

October 28, 2014 SBAC Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

SBAC Members: Doug Adams, Ken Bassett, Owen Beenhouwer, Vin Cannistraro, Tim Christenfeld, Buck Creel, Becky McFall, Steven Perlmutter, Maggy Pietropaolo, Peter Sugar (Absent: Hathaway Russell, Gary Taylor)

Dore & Whittier: Jason Boone, Jon Richardson, Emily Rae, Don Walter

Nine Community Members also attended

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm

Dore & Whittier provided a summary of the feedback results from the October 16th Public Forum. SBAC members are asked to review the feedback for the next meeting on November 5th and provide any feedback regarding the summary.

Cost Estimates

Dore & Whittier provided an overview of the Capital Investment Plan cost estimates. These cost estimates were prioritized according to High Priority, Medium Priority, and Optional. The definitions and parameters of terms and categories were discussed. The differences in the cost ranges provided at the October 16th Public Forum were explained. The October 16th cost ranges were based upon a holistic approach and were escalated two years out. In addition, they included phasing costs. They assumed replacement of systems as opposed to a part by part stand alone approach for the cost estimates. SBAC members were asked to review the cost estimates and the designated prioritization and provide feedback to D&W via the spreadsheet that will be provided electronically. On November 4th the cost estimates and prioritizations will be reviewed in detail.

Scope of Options

The scope of options presented on October 16th was reviewed. Discussion of the options took place regarding the range of options that should be presented at State of the Town. This included discussion of whether or not a new construction option should be included.

Preparation for State of the Town Meeting

Initial conversation took place about the components of the State of the Town presentation. Preliminary thoughts were to have a very brief opening followed by a 10 min. presentation on the educational vision and a 20 min. presentation by D&W on cost estimates and options. This would be followed by an activity that allows participants to provide feedback on the options.

Small Group Work

Using the existing drawings for various options, small groups considered a challenge and worked to develop possible solutions. Groups used tracing paper to indicate changes or additions and summarized their thinking for the group.

Minimal scope plus some educational improvements: Create usable space from the courtyard. Make changes to breakout spaces by grade level as opposed to breakout rooms in all classrooms.

How to centrally locate the cafeteria: Make additional classroom and hub space within new construction. Assuming current layout, use the Kindergarten skylight plan for all classrooms. Less expensive option for renovating the second grade wing. Breakout rooms are taking space away from classrooms when placed within existing classrooms.

Surgical Approach: Looked at areas where connection to program is less than ideal. Demo and widen in order to add hubs and varied spaces. Integrate new construction next to old construction throughout the building. Add a second cafeteria

Keep the major blocks: Smith K wing, Library, Brooks East wing, auditorium, gyms Replace from the Smith Gym North. Add a hub space with sixteen or more classrooms around that space. Provide more appropriately oriented classrooms. Make the courtyard more useful.

A motion was made by Becky McFall and seconded by Ken Bassett to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Becky McFall.