

School Facilities Committee – 2.0
June 13th, 2013, 8-9 AM
Town Hall, Juliani Room
Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at 8:01 AM

In attendance: Diane Campbell, Ann Marie Gross, Tom Goemaat, KC Kato, Hans Larsen, David Lussier, Jack Morgan, Barbara Searle, Wendy Paul, Joe McDonough

Mission Discussion

The mission was presented and discussed. Motion was made by Diane Campbell and seconded by Wendy Paul to accept the Mission as is. The motion passed unanimously.

Mission:

To develop and recommend to and gain consensus from key stakeholders including the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and the community for a prioritized program of school facilities rehabilitation projects over a 15 year timeframe which is responsive to the academic vision outlined in the WPS strategic plan, enrollment projection, facilities requirements, Town financial constraints and the community's desire to address the school building needs.

To further recommend to the next Town Meeting the highest priority near term project or projects within the 15 year program which has/have the support of key stakeholders.

Goals:

To present the facilities master plan to the next Town meeting and to successfully gain appropriations to support the design of the highest near-term priority project(s) at the next Town Meeting.

The “Next Town Meeting” is scheduled for December 9th, 2013.

Committee Structure

Barbara Searle made a motion to nominate KC Kato to chair the School Facilities Committee (SFC). Diane Campbell seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Background

David Lussier provided background information on the Strategic Plan work to date. He focused on the components that may have an impact on facilities, which included pre-school and visiting how we configure grades within a school.

David Lussier also provided a review of the enrollment work conducted by Cropper GIS, a professional demographer consulting firm. Elementary enrollment has declined over the past few years and will continue to decline. Some of the

challenges of our small attendance zones are: variable rates of decline, inequity of education due to class size variability, difficulty in collaboration across grade levels and inefficiency in operations.

For the full presentation and report:

- <http://www.wellesley.k12.ma.us/schoolcom/pdfs/DemographicStudyPresentation03122013.pdf>
- <http://www.wellesley.k12.ma.us/district/pdfs/WPSDemographicStudyReport03152013.pdf>

Joe McDonough provided an update on the recent study of Schofield's HVAC system. Since the last SFMP meeting, there have been additional testing done at Schofield and SMMA identified actions which can be taken to reduce the CO₂ levels. Joe's plan is to implement the SMMA recommendations at Schofield in time for the next heating season.

In addition to addressing the short term recommendations, the SFC recognized the need to continue working on developing the long term HVAC replacement plan.

Open Discussion

The group agreed that there is a need to identify the "Big Questions" that need to be addressed in the development of a 15 year plan (e.g., What is the WPS standard for school buildings? What is the appropriate capacity of the building? Permanent capacity, functional capacity? And other questions?)

Next Steps

Brainstorming about the list of "Big Questions" will be done at the next SFC. David Lussier will begin to model out enrollment options and begin work on building capacities.

The next meeting is on June 19th in the morning at 8-9 a.m. in the Superintendent Conference Room at the Middle School.

The group agreed to schedule weekly meetings.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 AM.