

PK-5 School Modernization Committee Meeting

04/03/2023

Committee Members Present: Lauren Andrews, Moregan Beaulieu, Danielle Chabot, Maureen Griffin, Emily Hulevitch, 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: none

Liaisons Present: Scott Ryder (BOE), Tina LeBlanc (BOE), Christopher Drezek (EPS), Andy Longey (EPS), John Dague (EPS), Fred Gerber (ToE), Janet Cushman (BOE)

Liaisons Absent: Bob Cressotti, Gina Cekala, Ken Nelson (excused TC Mtg)

Committee Guests: Mark Lord, Bethany Calado, Irene Roman, Amber Venoutsos, Alex Reale, Mary Trifone, Charlotte Zenzick, Sheree Winans, Tami Croyle

Enfield Street School Tour

One of the smallest schools

Oldest building built in 1953 – addition built in 1963

Door replacements 1994

2002 addition of library, K classrooms and computer room

13.8 acres (including Eagle Academy)

Due for a few upgrades – rest of doors to be done next year \$128k

Roof and additional doors \$1.6M

One of the 2 building with steam heat

Inconsistency with steam heat – once the heat gets ramped up it has to go somewhere

Some rooms will be hotter than other

K classrooms have a shared bathroom and shared coat room

One room regulated heat compared to connecting room (converted to support space)

Heat shutting down for the day right now and the window is open

Close to 80 degrees – heat dysregulated between the classes

Math/OT/PT all share a room – space used for 2 very different support services

When all in building at the same time they have to find other space to work with students (cafeteria)

Very nice view from the classroom windows

One of the few schools with K-2 Steam in the classroom – most in the library

Universal design – building a building available for all users, but also available for future uses

Retrofits to bring power in (emergency lighting, power, sprinklers and other pieces)

Building retrofitted several times - additional systems end up just stacking up

Hidden in front part of building – exposed in back part of building

SBHC in most of the schools – student support – converted space

Enclosed courtyard due to additions

Lawnmower has to come in through the hallway

Eagle Academy Tour

On Enfield Street site but no driving access from ESS

Built in 20023
Therapeutic day program
Grades K-12
Classrooms based on enrollment
Ages 8 and under together
Youngest is 4th grade – oldest through Senior in high school
Majority are in middle school
4 classrooms currently
Separation between elementary and middle school/high school students

Originally Headstart – 102 students in PreK
2018 converted to Eagle
Some fixtures changed out for the new population of students
Classrooms are bigger – PreK requires the biggest classrooms, then K

One-way windows added for PreK
Constraints/challenges – more space in the classrooms to accommodate indoor recess
No gym in the building – using the hallways for middle school/high school students
More electives offered to Middle/High Schoolers – EHS teachers walk over
They get Art, Music, PE
PE space is an immediate need

When originally starting the program – about a dozen kids identified to take advantage of the services
Maximum capacity of the program is about 28 students
Hit that max within a year or two of opening
Its success creates another challenge of needing additional space
Potential to take in students from surrounding towns for outplacement – if seats available

Less than 20 years old – minimal work needed here
Had A/C because it was originally a preschool that required it
Renovation in 2019
Useable space – just need additional space for professionals and a gym

Related services required by IEP come to the building – not housed here
Conference Room is used for services to share (OT/PT/Speech/CHC) and “Pay off” Room
Staff Room, Admin Offices, etc. - Changes every day to accommodate whoever is coming each day

Parkman Tour

Built 1964
Same H Design as HB and EW
Same tile walls and same floor
16 Grade level classrooms and 6 converted classrooms

Structurally has had window replacements, lead paint abatement in 90's
Double doors at the front
2 K classrooms in the 2002 addition are now being used as alternate spaces (same as HB and EW)
ASD and STEAM classrooms now
About 11.5 acres (wetlands 6 feet in front of the edge of the woods)

Converted classrooms now student support rooms

Due for Roof Referendum for next year - \$1.5M
Second boiler to be replaced the following year
About \$3.8M in total capital improvements needed over the next 10 years

Library the same as the other schools – gym is the same as well

Any major renovations to this building would require us to bring the building up to code
Sprinklers, ADA compliance, HVAC requirements, etc.

Next meeting – 4/4/23 at Stowe 5:30pm