

**Old Greenwich Feasibility Committee Meeting Minutes  
GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** September-30-2020

**PLACE:** Virtual via Google Meets

**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

Joe Dowling

**Architect:**

Russ Davidson

Call to Order – 6:03 pm

**1. Discussion of Process and Committee Input**

The committee reviewed the results of the prioritization survey that was distributed by KG&D.

It was noted that areas that received a high priority included:

Entrance security and accessibility were areas of high priority. Location of the main office adjacent to the main entrance, HVAC and fire system upgrades were also highly ranked.

Items that ranked in the mid-range of prioritization included the installation of an emergency generator, restrooms on each floor, and the replacement of the two classrooms at the lowest elevation.

Items that ranked in the “would like to have” category included furniture upgrades, more space behind the stage, increasing team areas, and playground space.

Ms. Bencivengo clarified that they would love to have the playground closed in somewhat, but understands that it may be challenging. Main priority is the code upgrades in life safety, air conditioning, and ADA access.

## **2. Review OGS Construction History**

The committee reviewed the 1949 addition (original drawing), noting that the two low rooms on the drawing are the ones which are at a lower elevation and flood. It was noted that the 1949 gymnasium revision was probably when the slope was created to manage the flood plain

The 1993 revisions were reviewed. The 1993 project divided the rooms into their current state. Two different colored bricks were used for the existing building and the 1993 addition of Kindergarten rooms.

## **3. Review Renovation Sketch Considerations**

The committee reviewed sketches for possible renovations including: creating 3 new additional classrooms and adding a one-story addition (the only portion which would be 3 stories would be the elevator area). The smaller classrooms below the flood plain would return to a multipurpose room open space which would create a courtyard space and with small group instruction spaces where the cut through is.

The Kindergarten room on the far right would become the office entry (early concepts). The office upstairs would get transitioned back to a classroom.

Building Request: The building must have PK, K, and 1 with exit doors (10 instructional spaces)

The main entrance would remain to keep the building intact for historical purposes. The stairs could be repaired (concrete).

A second sketch was shown which showed a two-classroom addition, the courtyard was a little larger. The far right remained the new office. The elevator could be put in a different area. Toilet area could also be renovated. This would necessitate a thorough investigation in order to ascertain that sewer pipes and other challenges are not prohibitive.

The Committee discussed ADA access to the main office and the gym which is utilized as a Town of Greenwich voting site. The main office would be relocated on the ground floor. The existing Kindergarten room would become the new office area. There could be security, people get buzzed in the door, and then let people enter the building. The building would be 100% accessible (interior route).

For the gym area, there would be ADA access to that area from the parking lot. Most likely, it would be a ramp around the west portion of the building (back playground side).

*Looked at Three Options and estimated costs*

A, B, and C (as described above)

Significant difference from initial master plan which was \$38,634,754 to a range closer to \$16,240,000 which is Option A.

#### **4. Next Steps**

Develop 3 options and drill down the pricing a little bit more.

The prioritization worksheets need to be sent to Russ Davidson if they have not been sent as of today's meeting.

The committee will meet again in approximately two weeks. Date to be scheduled.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Meeting ended at 7:01 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Toni Jones