



# TOWN OF GREENWICH

**Old Greenwich School Building Committee  
Teacher Engagement Session  
Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
3:15 pm  
Old Greenwich School**

**Meeting Notes**

Committee Roster

Name	Present	Absent
<b>Voting Members</b>		
James Waters (Chair)		A
Jackie Welsh (Vice Chair)	P	
Barbara O'Neill (Secretary)		A
Jason Brown		A
Cristina Dawson		A
Leigh Erin Izzo		A
Leander Krueger	P	
Stephen Selbst (BET Rep)		A
Michael Joseph Mercanti-Anthony (BOE Rep)		A
<b>Ex Officio Members</b>		
Jennifer Bencivengo (Principal)	P	
Janet Stone McGuigan (BOS)		A
Molly Saleeby (RTM)	P	
John Vallerie (DPW)		A
Peter Lowe (P&Z)		A
<b>Liaisons</b>		
Peter Schweinfurth (Liaison, EMAC)		A
Alan Gunzburg (Liaison, FSAC4PWD)		A
<b>Project Team</b>		
Paul Jorgensen (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	P	
Amanda Cleveland (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	P	
Dean Petrucelli (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	P	
Lawrence Rosati (Morganti Group)	P	

Attendee list in Appendix 1

Agenda Item	TOPIC	Description
1.00	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting was called to order at 3:15pm</li> </ul>
2.00	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice Chair and Principal Bencivengo provided an update on the project and introduced members of the building committee and SP&amp;A team. Emphasis placed on this being an engagement session to seek input and feedback from OGS teachers.</li> </ul>
3.00	Discussion led by Silver Petrucelli & Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SP&amp;A team walked through presentation, which showed areas of focus given the OGS Education Specifications</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="824 596 1305 625">Staff feedback included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety of exterior spaces should be reviewed and improved. Perimeter fences, grounds are wide open, need security, more cameras? Car circulation – kids’ safety</li> <li>More school storage needed: PE/gym and stage. For specialists at each grade level, closets needed. Gym storage (on same level). Ar rooms need dedicated storage space.</li> <li>Stage accessibility is needed.</li> <li>Staff toilet accessibility is needed.</li> <li>Safety issue: window in women’s toilet room often open for ventilation</li> <li>Exterior doors that don’t close properly, help solve with technology</li> <li>Bullet proof glass at exterior doors?</li> <li>Existing windows are uninsulated; lower-level windows need to be secure, contacts to advise when open. No windowless classrooms.</li> <li>Glazing tint or shading would help glare</li> <li>Sewer smells reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor</li> <li>Casework ADA alternations, will it increase storage?</li> <li>Classroom doors – need to review glazing for them, how much or not at all? Door contact – to monitor doors</li> <li>Phasing of construction will cause some displacement; request to keep grade level groups of teachers together</li> <li>Courtyard preferred by some; would like an outdoor teaching courtyard</li> <li>HVAC is planned to be replaced, no unit ventilators. Add AC and ventilation</li> <li>Pre-K playground location briefly discussed</li> <li>Grouping of grades – even in phasing transition</li> <li>Hazardous material testing &amp; abatement is included, common in older buildings</li> <li>Existing PA system has dead zones in the building</li> </ul>
4.00	Questions & Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered in the above feedback</li> </ul>
5.00	Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:45pm motion to adjourn from Jackie Welsh, second Leander Krueger</li> </ul>

## **Appendix 1**

Teacher Engagement Session Attendees