

School Building Committee
Middle/High School, 6th Grade Pod, 130 High Street
November 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Acronyms used within:

OPM: Owner's Project Manager

SBC: School Building Committee

MSBA: Massachusetts School Building Authority

MEP: Mechanical Electrical & Plumbing

ELT: Educational Leadership Team

1. Call to Order

7:11 p.m.

Attendees: Jeff Anderson, Jonathan Elder, Dr. William Hart Barry Hopping, Mitchell Lowe Sheila McAdams Nishan Mootafian, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Player, Chub Whitten

Also Attending: Paul Queeney of PMA Consultants, Owner's Project Manager. Robert Bell and Dan Colli of Perkins Eastman, Project Architect.

Not Attending: Robin Crosbie, Joanne Cuff, Bill Hodge, Richard Howard, and Steve Solomon.

The 11/15/16 Building Committee was dedicated, nearly exclusively, to informing the community and receiving feedback from the community about the various design alternatives that are being considered. The meeting provided an update on the building and design processes, promoted discussions & problem-solving, and considered the various components that can create a positive, nurturing, and vibrant elementary school experience for the children of Ipswich.

Barry Hopping, Sarah Player, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William Hart, and Tracy Wagoner, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided opening remarks for the meeting. These speakers addressed how the design of the building flows from the educational plan and that a new facility will overcome the limitations imposed by the existing facilities. Dr. Hart indicated that the citizens of Ipswich are committed to 21st century skills development and providing a learning environment that supports successful habits of the mind, collaboration, and personal creativity. Current educational practices emphasize project based tasks, critical thinking, active problem solving, and both independent work and collaboration with peers. Tracy Wagoner praised the faculty for what they continue to accomplish in the existing facilities and she noted that a new building will provide the space and configuration to expand upon these accomplishments.

2. Perkins Eastman Design Update

Robert Bell of Perkins Eastman gave a presentation to indicate the development in the design since the prior SBC meeting. The slides that were presented will be posted on the Committee's web site (www.ipswichsbc.org).

Mr. Bell reviewed site configuration, and floor plans for 4 building options at the current Winthrop School site: 3 new-build options and one addition/renovation option. For all building options, configurations and adjacencies of key building elements were reviewed. Particular emphasis was placed on the orientation and location of each of the

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building alternatives on the site. A key factor with each option was the arrangement of building into clusters of classrooms with breakout spaces between the classrooms, providing a small-school experience, particularly for the lower grades. All alternatives provide a dynamic environment of learning with exterior views and connections to outdoor learning. All designs allow for adjustments to be made to account for potential future changes in education likely to occur during the life of the building.

3. Announcements

A working-level meeting of the Mechanical Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) and Sustainable Design subcommittees (along with interested community members, faculty, staff, and representative of Town departments) was announced. The meeting will be held in Town Hall Room C at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday 11/17/16 and it will address MEP system options and will outline the sustainability goals for the project.

4. Public Comments

Plans for various building options were placed in multiple rooms with 15 minute viewing periods before participants moved to the next room to see the next building option. The architect, committee members, and key knowledgeable faculty were posted in each room to answer questions and receive feedback about each option. Participants put sticky notes on boards with comments of their likes, dislikes, and their concerns for each option.

Throughout the meeting, citizens were invited to ask questions and provide comments. Committee members assured the public that their concerns are being heard and incorporated into the developing design and that the best interests of the community, the children, and the educational program are guiding the process. Committee members noted that there would be further opportunities for public comment and that the public is encouraged to attend all future meetings.

5. Approval of Bills

The Committee reviewed and approved PMA's invoice # 3, in the amount of \$14,608, for OPM services in the months of June and July of 2016.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the School Building Committee was scheduled for 11/30/16 at 7:00 p.m. in Room A of the Town Hall. The meeting will include a continuation of the community forum for Ipswich Residents to review the design alternatives for a single town-wide K-5 school for 775 students to be built on the Winthrop site.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Queeney

PMA Consultants LLC
Owner's Project Manager