



## Summary notes for Carl Cozier and Roosevelt Elementary School Educational Specifications Design Advisory Committee

### Meeting 1 - Thursday, February 22, 2024

Jeff Coulter welcomed members of Carl Cozier and Roosevelt Elementary Educational Specifications/Design Advisory committees. Jeff, principal on special assignment and co-chair, is teaming with Carl Cozier principal and co-chair Carissa Jangard, and Roosevelt principal and co-chair Aaron Darragh, working through the Ed Spec process.

Superintendent Greg Baker greeted the group and led introductions. Building new schools takes a community and partners to support. This is the start of a big moment for two of our schools.

For several years, the stage was being set for an additional elementary school. The biggest benefit in the short term was to use Elementary School #15 as a swing school while Carl Cozier, Columbia and Roosevelt Elementaries were rebuilt. In [an idea with the city of Bellingham](#), we are exploring relocating Carl Cozier Elementary and rebuilding, on what is currently city property, within the Civic Athletic Complex, to benefit both partners. Should this plan move forward, Roosevelt and Columbia would use the current Carl Cozier as their swing space during their rebuilds. Additional resources will be needed, requiring a new levy or bond to build Roosevelt and Columbia. This would likely pause work on Elementary School #15. Dr Baker recognized city officials, including past mayor Seth Fleetwood and new mayor Kim Lund, and thanked community partners, community members, and parents for volunteering their time.

Carrissa then shared the collective norms: be respectful, be stewards of the process, and be productive, to provide everyone an opportunity to share and all voices are respectfully heard.

OneNote will be used for organizing committee materials. Agendas, minutes, homework, and related documents will be shared, and will include a place to gather group feedback.

Curtis Lawyer, director capital projects, explained the schools will be two stories and approximately 64,000 sq ft of program area, with a capacity of 450 students and a projected project cost of 50 million dollars each.

Roosevelt appears to be a large site but has a considerable number of constraints. There are wooded areas to the back, wetlands, and a conservation easement.

The current Carl Cozier site is very tight. The potential partnership with the city relocating Carl Cozier to the Civic Complex, could help solve this issue.

