

**OG Feasibility Committee Meeting Minutes
GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

DATE: 08-24-2020

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

BOE Member

Karen Kowalski

BOE Administration:

Toni Jones

Dan Watson

Jen Bencivengo

OG Staff and Community

Carolyn Petersen

Todd Mickel

Jennifer Webb

Tiffany Vaccari

Frank DeLuca

Architect:

Russ Davidson

1. Meeting Opening

Call to Order – 5:03 pm

2. Feasibility Group Discussion

Member and Guest Introductions

OG information gained from the 15-year GPS Master Plan

Russ Davidson, Architect from K,G and D, provided his background

Overview of the project scope to create the educational specifications

Deficiencies and needs so that we can understand how the solution needs to perform

This is a high level overview process

3. What has been done to date

Mr. Davidson gave GPS a roadmap for the upgrades, renovations, new construction, electrical, lighting, etc.

The master plan included some of the should haves or goals which would make it a fully functioning goal

The master plan was not cast in stone. This is the next iteration, a fresh start.

OGS was built in 1902. There was an addition in 1995, but ADA access was not addressed. The main entrance should be handicapped accessible, and it is not.

4. Building Nuances

The building has 6 separate floor levels, while only a 3 story building. On the lowest floor there are two levels which are not accessible to all people.

Exterior access and interior accessible route within the building are key issues.

At the next meeting, KG & D will share deficiencies of the building.

OG will need to focus on accessibility in a cost effective manner.

The character and beauty of the building were discussed.

The project will be about renovation, and not tearing the building down and losing the character.

Main office is up a full story across a corridor. It is far from a quality arrangement for access.

School security must remain a focus with a better entry system from an external view.

Exit doors are adequate for safe exiting. From a life safety perspective, there are plenty of doors.

School property use and building security were discussed.

The school is a walking and biking school. Thinking about how to make it more secure and orderly would be helpful.

The age of the building was discussed, noting fixtures and casework are in need of replacement or upgrading.

Attic space may have fire concerns, but it will be looked at for clarity.

Staff would like to discuss the ventilation system. KG & D offered that the ventilation had to comply with the time that the building was constructed. A cost item will be 2020 ventilation with rates and filtration that you would put in a new building that we would create today. Look at how much fresh air is it filtered, and is it cooled? COVID planning and MERV ratings discussed 13 filters are better.

Discussed air purification systems. Ventilation rates and cooling. Staff want it to increase. The system seems very antiquated. Renovating the school must include this as a priority.

Would like to see more locker spaces instead of old closets.

The higher windows in the gym which face Sound Beach can only be opened with a long pole.

The gym also needs ventilation and air quality enhancements.

OGS has a gymnasium and needs to be cooled

Cafeteria is too small for COVID, but generally works well within the size

It takes 3rd grade door to door 7 minutes with a class to get from the class to the cafeteria.

Functional storage is minimal. Before and After Care programs lack storage space too.

Inside the classrooms the technology may need to be upgraded (electrical power daylight control...)
Hybrid of magnetic glass boards so you can use magnets and whiteboard markers.

Principal's office, mail room and teachers lounge needs to be addressed.

Project will be done in the summer with some renovation "swing space" utilized. Work must be staged carefully.

5. Next Meeting

Will review the work has been done to date in examining the model program. The goal will be to prioritize needs for the space. Old Greenwich, Riverside, JC, WMS are all facing serious accessibility issues at the same time.

3. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Toni Jones