

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

DATE: September-29-2020

PLACE: Virtual via Google Meets

ATTENDANCE:

Michael Mason, BET
Leslie Moriarty, BET
Barbara O'Neill, RTM
Alan Gunzburg,
Sandra Grandinetti
Janine Scharff
Jenna Mazzilli

BOE Member:

Joe Kelly

BOE Administration:

Toni Jones, Superintendent
Ann Carabillo, Deputy Superintendent
Dan Watson, Director of Facilities
Trish McGuire, JCS Principal

Architects:

Tina Greco
Mike Berger
Joe Costa

Call to Order – 4:05 pm

1. Discussion of Process and Committee Input

Review of the building qualities.

- Built just over 70 years ago.
- High quality building.
- Approximately 60,515 gross square feet (exterior walls)
- Most current draft Education Specifications includes two additional rooms for PK, designed for student enrollment of 320 K-5 and 30 PK.

2. Needs to be Addressed

- ADA Access
- HVAC- mechanical systems
- Security and access control (accessible, but secure for coming in and out)
- Life Safety and Fire Protection
- Hazardous materials- abatement

- *PROGRAM Improvements*
- Pre-K (two classrooms)
- Cafeteria, Kitchen, and food service areas:
 - Dining hall needs more space, and more service area, currently trash must move through the building, which is not ideal for health reasons
- Admin and Reception Areas needs to be addressed
 - Service of the space and how parents and students flow in and out
- Nurse's Suite and Health Offices
- Custodial Needs
- Additional Music room with a window
- Special Education space on the second floor

3. Adjustments

- Add 9,994 gross square feet
 - This was an adjustment from 18,000-23,000 gross square feet as previously presented.
- The committee looked at basic block designs being proposed
- No work on the stairwells or main corridors
- Bring toilet rooms up to code (early childhood rooms)
- Separate entrance for PK-K for those children who walk
- New exterior ramps
- Adding an elevator
- Platform in the gym will have a lift (making it ADA compliant)
- Music Room - Relocate to the lower portion of the school (add acoustics, limit sound transmission)
- Switch the cafe to the Media Center.
- Media Center becomes the Cafe with a better access for loading docks
- Need a ramp off the cafeteria directly to the play area
- Media Center has an expansion with a patio outside
- Adding more faculty toilets on the upper floor
- Music space moved to lower level, can be made into additional special education space
- Assistant Principal Office add a dormer to bring in natural light

Overall, the gross factor has maximized working with current building and utilizing the same halls Approximately 7,500 is the new construction and usable space

Committee members discussed revised education specifications and design plans. Items discussed included:

- Second floor ADA accessibility. The committee was advised that there is by code only one elevator.
- Small spaces
 - Are they large enough to accommodate small groups?
- Noise levels in the cafeteria if using it for presentations.
 - The noise will be greatly reduced because it's an efficiency and quiet mechanical system
- Elimination of PK from the plan. The architects advised that would be a simple modification as the rooms are at the end of the building.

4. Next Steps

- Develop concept layouts
- Develop an estimated budget for the project
- Present the Educational Specifications to the BOE

5. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Toni Jones