

East Greenwich School Committee

Building Committee

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Minutes

Attendees: EGSD: Alyson Powell (BC Chair), Bob Wilmarth (EG Fac. Dir.), Kevin Murphy (SC Mem), Alexis Meyer (Supt.), Maggie Baker (Fin. Dir.), Neil Marcaccio (MTSS/Principal), Michael Podraza (Asst. Supt.), Dan Seger (Principal) COLLIERS: Chris Speigel, JAED: Phil Conte, Nate Ginsburg, TOWN: Andy Nota (Town Mgr.), Mark Schwager (Town Council); Community: Emily Klein
(Community member Jeff Dronzek was unable to attend, but communicated his support for the proposal to Alyson Powell via text message on 3/10/22.)

Discussion:

I. Discussion of presentation given at joint Town Council/School Committee meeting. Town Manager Nota expressed concern by Town Council members over the demographic reports and the accuracy of the demographic data. Discussion revealed that TC was concerned about demo data driving a construction plan since demographic data is often inaccurate. Colliers, JAED, and EGSD members made clear to TM that current enrollment, overcrowding, and educational program limitations are the main drivers in developing the Master Plan and that demographics/future enrollment is just one consideration, as well being required by RIDE as part of a Stage II submission. This seemed to alleviate some of the TM's concerns; the matter will be discussed again in more detail when Cropper comes to present the report and explain the findings to the Building Committee. We will try to schedule that meeting in the next 2-3 weeks and will be sure to invite members of the Town Council to attend and ask questions.

II. Review and discussion of the Master Planning options previously presented. Colliers and architects introduce the committee to the option that is emerging as the best contender for the Master Plan based on need, cost, equity considerations, location, and reimbursement - Option 4b: a combination of additions and renovations at several existing buildings as well as new construction. The next BC meeting will focus on the BC considering this recommendation, and narrowing down options to ultimately recommend one to the full School Committee.