

COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT: Auburn

NAME OF MEETING: Master Planning Public Information Meeting

DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF MEETING: February 11, 2017 AVS Cafeteria 9:00am

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keith LeClair, Samantha Belcourt, Alan Villeneuve, Mark Comeau, and Maureen Murgo.

Others in attendance included: Lori Collins, Principal, Marge Polak, Assistant Superintendent, there were 3 consultants from BPS, HL Turner Group also present. There were about 20 community members present.

SESSION START TIME: 9:15am

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MEETING ACTIVITY AND ALL MOTIONS/SECONDS AND ANY ACTION TAKEN:

This is a public Informational Meeting that consisted of a presentation by Keith LeClair on the AVS Addition & Renovation Project. The presentation consisted of a PowerPoint that was organized into 3 sections; The "How", The "Why", and the "Cost." Community members were encouraged to ask questions between the sections or after the presentation. The PowerPoint presentation is available to the public on the website.

The following community members asked questions:

Steve Pereira

Q: The presentation states it removed 4 classrooms, how does this affect timeline and growth?

A: The formal proposal of 9 classrooms allowed for 30% growth. Upon review of 10 year history it seemed unnecessary and therefore reduced it.

Q: When will this plan need more space?

A: This is a 30-50 year

Q: How much time is taken in the gym that are non-athletic events?

A: There is no "specific data" on that but the gym is used as a community space and there are several events that take place in the gym over the course of the year.

Steve Hodgdon

Q: Expressed a concern that he hopes the plan allows for addition to avoid "cobbling on" that was done in the 1960's.

A: The plan does allow for space and growth.

Q: Made a comment: The growth trend history may not reflect future due to changes in I-93 expansion, for planning purposes consider a fund in place for potential growth.

Q: Comment: Cost over time is less. Important to show how citizens will save by not putting off the project.

Christine Molen

Q: Taking classroom away but numbers increasing and Kindergarten growing, how does that work?

A: Keith clarified renovated classrooms still allow for extra classroom space.

Q: If this passes, when will it begin?

A: It will begin in April and it is an 18-24 month plan.

Amy Binda

Q: What is the cost impact difference?

A: There is a 7% increase in construction costs from last year. BPS mentioned there is about a 5-10% increase trend for the next 3 years.

Kelly Hobbs

Q: How were decisions made from original plan to “cut” things?

A: SAU, Administration, and School Board went line item by line item to meet the original 4 goals. Doug from Turner Group also mentioned the process of how to eliminate or decreasing some line items.

Jennifer Hodgdon

Q: Comment: Please provide social media with positive information, facts, and positive support for the plan. For example, encourage voting.

A: Maureen mentioned how we need to compare other projects out there to ours. For example, the Raymond School District currently has a \$9million project which is only 1/3 of what our project entails.

Don Delandre

Q: Stated he has been a resident for 25 years. Asked many questions about ADA compliance in regards to water, fire, kitchen, bathrooms, etc and if those types of things were considered in the budget.

A: The \$23.8 million is a Guaranteed Maximum Price. All of those factors are in the budget and taken care of in the planning.

Q: What about furniture and soft costs?

A: We plan on reusing as much furniture as possible. Other than that all soft costs are built into the budget.

Q: Comment: Expressed a concern that this plan is about driving out residents who built the town.

A: Keith mentioned the Board is very sensitive to this. Changes were made based on input from senior concerns. Alan also mentioned that the Selectmen are also involved with the budget.

Q: The Crier should contain information every month. Concerned that the School Board is not informing the community well.

A: Maureen responded that there is information in the Crier every month for the past 6 months. We also have a website with all materials and information. Please just need to read the Crier, it’s in there!

Erik Olsen

Q: Mentioned his digital marketing background and he is willing to volunteer his time and skills to help

get the information out.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10am

NAME OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer Hodgdon, typed by Samantha Belcourt