

Winthrop School Building Assistance Committee
A. T. Cummings School

Meeting: June 7, 2012

Present

Karin Chavis	Robert DiMento	Dave Dockendorf
Dottie Donofrio	Barbara Flavin	David Girard
Martha Kelleher	Richard Lawton	Arthur Marcella
Debie McDonald	Mary Lou Osborne	Vinny Crossman
Gerald Boyle	MaryAnn Williams	

Absent

Gail Conlon	Monica Ford	William Holden
Jim Letterie	John Macero	Jim McKenna
Adam Robertson	Anthony Evangelista	

David Dockendorf called meeting to order

David explained that HMFH Architects, Inc. have been chosen as the Designers for the next phase of the project. He then introduced George Metzger and Laura Wernick.

Mr. Metzger and Ms Wernick gave the committee some background information..

George (Metzger) spoke:

- their familiarity with Winthrop
- working in other communities
- schools they are presently working on
- schools they have just completed
- what the company does in house and what they out source (complete designer booklet on file at Town Hall in Secretary's Office)
- various methods of communication that have been used to communicate with the community

At this point Dave Dockendorf interjected and explained that negotiations with HMFH Architects Inc have just started and that the town and HMFH have not entered a formal contract and they were here to introduce themselves to the School Building Assistance Committee.

Laura (Wernick) continued to explain what would take place:

- feasibility schematic design from now to 2013
- the importance of determining where the 6th grade will be
- replace versus repair
- MSBA requires the Town to do due diligence of all sites, what is available/or rejected
- After determination of the 6th grade placement, an educational plan determines the # of classrooms, goals, size (the MSBA has a template)

- MSBA reviews/approves
- Layout/Schematic design (shows the exact design of how everything will be laid out)
- Signal line designs...shows how it might sit on site

The committee asked several questions as to the involvement of MSBA

Question: Could the MSBA override what the community wants?

Answer: .This is why they (MSBA) work so closely from the beginning with the committee, then the committee, and designer so it doesn't get to the point that they would override a final opinion of the renovation project.

Question: Will we (the committee) understand the percentage of the feedback to community so that we can explain it to the community?

Answer: Yes, it is complicated, George (Metzger) our reimbursement base rate is related to demographics 54% , also full renovation, partial renovation, new construction have different incentives

Question: It is important that the community understand that the MSBA determines the incentives, are we higher or lower than other communities?

Answer: We are slightly higher than average

Concern was raised as to the amount of public input with the building of the previous schools. Richard Lawton, (previous member of the School Building Committee of the Gorman Fort Banks and the A.T. Cummings School) assured the committee that there were well over 200 public meetings that opinions were welcomed and requested.

The next portion of the meeting each committee member explained to Ms Wernick and Mr. Metzger some of their feelings such as:

- Communication
- Maintaining what open fields we have
- Making sure that this is a community project
- Understanding the options, cost of repairs vs. construction, high school, ms/hs combination, repairs or rebuild
- What to do with a vacant school building
- this is the largest project our Town has, and a big investment
- understanding our educational needs
- The cost to the Town, maintenance cost and funding
- Creative, variety, the best educational opportunities we can offer
- incorporating a preschool into our high school
- simplify controls for maintenance purposes

Laura (Wernick) concluded this segment of the meeting by stating that she has been at many committee meetings and felt that this has been one of the most passionate and informative group of committee members she has met with.

Financial Report

Invoice Number 8 from Skanska... for services thru May 13, 2012

\$7625.00 (see file for complete documentation)

Invoice Judi Buono Secretary Salary Period April 26 thru June 20, 2012

\$ 195.00 (see file for complete documentation)

Deliverables Report

None

Sub Committee Groups

None

New Business

Old Business

Appointments to our committee were mentioned....most of our members acknowledged that they were aware of the signup sheet and have already initialed their intentions. A copy of this sheet will be given to town council President Peter Gill. Members who were not present will be sent an email with a request that they notify the secretary before June 12th.

Robert DiMento previously requested that a Community Relations Item be added to the Agenda

Next Meeting:

A. T. Cummings School 6 P.M

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Judi Buono