

PK-5 School Modernization Committee Meeting 03/30/2023

Committee Members Present: Lauren Andrews, Moregan Beaulieu, Danielle Chabot, Maureen Griffin, Walter Kruzel, Leslie Lawlor (Sec.), Vicky MacLeod, Kelsey McGuire-Bruce, Nicole Ricci, Aimee Sobinski, Jessica Soule, Shannon Steere, Jacquelyn Sawn, Kurt Stroiney, Jennifer Wheeler

Committee Members Absent: Emily Hulevitch

Liaisons Present: Scott Ryder (BOE), Tina LeBlanc (BOE), Christopher Drezek (EPS), Andy Longey (EPS), John Dague (EPS), Fred Gerber (ToE), Bob Cressotti (TC), Gina Cekala (TC), Ken Nelson (TC), Janet Cushman (BOE)

Liaisons Absent: none

Committee Guests: Kristen Fitzsimons, Jim Graham, Andrew Duperre, Dawn Marchese, Amber Venoutsos, Alex Reale, Mary Trifone, Charlotte Zenzick, Sheree Winans, Tami Croyle

Eli Whitney School Tour

EW just got a new roof last year

Similar shape to HB – H design

Both in pretty decent shape

Both EW and HB have a capital projection of about \$3.3M for maintenance and upkeep on systems

Still small leak in the 2003 part of the roof

Tile walls hold up really well

Classrooms have integrated Apple TV's – students to share work/teachers use to teach

With H design the center of the school – cafeteria/APR and student supports on the opposite wall

5 classrooms now converted to student support rooms

13 rooms used as student support rooms today

Addition of 2 added K rooms at the same time as the gym and library

Converted K rooms to ECP and IAL for additional student supports

Smaller # of students in the classroom – additional staff in the room

Maybe 4-6 students in these rooms

Multiple places for people to come in and work with students

Changes in how the building is being used as opposed to how it was designed

Identified need for additional spaces with appropriate furniture and fixtures

Converted spaces – a storage room is a SEL room now

Old Art room used for TSOL, tutors and Special Ed

Art room moved to a classroom

OT and School Psychologist share a room

Henry Barnard Tour

Built in 1964 (same as EW)

Projected over 10 years capital projection around \$3.3M in maintenance and systems

Addition of Admin wing in 1968 (was where Central Office was located)

Central Office moved to Alcorn – those rooms converted to student support room

6 DLP classrooms in building

Just under 400 students

Consistent theme of reuse of space – DLP room for students with high needs – converted office space

Across hall is tutoring and intervention
Tiered intervention spaces
Building has the existing boiler from 1964
Different heating system - fin and tube radiators – hot water circulates through instead of steam
Run on a loop – first room on the loop is hottest – last is the coolest
Still have bus ventilators in all rooms by the bus lane
New buildings have ventilators on the roof so fumes aren't sucked into the room
2 newest K classrooms with bathrooms and sinks have been converted to special support rooms
Rooms converted most often because of the size and space
Forest behind the fields is all wetlands
Wetlands found throughout the town

If we build up and add additional floors - PreK and K must be on the first floor
All other grades can be on higher floors
Distance to an exit is the requirement – dictates how high they can go
H design is used because it minimizes the distance to the exits
Wetlands have different rules
There can be places where you can move wetlands – designated run off areas
How much water to hold on site
Limit how big the building can be
A design professional would be hired to check soil and amount of impervious surface on the site
Family Resource Center at HB – centered by the cafeteria – converted from student support rooms

Prudence Crandall Tour

Very different design from other buildings in town
From the flagpole – every 30 degrees is a wing
Estimate of about \$6.8 in capital improvements for renovations – 2nd highest to HMS
Needs windows and a new boiler
Roof on new addition not included in estimate
Additional technology and power needed
33 window A/C – school not designed for that electrical demand
Newer doors and windows in entry way – original in wings

DLP/ECP rooms – K rooms converted to rooms for special programs
Bathrooms in these rooms
Original windows
Area behind the school slopes away
Each room has a window air conditioner
Built on wetlands – some of the water ends up coming up through
Buildings have high humidity – A/C's added to control the humidity and prevent mold
14.4 acreage – 10 acres min site size
We will bring in professionals who have knowledge of what can and can't be done

Started lining up cars around the back of the building for pick-ups to keep cars off the street
Road going around the building is not intended for traffic – just fire/emergency
Deteriorating quickly due to the new traffic patterns
Transitioned from neighborhood schools with a lot of walkers to multiple buses and parent pick ups
Decision to make it go around the building is adding to wear and tear on parking lot and roads

Next meeting – 4/3/23 at Enfield Street School 5:30pm