

High School Building Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date & place: 6:30 pm, January 30, 2018, PRHS

Members Present: Jonathan Seymour, Mike Stevens, Greg Labrecque, Emily Dwyer, Kim Jackson, Dena Trotta, Joe Torrasi, Bill Daley, Jeff Mulqueen, Carol McLeod, Wayne Adams, Glenn Kemper, Greg Hadden, Denise Dembkoski, Members not present: Elisa Grammer, Joel Breen, Bill O'Neil, Laura Costigan, Stephanie Seeley, Mark Tocci,

Also Present: Jon Lemieux, Jon Richardson, Emily Rae, Jason Boone, Brad Dore

After approving the meeting minutes from January 11 and January 16 the committee proceeded with new business. Jon Richardson of Dore and Whittier (DW) began with a working group update. The working group, with guidance from DW, has prepared criteria useful for evaluating the many facility options. The evaluation criteria help to make sense of this complex process and provide a dependable foundation for future decision-making. Within the next two weeks, the evaluation criteria will be used by the Building Committee (BC) and School Committee (SC) to refine the list of options from the many to the few. Additionally, Jon described a recently conducted visioning session with a group of grade 7-12 students.

The next task for the group is to hold the public joint BC/SC meeting next week. At the meeting DW will present the full range of options, review the criteria for evaluating these options and work towards a shorter list of preferred options. Feedback at the public meeting, along with the assessment criteria tool, will help the committee identify the preferred options. Brad Dore reviewed the evaluation criteria categories which include grade configuration, educational program, building configuration, site development, community use, sustainability, logistics/impact of construction and cost. These categories were developed based on the visioning sessions and Thoughtexchange feedback.

Using projected images, handouts and large printed pages, Jon and Brad then described the 10 options to the committee. In the course of the explanation site constraints came up. Brad explained that wetlands, watershed and retention pond all impact these design options. Dore and Whittier will be meeting with the WN conservation agent and a wetlands scientist on Wednesday to review options around relocating the retention pond. After a detailed conversation about all 10 options Brad then distributed and explained the evaluation criteria form. This form included a draft assessment done by DW. The BC was asked to use this tool to review the options before Feb 13th meeting, which will be after the public meeting and will also be a joint BC/SC meeting. At that meeting there will be further discussion and a chance to answer questions. At this joint meeting with SC on Feb 13th the BC will be asked to approve the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) submission documents which will include a shorter list of preferred options.

Next Meetings: Feb 7th in Merrimac and Feb 13th at High School

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes submitted by Jonathan Seymour