A brief history of Meadowdale

An official dedication for the original Meadowdale High School building took place on April 18, 1961; the school’s first class had started in the fall of 1960. In that school year, Meadowdale contained 602 students, in grades eight through 11 (there was no senior class, in accordance with a board policy regarding new high schools).*

The school shared a site of more than 25 acres with the adjacent Meadowdale Elementary building; the area in between the schools was designated as “recreation fields for school and community use.”

The architectural firm of Hart & Hart created the school’s design, which received school board approval on May 18, 1958. Total construction costs were $2,099,910.59, with $225,000 allotted for equipment.

The building’s cornerstone was laid Nov. 6, 1959. Students from then-feeder schools, such as Belle Haven, Ft. McKinley, Shiloh, Shoup Mill, Hickorydale, Meadowdale Elementary, Gettysburg and Fairview High schools, placed lists of names of the first students to attend the school within the cornerstone.

Information provided by the Meadowdale High School dedication ceremony program, April 18, 1961.

Memorabilia and other information graciously provided to DPS by Colleen Wells (Class of 1966).

*Seniors who attended other DPS high schools for three years were allowed to finish at their current school, rather than transfer to Meadowdale.