

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**
Spaulding High School Library
October 4, 2017 - 3:45 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David LaCroix - Chair
Joe Blakely – arrived at 4:15 p.m.
Andre Dessureau (ex-officio)
Jaime Evans, Facilities Director
John Pandolfo, Superintendent – arrived at 5:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Luke Aither, Assistant Principal
Jason Derner, Assistant Director Central Vermont Career Center
Ed Rousse

GUESTS PRESENT:

Guy Isabelle Paul Malone Robert Sponable (Regional Manager -DFS)
Maurice VanDemark (Assistant State Fire Marshall - DFS)

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. LaCroix, called the Wednesday, October 4, 2017, Facilities Committee meeting to order at 3:51 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of Minutes will be done after the building walk-through.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2017 Facilities Committee Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Pandolfo, seconded by Mr. Evans, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2017 Facilities Committee meeting.

4. Walk-Through SHS Facility with State Fire Marshall

The meeting was suspended to allow for the building walk-through with the Assistant State Fire Marshall. The walk-through occurred from 4:05 p.m. until 4:40 p.m.

5. Walk-Through Follow-up Discussion

Mr. Sponable, Regional Manager of the Vermont Department of Fire Safety addressed the Committee to provide information regarding how SHS should proceed with current sprinkler issues. Mr. Sponable and Assistant State Fire Marshall, Maurice VanDemark have toured the building to gather information. The information gathered today, along with historical documentation (many years' worth - relating to projects and variances) will be thoroughly reviewed and compared to current fire safety code. Mr. Malone offered to share extensive documentation that he has gathered. Noting that student/faculty safety is the highest priority, the goal is to identify all problem areas and define exactly what needs to be done to bring SHS in compliance with Fire Safety Code. Once work to be performed is defined, a plan will need to be put in place. The plan, with an initial commitment from the SHS board, will most likely be a 3 phase, 5 year plan, though it is understood that due to financial restrictions, the work may take more than 5 years to complete. The list of items to be corrected should be prioritized. Any 'quick fix' items will be identified as part of the review. It was noted that this extensive project is the result of the 'ball being dropped' by SHS, City and State officials. It was noted that with policy changes, installation of additional doors, and updates to the fire alarm system, the need to sprinkle the entire building may be mitigated. More will be known after completion of the review of documentation and Code. Mr. Sponable advised that local Fire Marshall will be included in discussions. In response to a query from Mr. Blakely, Mr. Sponable advised that there may be some grant funding available from the Downtown Committee. Mr. Sponable will attend the November SHS Facilities Committee Meeting to present his findings/plan and grant information. The meeting will take place on November 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 136 at the Central Vermont Career Center.

6. Discuss SHS Old Entrance Driveway; to Rent by Abutting Landowner

A document from DeWolfe Engineering Associates was distributed. The school has been approached by Tender Loving Respite Care with a request to improve and lease some of the school property (the currently unused entrance area). Tender Loving Respite Care would finance and coordinate all work to be done to remove the existing curb and construct a parking area. The proposed change would change the current double wide entrance area to a single wide entrance with parking. Cameras will be installed as part of this

project. TLRC will need to maintain liability insurance. Tender Loving Respite Care is aware that at some point, SHS will be 'taking back' the property, and that any agreement will stipulate that all improvements will remain, at no cost to SHS. Use of this section of the property by TLRC may help reduce a loitering issue. The proposed parking spots would be permit parking only, to avoid spots being taken by non-SU employees. The Committee agreed by consensus to put this item on the November SHS Board Meeting Agenda for possible action. Mr. Evans will advise TLRC that the Facilities Committee has agreed to present the proposal to the Spaulding Board at their November meeting.

7. Other Business

Mr. Evans has been talking with the City of Barre regarding availability of additional parking spots on Ayer Street, to help alleviate the parking issue at the SU.

In response to a query from Mr. LaCroix regarding student installation of bocce courts, Mr. Evans advised regarding a recent request from PE teacher, David Ball. Mr. Ball has advised that under new proficiency based learning ; community involvement by students is required. Mr. Ball is requesting permission for students to make specific improvements at SHS, e.g. repairs to a storage shed, cleaning of bleachers, and installation of bocce and volley ball courts. Mr. Evans advised regarding a past incident where tools were not used properly and has advised that any projects going forward will need to be defined and approved in advance.

8. Other Business

8.1 Summer Projects Update

No discussion.

8.2 Signage

Installation of the new signage will most likely be postponed until spring.

9. Next Meeting Date

There will not be a meeting on November 8, 2017.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. **The tentative location will be Room 136 in the Central Vermont Career Center.** Mr. LaCroix will contact Ms. Chamberlin to confirm that the meeting space is available.

Future Agenda Items:

2:00 p.m. - Sprinkler Discussion with Assistant State Fire Marshall

3:15 p.m. - Student Presentations on Building/Grounds Projects

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin