



TOWN OF GREENWICH

Old Greenwich School Building Committee
Parent & Community Forum
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
5:00pm
Old Greenwich School Media Center

Meeting Notes

Committee Roster

Name	Present	Absent
Voting Members		
James Waters (Chair)	P	
Jackie Welsh (Vice Chair)	P	
Barbara O'Neill (Secretary)	P	
Jason Brown		A
Cristina Dawson	P	
Leigh Erin Izzo	P	
Leander Krueger	P	
Stephen Selbst (BET Rep)	P	
Michael Joseph Mercanti-Anthony (BOE Rep)		A
Ex Officio Members		
Jennifer Bencivengo (Principal)	P	
Janet Stone McGuigan (BOS)	P	
Molly Saleeby (RTM)	P	
Jim Michel (DPW)		A
Peter Lowe (P&Z)		A
Liaisons		
Peter Schweinfurth (Liaison, EMAC)		A
Alan Gunzburg (Liaison, FSAC4PWD)		A
Project Team		
David Stein (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	P	
Paul Jorgensen (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Dean Petrucelli (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Amanda Cleveland (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Lawrence Rosati (Morganti Group)	P	
Jeff Anderson (Downes Construction Company)		A
Guests		
OGS Parents – List filed with the OGS Principal		

Agenda Item	TOPIC	Description
1.00	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 5:12pm. Approximately 50-60 guests in attendance.
2.00	Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair presented a brief introduction about the committee's work and then introduced David Stein from SP+A.
3.00	Project Update led by Silver Petrucelli & Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Stein reviewed the mission statement adopted by the building committee, emphasizing that this is a renovation project and not a renovation as new. He explained much of the work will not be visible but will be behind the walls and in the ceilings, such as HVAC, security, upgrades to electricity, etc. Mr. Stein showed the draft landscaping plan, with guidance from the Tree Warden, showing where several replacement trees will be planted Mr. Stein reviewed the slides of the new entryway, which will provide an accessible and secure main entry to the school.
4.00	Questions & Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What was the reason the BET voted against the project?</i> Chair answered that some BET members appear to want a new but smaller school and feel the costs are too high. <i>What is the path to resolve the sewer issue?</i> Design team has done a lot of work and project design will address the issue. Lowest bathrooms that flood are being removed, sewer lateral will be replaced, and a backflow prevention device will be installed. <i>How much of the \$41m do you have approved now?</i> Chair mentioned that building committee has \$1m currently and another \$1m pending three conditions set by the BET. BET controls two of those conditions and one is related to MI approval. <i>What do we see as the roadblocks? Other priority projects?</i> Chair spoke about the CMS project ongoing but no other similar jobs with which we are competing. <i>One member raised their hand and explained that 3 BET candidates were here. They expressed their support for the project but also said they did not have the majority on the BET. They said they would be happy to answer any questions after the meeting.</i> <i>If they approve the money and the project goes forward, how will it be handled?</i> Chair expressed that Construction Manager would speak to this in the future but that heavy workloads would be done in the summer, with phasing plans for the school year. All construction would be done in a safe manner, as is standard in phased renovations. <i>Was there ever talk about a 2nd floor for additional space (in the addition)?</i> Chair explained that that was proposed in the original facilities master plan but that the EdSpecs scaled that back and make it a single story addition. The EdSpecs would have to be modified for a 2nd story since that is not in the current plan. Project is not an expansion, just reshuffling the spaces. <i>When is the BET election? What is the voting history of the current members?</i> Chair stated that election is on November 7th. <i>How long would the project take to complete?</i> Chair explained that phasing plan is not done but approximately 30-36 month duration. <i>With approval by the BET for funding, what is the timeline? When could the groundbreaking happen?</i> Chair explained that we would have to work with the state as we missed the submission deadline this past June. If funded, we could seek special legislation before December and start in summer 2024, which is aggressive. Otherwise, project would start in summer 2025.
5.00	Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:01pm Motion to Adjourn from Chair, second Cristina Dawson.