

Hollis School District Enrollment Committee
September 25, 2024 3:15 PM
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Anne Wake-DePasquale, HSB Committee Chair
Andrew Corey, Superintendent
Paula Izbicki, HPS Principal
Stephanie Sayer, HPS Senior Secretary
Ellen Roos-Unger, HPS Teacher
Julia Piskorski, HPS/HUES Parent Representative
Amy Kellner, Community Representative and HSB member
Mike Leavitt, Hollis Budget Committee and Planning Board Representative

Members absent

Raphael Zack, HSB Enrollment Alternate Representative and Hollis BudCom

Guests

Dave Ely - Architect
Paul Chisholm - VP Of Engineering (Works with Steve Keach)

Other attendees:

Lauren DiGennaro, Dir. of Student Services
Susan Hsieh, HPS Parent

3:15 - Anne Wake-DePasquale called meeting to order

3:17 - Minutes approved by Board

3:20 - Mike Leavitt reported that the planning board is working on comprehensive demographic data for the town at large. He shared examples from the 2022 update.

- The final report will be posted on the Planning board website; he will notify the committee when this is available to the public.

3:21 Paula Izbicki updated regarding the conversion of the Learning Commons and the new library location:

- Classrooms look great, Library is looking good too.
- There are some challenges to the new library location, but we are working on this.
- Michelle O'Brien did a fantastic job. Parents went to see the library during open house.
- The students are getting acclimated.
- Positives to classrooms - they are much quieter and calmer for 1st grade.
- Negatives - carpets may prove inconvenient if soiled
- Library materials are currently stored in various areas around the school

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- Ellen Roos-Unger was the last classroom to be put together but made it all happen for the school opening.

3:24 - Summary of Dave, Paula, and Stephanie Meeting on 9/5/24

- Two Hour Meeting about programming
- Dave created a breakdown of everything we discussed for building needs.
- Dave shared a document calculating the delta between the current space and the needed space. The conclusion totals a need for an additional 14,000 square feet. This does not count walls or bathrooms, etc. just the occupiable space we are missing.

3:29 - Dave and Paul's Proposed Plan

- Not tearing the building down.
- Tried to plan for an addition to the Drury Lane side of the building
 - It impedes on Drury Lane
 - It is on septic space
- Addition added on to turtle island
 - Add parking to SAU Field
 - Updated carpool and bus routes to alleviate traffic on road
 - Julia Piskorski - Explained carpool traffic from a parent's perspective. The amount of carpool cars is astronomical.
 - Anne DePasquale - Asked Mike Leavitt about the left hand turn lane at 4 corners. What is the process? Mike states we would have to get the state involved.
 - Andy also stated concerns from Lund Lane and carpool back up and the SAU schedule.
 - Paula suggested flipping the Bus and carpool lanes, which would alleviate both carpool on Lund Lane and moving cars out on to Silver Lake with the option to get to HUES still.
 - Mike - Do we have data on the amount of cars? Paula - yes - we have it daily.
 - This plan includes a gymnasium, an updated office space (instead of the plan for this upcoming year), updated library, environmental science, conference room, 6 classes per grade level, preschool playground, removes ramps and creates stairs and a wheelchair lift, a new driveway through SAU to alleviate traffic congestion, and more)

GENERAL NOTES TO DAVE:

- Consider Stephanie's suggestion regarding an alternative front office location and what that might look like
- Move nurse near front office
- Work on traffic patterns, keeping backups on Drury Lane in mind
- Add a lockable door separating front of school and rentable spaces (e.g. gym, stage) from the rest of the school (i.e. cut off classroom access).

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- Work on a phasing plan that could be presented to the town. What is the reality of school being open during construction?
- Add adult bathrooms to the first floor (both wings)

- For the Committee to consider: Bids for a Construction Manager. Dave says it is not too early to get someone involved.

4:20 - Meeting Concluded

Next meeting - 10/16/24 at 3:15-4:15

Location: HPS (Cafeteria)