

Sutton School Building Committee

Regular Scheduled Mtg. 11/4/09

Town Hall Mtg. Rm.

Present: J. Smith, K. Stuart, M. Jerz, C. DiBella, D. Suhl, R. Raymond, C. Watkins, W. Mead, D. Davis, R. Weaver.

Absent: T. Harrison, G. Coulter

Guests: V. Dube (Flansburgh Assoc.), M. Austein (SPED Dir), P. Daigle (HS Prin), G. Goyette (MS. Prin)

- A vote of appreciation to Laura Stonebreaker for her many years of service on the school building committee (and its' predecessors) including her efforts as Recording Secretary.
- Ross Weaver offered to perform the task of Recording Secretary. Nominated by Donna, second by Mike, vote – 8 affirmative, 1 abstaining.
- Jim Smith reported that he had been contacted by two residents about the now vacant position on the committee. He read resumes from both.
 - a) Lea Ann O'Neill, 280 Mendon Road, who has experience as a construction project manager.
 - b) Mike Roach, 40 Dudley Lane, who has a degree in electrical engineering and experience as a project manager and sales engineer.

The sense of the committee was that both individuals are qualified and have experience that would be very useful to this project. Subject to availability to meet the time commitments, the SSBC has advised presenting both individuals to the Board of Selectmen for selection with the support of the majority of the committee given to Ms. O'Neill.

- Wendy Mead presented the following information:
 - a) MSBA has signed off on the space summary.
 - b) Regarding deletion of the second gym from the various options presented in the original feasibility study, no specific reason for doing so was given Duncan McClelland and Alan Ross of Flansburgh Associates. However, current MSBA guidelines would not allow an elimination of existing facilities unless proven to be no longer needed.
- School department management personnel provided the following information and commentary on the space needs:
 - a) Margo Austein, SPED Director, addressed the SPED program requirements:
 - The program presently utilizes time/space in the existing high school and "historic" gyms and OT/PT space.
 - The space/facilities (and increases) on the space summary for SPED are to meet the requirements of the law and to eliminate existing inadequacies. (Confirmed by Dr. DiBella.)

- HS SPED teachers presently share inadequate space in a single classroom with a divider wall.
- 4 MS SPED staff presently share 1 classroom in the ES.
- All OT/PT services are currently delivered in the Simonian Center as there is no space to do so in the MS or HS.
- Vince Dube commented that the OT/PT space has been separated from the SPED program space.

b) Gerard Goyette, MS Principal, addressed the Middle School requirements:

- At present $\frac{1}{4}$ of the student population takes physical education activities 5 days/week for 1 term.
- Presently use 30 periods/week.
- 8th and 7th grades are on a quarterly system which the 6th grade joins for PE.
- Presently use time, as available, in the HS gym and the “historic” gym. Current curriculum is met using 2 gyms but cannot be met with only 1 gym available to both HS and MS.
- Cannot run HS PE class and MS PE class in the same gym simultaneously.
- Elimination of 2nd existing gym would mean not being in compliance with MSBA requirements to not eliminate facilities.

Christine Watkins inquired about the science classrooms and Team Common Room

- Presently 6 science teachers – 2 in classrooms with adequate facilities, 4 in classrooms without adequate facilities (“At present, if it has a sink, it is being used as a science classroom”).
- Team Common Room
 - Used for interdisciplinary activities including multi-week projects.
 - Presently using space in the hallway to do this.
 - Presently the projects are not developed as well as possible due to lack of facilities.
 - Potential safety hazard cause by obstructions in hallway.
- Language Classrooms
 - Presently 2.
 - Want 3 of which one will be a language lab (none at present)

Note: Presently 23 rooms – including 12 in the Elementary School – are used for 6th, 7th & 8th grade programs – totaling est. 19,600 sq. ft.
New facilities would have 24 rooms, totaling 21,360 sq. ft.

c) Paul Daigle, HS Principal,

- Presently 5 existing science labs. One room that is presently listed as a science lab is used for health courses, which can be presented in a standard classroom (if there are sufficient facilities).

- TV production is presently in the old band room, which provides excessive space. The proposed facility is more appropriate for the program.
- Will use existing music room/space in the ES.
(MSBA has asked that the band room be shown as part of the facilities available to the HS.)
- Space added back to stage and auditorium will be larger.
- New midi lab is in the MS. ES wants to use the existing midi lab (which is in the ES) for ES students.
- Computer Labs – with wireless environment and higher percentage of laptop/ notebook style computers and similar physically smaller devices the change will be made to mobile labs.

Motion by Jim Smith to report to MSBA that the SSBC supports to general space summary as it applies to Option C. Second by Dave Suhl. Vote: 8 yes, 2 no

- Wendy Mead mentioned a meeting on December 16 to present information to MSBA BOD for approval.
- Vince Dube commented on:
 - Expecting MADEP will ultimately set a 300' radius well zone requirement
 - Chris Alles at MSBA has reviewed the space summary and stated "program looks balanced".
 - The "no build" option is not being considered at this time. Would require a complete resubmittal
 - Incentive points are determined late in the process, after design is completed.
Presently \approx 51%. Renovation add 0-5%. "Green" construction can add 1-2%. Maintenance trust fund can add 1%.
Incentive points could translate into an additional \$6M return.

Motion to adjourn from Ken, second by Dave, vote unanimous, adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Recorded,

Ross Weaver, Recording Secretary