

## Press Release 1

### Update on GMHS and EFS Building Repair and Renovation Project.

As soon as the citizens of Gorham Randolph and Shelburne voted to approve a 5.3 million dollar bond for repairs and renovations of the Edward Fenn Elementary and the Gorham Middle High School the administration, school board and architect began to work on the different aspects of the project. Weekly construction meetings began on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 10:00a.m. on the second floor of the Family Resource Center. The first meeting was attended by school administration and architect only but subsequent meetings, held every Tuesday at 10:00a.m., have included school board members, the Gorham Fire Chief and local citizens. These Tuesday meetings will continue to be held throughout the duration of the project.

Advertisements were placed in the local papers and trade magazines to solicit pre-qualification information on construction firms and potential clerk of the works candidates. Our architect, David Laurin of Banwell Architects, refined drawings and reviewed them with teachers in the High School, who will have their rooms completely renovated during the construction project. Minor changes to the plans were made after the consultation with staff and administration.

Charles Chalk, of the State Fire Marshal's Office, participated in a walk through with David Laurin, Rick Eichler, Gorham Fire Chief and Dave Goyette, GRS Cooperative Maintenance Director, to make sure that the plans for the center core renovation at GMHS would be amenable to the State Fire Marshal. All who participated in the walk through have agreed upon the plan for renovations in this area.

Plans for packing and storage of books, equipment, desks etc. during the project continue to be ironed out. Summer school locations for our students are also being worked on since construction will begin as soon as possible after school is dismissed in June. Plans for the teachers who will be displaced as they have their rooms renovated continue to be a topic that is being worked on and is almost finalized.

This is an exciting time and we will do our best to keep everyone informed of the progress of the project as it occurs.