

Barrington School Building Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Barrington Middle School PD Room

Present were Ms. Crean, Dr. Dillon, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Gerbi, Mr. Glum, Mr. Hanchar, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Marchetti, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Messoro, Mr. Peck, Mr. Pomeranz, Ms. Roskiewicz, Mr. Sangiuliano

Mr. Peck called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Community Engagement Working Group

Mr. McCrann stated that the K-3 Elementary School tours showed our schools need repairs. Tours of Hampden Meadows and the High School will take place next week (6/26-30).

Review Presentations/Interviews from proposed design teams; SLAM & TECTON

Representatives from both SLAM and Tecton were asked to join the meeting for follow up questions from committee members. Each firm was asked about current projects from other districts, community engagement, previous projects, timeline overview, etc.

After some discussion the committee asked current OPM Downes to weigh in on past experience with each of the firms.

Discussion and Possible Vote to recommend to the School Committee (Thursday 6.22.23)

After some discussion Mr. Peck asked for a vote for the design firm; SLAM or Tecton. A motion was so made by Mr. Dwyer to accept the proposal from Tecton, Mr. Marchetti seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

School Communication Update

The Districts new communication specialist is doing a great job with redesigning website and keeping it up to date.

The District is considering bringing on a supplemental communications consultant specifically for this project. Since the dollar amount is below the threshold, the District does not need to go out to bid.

Downes is currently reviewing a quote received.

Community engagement is necessary for referendum support; the community needs to be aware of the process. If any members of the BSBC are interested in volunteering for a Community Engagement working group please contact Mr. McCrann, Mr. Peck, and Mr. Fiore.

There was some discussion of where to strategically invest time to get the word out; Open Houses, emails, phone calls, etc.

Legislative Update

The District received an email from RIDE Mario Carreno regarding a six-month extension and possible increased dollars to town. Further clarification needed regarding PayGo and bond FAQs

Downes Update

Mr. Desanti stated that the decision to wait until February for Stage II submission need consensus from group which then would make the recommendation to school committee. This extension would allow more time for community involvement.

Downes will connect with the Architect firm, once approved by the School Committee, to discuss the timeline. Onboarding will begin with the new firm.

Members of the Committee were reminded of the meeting schedule; standing meeting third Tuesday of each month with AdHOC meetings to be scheduled as needed.

Approval of Minutes - 3.14.23, 4.18.23, and 6.6.23

Minutes were not available for approval

Public Comment

Thomas Bruekner 14 Ellis Street questioned if the Architect contracts were lump sum. Mr. Bruekner felt the school tours were not well attended and he felt there a good plan for communication needs to be immediately addressed.

Megan Lavigne 17 Highview Ave feels that the District should get the Library involved to help with getting the word out to the community and asked to hear takeaways from school building tours. Ms. Lavigne also asked if there was a booth set up at the town Art Festival held this past weekend.

The need for adult bathroom, ADA issues, the need for designated space in place of multipurpose rooms, HVAC issues, retro fits for technology, closets for offices, modular classrooms at PH school. The tours brought to light just where district stands; schools are on borrowed time and issues need to be addressed.

Mr. Peck asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; Mr. Dwyer so moved, Mr. McCrann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.