

Mountview School Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2012

6PM

HMLD Building

Present: Vice-Chair David White, Gary Kaczmarek, Margaret Watson, Nancy Galkowski, Jacquie Kelly, Peter Brennan

Absent: Chairman Paul Challenger, Erik Githmark, Chris Lucchesi, Mike Sherman, Tom Pandiscio, Elizabeth Helder, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Bill Senecal, LPA

1. OPM/Architect Update

Bill Senecal with LPA explained to the Committee that the MSBA allowed the Committee to adjust the due dates for the PDP and the PSR. Mr. Senecal explained to the Committee and the press how these new dates will adjust the Summary of Deliverables. LPA will present a slide show at the public meeting scheduled on July 17th at Mountview School to explain MSBA Modules 1-8, and the project's timeline, milestones and work completed to date. Margaret Watson said that she felt that the presentation should also point out the flaws and problems with the current building.

Gary Kaczmarek explained the District's proposed use of the media center space. Ms. Watson added that the District's "rearrangement" of the square footage in media space stems from a movement across the District for educational programming purposes. Taking square footage from one giant library and using the space to create more library/media/pod space in classrooms supports the District's Literacy Program. This type of educational programming has generated higher MCAS scores.

David White suggested that LPA articulate during its presentation how the Committee was formed and why members were chosen to serve on the Committee. Additionally, it will be important to emphasize during the presentation how the current school is out of building code compliance in regards to stairways, corridors, classroom sizes, doorways, fire protection, and safety issues. Ms. Watson added that one of the largest issues with the high school renovation was how out of code the building was. It created many costly unforeseen situations during the renovation.

Dave White also asked LPA to explain that the MSBA will not fund a project unless the project meets MSBA guidelines. Additionally, the public must understand that the MSBA has been restructured, has different guidelines, and operates under a different process than when the high school was renovated.

Nancy Galkowski suggested that the Public Comment section for the July 17th meeting should come after the presentations and Q&A among the Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Gary Kaczmarek asked what the game plan was for touring the school. What areas were available and what points should be discussed. Dave White said that was a very good question and thought we would do groups of 20 people or so pending how many attended. Suggested that principal Eric Githmark, Head custodian Dennis Hyson, and OPM Gary Kaczmarek would lead groups if needed.

A motion for adjournment was not considered because the Committee did not have a quorum. The meeting concluded at 7:15PM.