



East Greenwich School Committee Special Meeting Master Plan Community Forum

Thursday, March 30, 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, Departed at 6:30 pm
William Hangan	Absent
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. Action Item

- A. School Committee Approval of Out of State Field Trip - EGHS Academic Decathlon, National Competition in Frisco, TX

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the field trip.

IV. 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: Elementary & Early Education, High School
 4. Fiscal Impact
 5. Public Comment, Q & A

1. Master Planning Process
 - Cole Middle School: Original Master Plan 2002-06
 - 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
 - Net Zero Ready: An Essential Part of the Master Plan

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
 - Renovate Athletics areas
 - Renovate Auditorium and Cafeteria
 - Replace Lockers with Person “recharge” spaces
 - Continue to Renovate and Expand Special Ed spaces
 - Continue to Renovate Arts spaces
 - Renovate CTE spaces

- Re-design Student-Centered Learning Environments
 - Fix Infrastructure
 - How to Improve the High School: Renovation and Design Strategy
 - EGHS: Transform the Lower floor
 - EGHS Athletics: Current Reality / Future State
 - EGHS: Renovate Gathering Spaces
 - EGHS: Reclaim Hallways
 - EGHS: Fix Infrastructure
 - EGHS: Support Our Most Vulnerable Learners
 - EGHS: Support the Arts
 - EGHS: Create Student-Centered Learning Environments
 - 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

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 Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey
School Committee Clerk

Approved 4-18-23

