

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
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Thursday, September 28, 2006
GMHS Library

Present: Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burleson, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Conrad, Deutsch, Kathleen Kelley, Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

Staff Present: Paul Bousquet, Karen Cloutier, David Goyette, and Keith Parent

Other: Blair Banker (LKC), Jen Bennett (Berlin Reporter), Angela Brown (Board), Jo Anne Carpenter (Board), Matt Gagnon (LKC), David Laurin (Banwell), Oliver Libby (LKC), Robert O'Leary (LKC), and Paul Partenope (Board)

I. Call to Order:

By Ben Mayerson 6:37 PM

II. Welcome Lee Kennedy Co:

The Committee welcomed Oliver Libby, Blair Banker, Matt Gagnon and Robert O'Leary of the Lee Kennedy Co, as new members of the team in its role of Construction Management.

III. Approval of minutes from 9/21/06:

-> The minutes of September 21st were approved on motion by Nancy and second by Kathleen. No further discussion. **All were in favor with John abstaining.**

IV. Financial report

Passed over this item as Pauline could not attend

V. Timeline

a. Project budget/price ceiling – when do we need this out?

A discussion was held about the establishment of cost ceilings and when it needed to be done in the process. Paul Bousquet suggested that we complete the review of options – get preliminary cost estimates then set a budget.

The Construction Managers suggested that we shouldn't rush this phase but take the time to review the impact of the proposals on the students and faculty.

Jo Carpenter indicated that the School Board would be starting to look at the impact of a range of costs on the tax rates at their October 17th meeting.

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Bob Demers reminded us that we need to ensure that whatever option we choose, the buildings must be constructed to last.

Paul Bousquet will be working with David Laurin to determine how the options meet the State funding guidelines.

b. Faculty review:

David will present his initial concepts to the school Faculties on:

i. Ed Fenn

October 4th at 3:00 PM

ii. GMHS

October 5th at 2:30 PM

iii. Public review

After a short discussion it was decided to hold three public informational meetings to review the concepts. The first meeting will be October 24th at the Ed Fenn, and will initially focus on the concepts for that building, with a review of the MHS concepts coming later in the evening.

The second meeting will be at the GMHS on October 26th, and the process will be reversed with the middle high school options being reviewed first, followed by the Ed Fenn options.

Preceding each meeting short tours of the facilities will be offered to indicate problems and areas, where potential changes could be made.

The third meeting will be held on November 9th, at the GMHS music room, to review changes made based on the input received at the first two meeting, and to take input before the Committee makes it recommendations to the School Board.

c. Other

None

VI. Other:

a. Public comment

None

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VII. Banwell/Kennedy update:

a. Concept drawings

i. Ed Fenn

David reviewed four potential layouts with the Committee – all included two new Kindergarten rooms and a new 6000 sq/ft gymnasium.

During the discussion that followed both the Committee and the Staff agreed that the layouts in options 1 & 2 were preferable.

There was substantive discussion concerning traffic patterns, building entrances, the possibility of installing culverts to contain the brook, the aesthetics of placement of the gymnasium, the impact on playgrounds. We also discussed if the layouts would work if a gymnasium is not included in the final option.

ii. GMHS

David reviewed two options for constructing a new facility on site and three options for renovation/replacement of the existing facilities. David believes all the options will end up with a school between 80,000 and 90,000 sq/ft.

After discussion concerning the various layouts the Committee found the general arrangements of new building option 2 and of renovation option 1 to be preferable. However, there were items in options 2 & 3 (renovation) that we should look at incorporating. Option 1 (new) was deemed not possible to due the excessive footprint of the 2 story design. It was eliminated for consideration.

There was agreement that the placement of a new gymnasium in options 2 & 3 would be a significant drawback to the project. It was also discussed that it would be nice to locate something on the Main Street side of the school to utilize the space and dress the building up. Other discussions include the placement of the middle high school areas, the need to place the music room on the outside of the building, and the reuse of some of the historic sections of the building. The Committee agreed that the placement of the Administrative offices in relation to the building entrances was very good.

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(task)- Kennedy will develop cost estimates for the following options that David presented tonight, for the Committee's review on October 12th.

- *Option 1 for the Ed Fenn*
- *Option 2 for the Ed Fenn*
- *Option 1 renovation of the GMHS*
- *Option 2 renovation of the GMHS*
- *Option 3 renovation of the GMHS*
- *Option 2 new GMHS on site*

VIII. Next meetings:

- a. October 5, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- b. October 11, 7:30am Trip to Hanover, meet @ Rec. Dept.
- c. October 12, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- d. October 17, 6:30pm @ Shelburne TH - Board meeting BC presentation
- e. October 19, 6:30 @ GMHS Library
- f. October 24, 7pm @ Ed Fenn Teacher's Lounge - tour @ 6:30pm
 - i. public forum
- g. October 26, 7pm @ GMHS Music Room - tour @ 6:30pm
 - i. public forum
- h. November 2, 6:30 @ GMHS Library
- i. November 9, 7pm @ GMHS Music Room
 - i. public forum

IX. Adjournment: 9:15pm

->Motion made by Craig, seconded by Nancy.

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