



MEETING MINUTES

Project: Newton Countryside Elementary School
 Subject: School Building Committee Meeting
 Location: Zoom Conference Call
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Project No: 22-0123
 Meeting Date: 12/20/2022
 Time: 6:00 PM
 Prepared By: Aidan Place

Present	Name	Affiliation	Present	Name	Affiliation
✓	Jonathan Yeo* WG	Chief Operating Officer		Mike Burton	DWMP
	Ruthann Fuller	Mayor		Christina Dell Angelo	DWMP
✓	Emily Prenner* WG	School Committee	✓	Mike Cox	DWMP
	Bill Humphrey	City Council	✓	Aidan Place	DWMP
	Kathy Smith	Superintendent of Schools		Rachel Rincon	DWMP
✓	Josh Morse* WG	Commissioner of Public Buildings	✓	Steve Brown	DWMP
✓	Beth Herlihy* WG	Principal Countryside E.S.	✓	Donna DiNisco	DiNisco
	Ayesha Farag*	Asst. Superintendent of Elementary		Jim Shuttleworth	DiNisco
	Maureen Lemieux*	Chief Financial Officer	✓	Vivian Low	DiNisco
	Nick Read	Chief Procurement Officer			
✓	Tom Gloria	DRC	✓	Anne Davis Woodacre	
✓	Ellen Light	DRC			
	Tamika Olszewski	School Committee (Chair)	✓	Carl Schein	
	Cove Davis*	School Committee	✓	Christina Oliver	
✓	Stacy Klickstein	Resident		Adam Bernstien	
	Liam Hurley* WG	Asst. Superintendent/ Chief Fin. &	✓	Melissa Monokroussos	
✓	Andreae Downs* WG	City Council			
✓	David Kalis*	City Council			
✓	Lori Zinner*	Resident			
	Andrew Lee	Asst. City Solicitor			
✓	Stephanie Gilman WG	Dir. Planning, Project Mgt, &			
	David Stickney	Director of Facilities			
✓	Alex Valcarce WG	Deputy Commissioner			
	Adam Lipson	Resident			
	Maura Tynes WG	Director of Elementary Special Ed.			
	Lisa Reibstein	Public			
	Brian Hunter	Public			

* SBC Voting Member | WG Working Group

Item No.	Description	Action
7.1	<p>Call to Order: 6:02 pm meeting was called to order by J. Morse with 7 of 12 voting members in attendance.</p>	Record
7.2	<p>Approval of the October 18th, 2022, November 15th, 2022, & December 6th, 2022, Meeting Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A motion to approve the 10/18/22, 11/15/22, & 12/6/2022 meeting minutes as submitted made by J. Yeo and seconded by J. Morse. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: E. Prenner. – Yes J. Yeo – Yes J. Morse – Yes - B. Herlihy – Yes – A. Downs – Yes D. Kalis - Yes L. Zinner - Yes Abstention: A. Downs for the 12/6/22 Minutes. Motion passes, minutes approved. 	Record
7.3	<p>Timeline/Schedule Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ S. Brown goes into the current schedule shown in the presentation. Highlights the main dates as 1/9/23 for the School Committee vote on the Ed Program/Space Summary. Then on 1/17/23 there will be an SBC Meeting to vote for the approval of the PDP to submit to the MSBA. 	Record
7.4	<p>Educational Plan & Space Summary Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ D. DiNisco talks about the MSBA process for submitting the PDP. D. DiNisco talks about the educational program and how it identifies the different programs within the school. Then she gives a recap of the visioning sessions that were held and the goals that came from it such as student-centered learning, multi-sensory approach, and project-based learning. D. DiNisco mentions some of the architecture goals such as comfort, flexibility, and safety. ➤ D. DiNisco goes over the spatial relationships and adjacencies. Follows this by going over the space summary and outlining each category of it for both enrollment options (340 & 465 students). She compares the current countryside conditions to that of the requirements and MSBA guidelines. 	Record
7.5	<p>Site Selection Matrix:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ J. Morse starts and explains the map of Newton shown that identifies all city property. States only a very small portion of the land is unused and in countryside district. Then goes over the criteria matrix for the site selection. The matrix has eight different options shown. Explains why most of these sites are not viable due to various reasonings. 	Record

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ D. Kalis asks about the flooding plan and the potential of it. J. Morse responds saying how the countryside school is currently on the lower end of the site and the plan will be to put the new school on the higher elevation of the site. D. Kalis follows by asking if there will be additional costs for preparing for storms in the future. J. Morse says yes there will be. ➤ V. Low goes into the flood elevation plan. Notes that almost the entire site is in the 100-year flood elevation. Cannot build the first-floor finish elevation any lower than 1 foot above the 112.4' elevation. Plan will be to put it at 114' elevation. 	
7.6	<p>Design Approach Update & Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ V. Low goes into the different design approaches. There are three different options: Repair/Code Upgrades, Renovation/Addition, and New Construction. Each of these options has the option for 340 students and 465 students as shown in the slideshow. ➤ V. Low goes into the PDP cost estimate for the three options both for 340 students and 465 students. ➤ V. Low then talks about the Criteria matrix and goes over what's been filled in already. Student enrollment, size of the site, site environmental, MA flood regulations, Site useable, classroom count, and building gross square footage have all been filled in. Notes how the first two options of repair only and addition/renovation don't fit the matrix criteria for flood regulations. ➤ A. Valcarce asks the committee to look through the matrix and to give any feedback/questions they may have. ➤ T. Gloria asks how the decision between the 340-student enrollment versus the 465-student enrollment is made. J. Morse says that Newton will recommend 465-students and can show why that is the best option but need to study both options per MSBA. T. Gloria follows asking what criteria will come into play to stop looking at the 340-enrollment option. D. DiNisco responds saying that it will be very clear that the 465-enrollment option will be best due to the cost comparison and the disruption of students. T. Gloria asks if they will go to the MSBA with both options. D. DiNisco answers saying yes. ➤ C. Oliver comments on how she likes the new construction option and the location of the building. She is concerned about the east side, in terms of the variety of the façade. She is also concerned about the solar panels; she would like to see solar panels on the roof of the building. ➤ T. Gloria asks V. Low to expand on the elevations of the building. V. Low responds saying that the goal is to create classrooms with good daylight/glare. Window placements are dependent on the sunlight exposure for the classrooms. Also want to keep the gym a two-story space, and not want it to feel so massive of a space. 	Record

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ T. Gloria asks about geothermal wells and if the site is advantageous for that. V. Low responds with yes, they have been told this site with the amount of water will be good for geothermal wells. ➤ D. Kalis asks about public safety and when traffic lights are going to be considered. D. DiNisco responds saying they have just finished traffic counts with their traffic engineer. Now they are looking at what those counts are and what the best places for lights/signals will be. D. Kalis also asks that the walkway back to the Andrews Street area is not forgotten. V. Low says that will not be forgotten and if need be, they will repave it. ➤ A. Downs asks how students will get themselves into school with the new construction plan. D. DiNisco responds saying they are currently studying where traffic is coming from. From there they will see where the best drop-off points are. 	
7.7	<p>Public Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None. 	Record
7.8	<p>Next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SBC No. 08 – Tuesday, January 17th 6:00 PM on Zoom. 	Record
7.9	<p>Adjourn: 7:29 pm A motion to adjourn was made by J. Morse. Discussion: None.</p>	Record

Sincerely,
DORE + WHITTIER
 Aidan Place
 Assistant Project Manager
 Cc: Attendees, File

The above is my summation of our meeting. If you have any additions and/or corrections, please contact me for incorporation into these minutes.