



## East Greenwich School Committee Special Meeting Master Plan Community Forum

Tuesday, March 21, 2023  
5:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting: Cole Middle School & Via Zoom

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

Ms. Powell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

#### II. Roll Call

Alyson Powell, Chair	Present
Nicole Bucka, Vice Chair	Absent
Clare Cecil-Karb	Present
William Hangan	Arrived: 6:00 pm
Tim Munoz	Present
Kevin Murphy	Present
Eugene Quinn	Present

**Additional Attendees:** Dr. Brian G. Ricca, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew Nota, Town Manager, Mr. Derek Osterman, Colliers

#### III. Master Plan Presentation

East Greenwich School Building Committee “Building the Future of Education in EG”

Introductions

Goals for Tonight

- Describe RI School Building Initiative, 2016 - present
- Describe EG Master Plan process, 2019- present
- Explain EGPS Educational Strategy and Needs
- Share current Master Plan options
- Describe timeline through bond referendum in November 2023

## Goal Going Forward

- Continue to refine Master Plan options and impacts through ongoing community engagement

## Introducing “Engage EG” - Welcome to the East Greenwich Community Engagement Page

## Make Your Voice Heard

## Agenda

1. Master Planning Process
  2. Educational Strategy
  3. Master Plan Options
  4. Fiscal Impact
  5. Public Comment, Q & A
  
1. Master Planning Process
  - Cole Middle School: Original Master Plan
  - RIDE: Jacobs Report, 2016-17
  - RIDE: Jacobs Recommendations
  - RIDE Bonuses Aligned to Jacobs
  - The Opportunity Before Us
  - RIDE: “Necessity of School Construction” 5-Stage Process
  - Timeline 2022-23
  - Stage 1: Identification of Need
  - Stage 1: Facilities Condition Assessment
  - Stage 1: Capacity and Utilization Study
  - Stage 1: Demographics and Enrollment Forecast
  - Stage 1: Program Review and Visioning
  - Stage 2: Development of a Solution
  
2. Education Strategy
  - Key Strategies: Elementary
  - Investing in Early Learning
  - Key Strategies: High School
  - Strategic Plan Alignment
  - EGPS Learning Environments
    - Design Themes
      - Themes: Accessibility and Inclusiveness
      - Themes: Flexibility
      - Themes: Collaboration
      - Themes: Technology-Empowered
      - Themes: Student-Centered Learning Environments
      - Theme: Health & Wellness
  
  - EGPS Learning Environments: What’s Needed vs. Current Realities
    - Classrooms: What’s Needed / EGPS Current Reality

- Learning Commons / Collaborative Spaces: What's Needed / EGPS Current Reality
- Libraries / Media Center: What's Needed / EGPS Current Reality
- Project-Based Learning / Maker Space: What's Needed / EGPS Current Reality
- Break-out Space: What's Needed / EGPS Current Reality
- Small Group Rooms: What's Needed / EGPS Current Reality
- Cafeteria: What's Needed / EGPS Current Reality
- Social Emotional Learning Spaces: EGPS Current Reality
- Occupational Therapy / Physical Therapy Rooms: What's Needed / EGPS Current Reality
- The Classroom: Past and Future

### 3. Master Plan Options

#### Master Plan Objectives

- Educational Strategy
- Priority of Elementary schools
- Meaningful improvements to EGHS
- Ongoing maintenance to Cole
- Manage growing enrollment
- Schools as community resources

#### Master Plan: Key Considerations

- Site Constraints
- Traffic Management
- Overall Project / Program Impact
- Cost Value Impact

#### Elementary School Options

- Option A: Site Constraints
  - New Build at Frenchtown Grades 3-5 (District-wide)
  - Add/Reno at Hanaford Grades K-2 (Neighborhood School)
  - Add/Reno at Meadowbrook Grade PK-2 (Neighborhood School)
  - Eldredge Closed as a School
  - Site Constraints
- Option B:
  - New Build at Frenchtown Grades PK-5 (Neighborhood School)
  - New Build at Hanaford Grades PK-5 (Neighborhood School)
  - Eldredge Closed as a School
  - Meadowbrook Closed as a School
  - Site Constraints
- Option C
  - New Build at Frenchtown Grades 1-5 (Neighborhood School)
  - New Build at Hanaford Grades 1-5 (Neighborhood School)

- Reno at Meadowbrook Grades Pk-k
  - Eldredge is Closed as a School
  - Site Constraints
  - Traffic Considerations
  - Proposed Improvements
  - Overall Project / Program Impact: Option A, Option B, Option C1, Option C2
  - Cost Estimate Considerations
  - Latest Cost Estimates
    - Option B
 

■ Hanaford	\$64million	New Build	PK-5
■ Frenchtown	\$64 million	New Build	PK-5
■ EGHS	\$20 million	Add/Reno	
Total \$148 million			
    - Option C1
 

■ Hanaford	\$57 million	New Build	1-5
■ Frenchtown	\$57 million	New Build	1-5
■ Meadowbrook	\$16 million	Reno	PK-K
■ EGHS	\$20 million	Add/Reno	
Total \$150 million			
    - Option C2
 

■ Hanaford	\$37 million	Add/Reno	1-5
■ Frenchtown	\$57 million	New Build	1-5
■ Meadowbrook	\$16 million	Reno	PK-K
■ EGHS	\$20 million	Add/Reno	
Total \$130 million			
  - Option Review
  - High School Improvements
  - Future of Eldredge
    - Eldredge Assessment
    - Eldredge Adaptive Reuse
4. Fiscal Impact
- Let's talk about debt
    - Long-Term debt
    - RI State Statutory Limits on debt
    - School Construction

*Design Break: Please Visit the Engagement Stations*

#### **IV. Master Plan Questions and Answers**

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Things to think about

- What delivers best against the educational strategy?
- What would be best for students?
- What is most exciting about the options?
- What practical concerns do you have?
- What do you want to know more about?

### **VIII. Adjourn**

*On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey  
School Committee Clerk

*Approved 4-4-23*