

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2006
GMHS Library

Present: Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burlison, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Katie Kelley, Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

Staff Present: Paul Bousquet, Karen Cloutier (away ~ 7:15 to 7:50), David Goyette, Keith Parent, and Pauline Plourde (away ~ 7:00 to 8:00)

Other: Blair Banker (LKC), Jo Carpenter (Board) (@ ~ 7:00), Greg Corrigan (Board) (@ ~ 8:00), and David Laurin (Banwell)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative Building Committee and School Board was called to order at 6:30pm

II. Approval of minutes:

After review of the minutes from the November 30, 2006, a motion to accept them was made by Nancy, seconded by Craig. Two spelling errors were corrected, **all in favor.**

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Board meeting on 12/26 - review:

The Board's actions at its last meeting were summarized by Ben, which included their unanimous acceptance of the Option 5A for the EFS, and their desire to not set a budget amount for the project. The Board was informed at their meeting that on Monday, December 11 a meeting among Bousquet, Cloutier, Laurin, Mayerson, Parent, and Plourde will occur to help identify ways to mitigate project costs. Blair Banker of LKC will be available via phone for any issues pertinent to his area, should that be necessary. Members of the Board agreed that the cost must come down, but wanted to wait to hear the results of that meeting before further action.

During further discussion, Committee members voiced their concern about the lack of a target figure. David Laurin said he was working on some mitigation ideas, which he will refine for the Monday meeting. David also assured the Committee he would have something to present back, to the Committee by the 14th regarding mitigation ideas. After further discussion, the Committee felt it was best to move on with the meeting and revisit this item next week.

Several members asked if a basic 'must do' list with cost estimates had ever been done. Although one does exist, it is only for the EFS and is only a partial listing. Shortly after its creation, the Committee recommended the full option for the EFS, so it has never been distributed. Ben was asked to distribute the list so that members could see a baseline cost of some of the 'must do' issues.

(task) - Ben will forward to the Committee a partial estimate done by LKC addressing some of the 'must do/should do' list for the EFS.

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V. CARE meeting on 12/14 @ EFS:

The CARE meeting has been rescheduled for 12/21. The Committee will meet with the CARE group at the EFS for about 15 minutes, starting at 6:30, in the Library and then will continue their regular meeting from there. This meeting's purpose will be to plan a future event hosted by CARE to promote the building project. CARE has offered to make some of the arrangements for this future event, including childcare.

VI. December 28 BC meeting:

Committee members reached consensus to keep this on the calendar, as there is much to do.

VII. Banwell/Kennedy update:

a. Cafetorium

Paul said in light of the project at the Town Hall to renovate and enhance the auditorium, there is no need to do any further improvements at the proposed GMHS cafetorium. Ben echoed that sentiment, citing his high school experience, which lead to a professional career in the performing arts. The Committee agreed with the recommendation that no further enhancements are needed. They expressed appreciation for Tim Sappington's work and interest, and suggested a letter be sent to Mr. Sappington thanking him for his time and informing him of the Committee's opinion.

(task) – Ben will draft a letter to Tim informing him of the Committee's opinion and thanking him for his interest in the project.

VIII. Public outreach:

a. FAQ

The Committee reviewed and discussed the first seven (7) pages of the latest version of the FAQ document. Discussion ensued making edits, for clearer wording, accuracy, and brevity.

The Committee will start on the FAQs, where they left off next meeting, and then go back through the document, to review the changes that came from tonight's discussions.

(task) – Katie will redraft the first seven (7) pages and have them ready for distribution at the next meeting.

b. Information spreadsheet

No action due to time constraints.

c. Community organizations

No action due to time constraints.

d. Voter registration

No action due to time constraints.

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e. Other

No action due to time constraints.

IX. Other:

None

X. Next meetings:

- a. December 14, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library (change from agenda item)
- b. December 21, 6:30pm @ EFS Library (change from agenda item)

XI. Adjournment:

->A Motion was made by Craig to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Nancy.

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