

7. Local survey organization
 Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

8. property owners name and address
 Pittsburgh Board of Public Education
 341 South Bellefield Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15213

9. tax parcel number/other number
 83H-189
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 Allegheny Co. Survey

10. U.T.M. 17 59 17 70
 Zone easting
 two acres
 4480170
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 usgs sheet: Pgh. East 1:24000

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building (X) district ()
 thematic (X)

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1914; 1927
 14. period
 1901-1920

15. style, design or folk type
 Jacobean Revival

19. original use School
 20. present use School

16. architect or engineer
 Vrydaugh & Wolfe

17. contractor or builder
 Dawson Construction Co.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Brick

21. condition Good
 22. integrity Good

23. site plan with north arrow
 24. photo notation
 25. file/location

BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S)
 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact
 note location of negative in block 24.

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)
 Dilworth School is an H-shaped building of two and one half stories, and is approximately seven bays in length. It has a tile gabled roof with a tall central chimney and two diminutive gabled dormers. The cross-gabled end bays project from the facade and feature ornamental brickwork and terra cotta in the gable ends. (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background
 Dilworth School was designed three years after the 1911 decision to consolidate the City School Boards of Pittsburgh and Allegheny City. During this period, the school district contracted with independent architectural firms for school designs.
 Dilworth School's architects, Martin U. Vrydaugh and Thomas B. Wolfe, were partnered c. 1892. Vrydaugh, trained by his father who was trained at the (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information
 (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:
 Lu Donnelly
 PHLF

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 5/85
 revision(s)

31. county 003 32. style 25
 33. construction material 03 34. roof
 35. design type
 36. historic function 08 0 3 01 P
 37. construction feature 38. ext. walls 03 39. plan
 40. facade width 6 41. roof material 42. stories D 43. depth
 44. ext. design
 45. int. design

1. County Allegheny
 2. municipality Pittsburgh
 3. street address or specific location St. Marie and Collins Streets
 4. survey code
 5. present name Dilworth Elementary School
 6. other name (historic name if any)

26. (cont.)

The wall surface throughout is Flemish bond brick, and windows, arranged in banks, are eight-over-eight double hung sash. The central entrance bay projects slightly between two massive buttress-like piers, and has an elaborate stepped parapet above with decorative finials. The glass paneled doors are topped by a namestone reading: "Dilworth School." A second major entry on the west elevation is sidelighted and transomed and flanked by pilasters.

At the rear (south) an auditorium was sympathetically added in 1927. The east elevation contains a faceted bay which provides extra light and a fireplace for the former kindergarten.

The interior of the school has a broad center hall and exposed brick as window surrounds and wainscoting. The basement level contains playrooms at either end. The eastern end has an odd configuration--it is L-shaped with a wooden gymnasium floor, supporting pillars and a faceted bay--making play difficult. The boiler room, cafeteria and locker rooms occupy the remainder of the basement.

The elegant auditorium, on the other hand, is well designed for its purpose. It has a full stage and is accessible from the outside without entering the body of the school, facilitating community use of the building.

Graceful stairways flank the auditorium; they are noteworthy for their curved, solid tile banisters and wide dark oak railings.

27. (cont.)

L'Ecole des Beaux Arts, apprenticed with Adrian Van Brunt in Kansas City. Here Vrydaugh met Charles Shepherd and they formed a firm specializing in churches. The commission for Calvary Methodist Church in the Allegheny West district brought Vrydaugh to Pittsburgh. Once here, he associated himself with Thomas Wolfe and they designed houses and churches for wealthy patrons.

Dilworth School was consciously elegant, stylistically unique in the city, and echoed European school designs of the 1910's. It also incorporated progressive educational features such as a well-lit kindergarten and the basement play spaces which had become an essential part of school buildings by this time. But Dilworth shows its transitional nature by the tentative quality of its play spaces. They are present, but they are not particularly functional. Such utilitarian spaces did not yet command much design attention.

The school is named for the Dilworth family, descendants of William Dilworth (1791-1871), a construction supervisor and politician who is often credited with providing a school-house and teacher for his Mt. Washington neighbors in the 1820's. His descendant John S. Dilworth had a mansion on the site of the present school and his widow, Mary Parry Dilworth, continued the family tradition of beneficence to education by transferring the land to the School Board. The school occupies 2.14 acres and cost \$216,726.41 to complete in April 1915.

significance: architecture

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Verbal boundary description and justification.

The nominated property consists of Allegheny County block and lot 83H-189 which encompasses the school building and its contiguous grounds.

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PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Lemington Elementary School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E593530 N4480290

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Dilworth Elementary School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E591770 N4430170

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Westinghouse High School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E593170 N4479270

Dilworth

Pitts. East Quad

