

The New London Board of Education School Facilities & Program Design Committee meeting was held on January 8, 2024 in the Shaw's Cove Family Engagement Room and via Zoom Webinars.

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Doughty, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Bryan Doughty – Committee Chair
 Susan Hambey – Committee Member
 Aaron Ide – Community Representative

Absent for the Committee: Alisha Blake – Committee Member

Present for the Administration: Miguel Gautier, Jr. – Executive Director of District Operations
 Cynthia Ritchie – Superintendent of Schools

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- November 13, 2023

Motion by Mr. Ide, seconded by Mr. Doughty, to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes of the School Facilities & Program Design Committee.

Motion carried, 3-0

4. Updates and Discussion

- North Campus Punch-List Update

Mr. Gautier reported that the North Campus project has been completed. The last phase was the completion of the connector of the STEM building to the main high school building. The next stage of the process is to go through a punch-list of outstanding items, or items that need to be fixed. Mr. Gautier expressed his concern that some contractors are saying that items have been fixed on the punch-list, but are not providing documentation of how they have completed such. It was noted that there are many doors that need replacement. Additionally there are some issues with the two camera systems as well. Mr. Gautier reviewed the punch-list with the committee. Mr. Ide asked if the district was going to move forward with the Iron Yun camera software. Mr. Gautier shared that it is a great program and that the district had applied for a safety grant, but that it is a lot of money.

- South Campus Update

Mr. Gautier reported that the project is status quo, and the construction team continues to work on the addition. He noted that the glass is going in for the windows. He noted that there is water entering the building from where the joints are, but construction is stating that it is not due to work that they did. Mr. Gautier shared that there were not leaks in these areas prior, and his concern is that with 6 months worth of blasting, there may have been some damage to pipes. He noted that Joe Luciano on the project has been keeping documentation. Mr. Doughty noted that there were shadows in the gym due to the duct work. Mr. Gautier noted that the ductwork was lifted to relieve the shadow, but that it now covers the sensors. The team continues to look into this.

- Welcome Center Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting for the Welcome Center will be held on February 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

- New Business

Mr. Gautier shared a draft Technology Budgeting Plan with the committee. He noted that the past, technology was purchased based on any funds that were available at the end of the year. When he took over the department, there was not a budget for any extras or a plan of how or when to purchase equipment in the upcoming years. He shared that this plan will outline when items should be replaced and is a 10-year plan. Mr. Gautier reviewed the plan with the committee.

5. Committee Member Comments

Dr. Ritchie explained that she did a public communication today about the possibility of some grade 5 students moving to the middle school. Currently, the district is only seeking input to see if there is interest in this possibility. She added that there will be a follow-up letter to 4th grade families about this idea, and that there will also be additional informational sessions held. She clarified that this is not a forced model but looks forward to the input from families on this new opportunity. Dr. Ritchie added that if a Nathan Hale 4th grader wanted to attend 5th grade at the middle school, that they would have to change pathways.

Mr. Doughty asked if the EV stations had been completed at the schools. Mr. Gautier shared that they are all completed, and just need to be commissioned within the next week. He stated that there is no plan of charging just yet, but that there have been preliminary discussions with the Chief Financial Officer about what possibilities exist.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Ide, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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