms. Computer room is great.
19. Lots of space, technology, active areas, science areas, the neighborhood childcare areas. Tech and groups spaces are learning ready and set up for teaching. Possible multi-use, but really set up for classes. Leaky windows and elevator is a bit inconvenient/smallish.
20. Building security! Division of space with respect to church use vs. community use.
21. Clean and usable. What would be a good use of this space for the church?
22. There is a lot of space. What is the impact of zoning and parking. No water in the rooms; difficult maintenance – poor layout with the floor plan.
23. Good small rooms for small groups. Stairs may be a problem. Concerned about how we do what needs to be done.
24. Lots of space and rooms, computers and equipment, kitchen and food prep. Lots of supplies (art, science, religious, computer/tech). Walls could be moved to have some flexible space Concerned about whether the equipment is out of date/worthwhile.
25. Concerned about water damage and accessibility in all spaces.
26. Good amount of space with access to utilities. Lots of equipment. Very specific design – compartmentalized. Limited use without extensive renovation.

Part II. Participants were in eight small groups. They were asked to reflect on the November 27 community presentation with the following questions as a guide: What ideas did you connect with from the community presentation? What caused you concern that you would like to hear more about. Each table shared their thoughts and there was some good discussion.

Ideas We Connected With.

- Helping adults with computer skills.
- Our space is a safe learning environment.
- Streaming classes using Promethean boards
- Place for high school aged parents to learn and have child care.
- Refugees
- Early childhood
- Schools could provide transportation; we could help Sedgefield and other poor schools with daycare and training for parents.
- Help refugees with immersion in culture
- Adult literacy and communication skills, special education support/sign language/children with challenges
- Training for parents along with care for children. Interview skills/ clothes closet.
- School because it continues the tradition
- Help older folks; elder daycare
- Partner with others, we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Partnering could make a solid program extraordinary.
- Tap into available funding. Corporate headquarters – help?
- Grants
- Autism – the former school had an interest in that population.
- Multiple offering using disparate space.
- After school programs for middle schoolers
- Soundscapes music program for disadvantaged kids.
- Newport News Healthy Families needs a facility. They work with early childhood, young moms, foster kids, at risk high schoolers, GED classes.

- Parenting classes
- Make use of computer lab – older adults and young children.
- Focus on children, need for affordable childcare; early childhood education important; low income children are underserved.
- Accessibility and transportation – key issues
- Provide a space for low income kids
- S.S. will help with childcare if parents are employed.
- Possibility of providing education to parents: financial literacy, etc.
- Child care and parent care.
- Few options for folks recently getting out of jail. Life skills training is needed.
- Finance. Smart Beginnings board members; help writing a grant.
- Downtown Hampton Child Day Care Center – partnership

Concerns

- Parking, zoning and other legal issues such as licensing and insurance. We need to educate ourselves
- Accessibility
- Expense of internet access
- Clear list of inventory
- Clarity about the size and condition of the building
- Clarity about the former school property and parish property
- Need for renovations
- Complicated process of trying to use the space for anything other than a school
- Cost of having property studies done.