

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Newtown Square, Pennsylvania**  
**FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 19, 2021**  
**Via: Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

**Board:** Mrs. Alberti, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless, Mr. Dezzi, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Siano, Mrs. Tomasco

**Administration:** Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Dr. Heather Logue, Mr. Neil Evans

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 18

In the absence of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and stood on the Pledge from the previous meeting

**1. Additions to Agenda**

There was none

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bilker asked for the minutes to be approved

With no further discussion minutes for November were approved

**3. Informational/Discussion Items**

**Informational:**

1.) Approval of the following change order for Culbertson Renovation project.

Mr. Gallagher explained that there are 12 change orders that need approval.

2.) Approval of the following change order for the Loomis Renovation project.

Mr. Gallagher explained that there are two or three change orders that need approval.

Will take to the full Board for approval

## **Discussion**

- 1.) Update on the completion of the installation district wide (Raptor) visitor management system.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the new system has been installed and will be in touch with Raptor to set up training for all the secretaries and Mr. Barry Williams.

- 2.) Update on the district wide indoor air quality samples completed by Environmental Control Systems.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the air quality was tested in all seven of our buildings for mold and or bacteria coming in through the HVAC. The samples were sent to the lab. Mr. Mike Bednar is on the line to explain the findings.

## **4. Transportation**

There were no informational or discussion items for this meeting

## **5. Other Business**

There was none

## **6. Public Comment**

A community member asked about the results of the testing of the air quality in the buildings and where the results can be found.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the results would be found on the website under facilities.

She also asked about the filters in the buildings.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the systems at Culbertson and Loomis are brand new HVAC systems and also went on to explain that all filters have been changed in all the buildings throughout the district.

A community member asked about the report findings.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the report would be posted and the subject could be re-visited at the meeting next week should anyone have any questions.

Mr. Mike Bednar, Risk Engineer explained the following about the air quality test.

- Did the test in each building in the district
- Took 8 to 18 samples in each building depending on the square footage of the building
- 2 outside controls were taken at each building to test it against the air inside the buildings which should not be equal to or less than what is outside.
- It is a challenge this time of year, January, February and March because everything is dead or dormant.
- Mr. Bednar reported finding nothing out of the ordinary, the system is doing what it should be doing and the CFCM's are more than adequate.

Community member wanted to know if the district was going to replace the shrubs and flowers outside of Loomis.

Mr. Gallagher explained that there were no plans for that at this time. That the grounds department would assist in planting anything that the PTO would like to purchase.

Mr. Bilker explained that Mrs. Koulas had spent many hours of her own time planting and making the front of Loomis look beautiful.

She also had a question about painting the sign outside of Loomis to orange and black.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the district had no plan to do that. If the 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee wanted to pay for the paint, the district would paint the sign. He would let her know what type of paint would be needed. He believes the cost would be around \$150.00 to \$200.00. He believed that there would be a motion made by Dr. Bompadre.

Community member wanted to know about a bi-lingual program at the elementary schools.

Dr. Kane explained that the program was eliminated about 10 to 15 years ago.

Mrs. Chandless thought that it was eliminated shortly after she came on the Board and that was 12 years ago. Thinks that the program should be looked at again to bring back.

Mr. Bilker suggested that the gentleman stay for the next meeting, that would be the meeting that this could be discussed further.

A community member said that she would stay for the next meeting. That her son attended a program at Culbertson which was run by the parents. He is now in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They found when he went to the middle school there were not programs like that and felt that they, while it was only 1 day a week for a half hour, had wasted time because all of that was lost when he went to middle school and he did not have the opportunity to take a language in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **7. Adjournment**

Mr. Bilker adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.