

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

**DATE:** 10-4-2021

**PLACE:** Virtual Meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOE Member**

Karen Kowalski

**BOE Administration:**

Toni Jones

Dan Watson

Jen Bencivengo

**OG Staff and Community**

Erica Lucas

Tiffany Vaccari

Todd Mickel

**Architect:**

Russ Davidson

**1. Meeting Opening**

Call to Order – 5:30 pm

**2. Feasibility Group Discussion**

Review of the Educational Specification discussed at the last meeting in January 6, 2021. The committee discussed the aspect of putting a new roof on when the building is under full renovation and not trying to do it a few years later. OG has experienced some recent challenges with flooding, leaking, and other facilities failure. Dan Watson shared that the main roof is already 15 years old, and the gym is older. By the time the building would be under construction the roof would be at its end of life.

The team discussed how to assist with the area which is prone to flooding. The plan is to move the classrooms out of the area and to create a water strength approach with type of flooring and walls.

Committee reviewed the rendering as a reminder of what the initial proposal provided in terms of ease of circulation (also on the upper level). The new elevator would be located within the footprint of the existing building and be accessible for all floors.

Karen Kowalski asked for clarification about adding classrooms. The architect confirmed that the four-classroom addition adds zero gain of grade level classrooms. The lower area of the flood area removes

two small classrooms which are currently utilized and when it floods, water intrusion is into the actual classroom.

Todd Mickel stated that he supported asking for what the building needs and not trying to cut out items which are necessary. Also, if there is going to be a room added there needs to be space for children.

Tiffany Vaccari shared that the items in the Educational Specifications are basic (no flooding, floors, doors). The building was constructed 100 years ago. The building deserves a renovation after all of these years.

Erica Lucas shared that the parents expect a high quality project and they expect the floors, roof, and critical infrastructure to get fixed.

Karen Kowalski shared that the project must be what is absolutely needed, not everything. Perhaps, waiting until later to do portions of the building later. Russ Davidson shared that the project is only essential items which must be replaced as they are critical components of the building.

The classroom count being provided in Option 1 maintains the current number of classrooms being used for grade level instruction which allows for a fourth section of Kindergarten or First Grade which is needed fairly often at OGS.

The committee decided to move forward with the option which takes care of what needs to be done in the building. The Committee elected to recommend Option 1 at a total cost of \$24.5 Million only.

Final Ed. Specs. Will be refined to propose this option.

Adjourned at 6:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Toni Jones