

East Greenwich School Committee

Building Committee

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Minutes

Attendees:

Alyson Powell, Bob Wilmarth, Kevin Murphy, Brian Ricca, Bob Siminski, Michael Podraza, Andy Nota, Maggie Baker, Renu Englehart, Chris Spiegel (Colliers), Manuel Cordero (Civic), Nate Ginsburg (JAED/Brewster Thornton)

Community: Susan Cardones, Kim Edge-Ambler, Justin Cahir, Aarti Karthuria, Elizabeth McNamara

Discussion:

1. Transportation update: Maggie Baker reported that we are still waiting for the report on the bus scenarios for a combined 3-5 at Frenchtown site
2. Committee consensus to try and schedule SC workshop either the week of August 22, 2022, or week of September 12, 2022. Colliers clarified that the SC does not need to vote on the Stage I prior to submission to RIDE.
3. Civic quickly reviewed that visioning had been happening since September 2021 and that a larger community forum with a mix of participants is being planned for Fall.

Master Plan Discussion: Main topic was grade realignment - whether moving to a K-5 or 1-5 model is a more viable master plan option.

For the community members joining for the first time, Colliers reviewed the process followed to identify the community priorities driving the formation of the master plan options to this point. Similarly, Civic discussed the process of narrowing down a very broad range of options down to the option that was presented to the SC on 3/29/2022. Civic and Colliers also reported on meetings held after the 7/13/22 building committee meeting re: using Eldredge to accommodate CTE. Asst. Superintendent Podraza also has some ideas that we will discuss at the next BC meeting. Master plan matrix was reviewed to graphically show which priorities are met by which proposed option.

Discussion of why EG originally switched from a K-6 model to a K-2, 3-5, MS, HS model. First driver was moving 6-8 to MS model. Other factors were space and equity.

Meeting was running long at 1.5 hours, so the committee decided to break and resume discussion of grade realigned options at the next BC meeting on 8/10/22. Colliers will have some more detailed analyses to present at that time.