



TOWN OF GREENWICH

Old Greenwich School Building Committee

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

7:00am

Old Greenwich School Media Center and via Zoom

Meeting Notes

Committee Roster	Present	Absent
Voting Members		
James Waters (Chair)	P	
Jackie Welsh (Vice Chair)	P	
Barbara O'Neill (Secretary)		A
Jason Brown		A
Cristina Dawson	Zoom	
Leigh Erin Izzo	Zoom	
Leander Krueger	P	
Stephen Selbst (BET Rep)		A
Michael Joseph Mercanti-Anthony (BOE Rep)	Zoom	
Ex Officio Members		
Jennifer Bencivengo (Principal)	P	
Rachel Khanna (BOS)	Zoom	
Molly Saleeby (RTM)	P	
Peter Robinson (DPW)	Zoom	
Peter Lowe (P&Z)	P	
Liaisons		
Peter Schweinfurth (Liaison, EMAC)		A
Alan Gunzburg (Liaison, FSAC4PWD)	Zoom	
Project Team		
David Stein (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	Zoom	
Dean Petrucelli (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Steve Croteau (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	Zoom	
Jesus Martinez (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	Zoom	
Lawrence Rosati (Morganti Group)	P	
Jeff Anderson (Downes Construction Company)		A
Anthony DiMauro (Downes Construction Company)	Zoom	
Ryan Patrick (Downes Construction Company)		A
Joe Ryan (Downes Construction Company)	Zoom	
Chris Cardany (Langan)		A
Kristen Mitchell (Langan)		A
Guests		
Dan Watson (GPS Facilities Director)	Zoom	
Rich Bittenbender (Guest)	P	
Jennifer Makso (OGS parent)	Zoom	
David Makso (OGS parent)	Zoom	

Agenda Item	TOPIC	Description
1.00	Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 7:07am.
2.00	Housekeeping	Chair noted next meeting will be Tuesday May 12.
3.00	Approve minutes from April 14 meeting	Motion to approve April 14 meeting minutes by Jackie Welsh, second Molly Saleeby, without objection approved by unanimous consent.
4.00	Project Team Updates a. Fire Pump b. State Reimbursement c. Private fundraising opportunities list d. Construction Progress Report e. Construction Phasing	<u>Fire Pump</u>: Morganti reported that a written response along with a few updated drawings were forwarded from the Design team to the Fire Marshal and Building Official on April 24. This was in response to their review comments concerning working clearances and access, flood plain equipment elevations, emergency and exit lighting and a few other code-related questions. Chair asked Morganti to continue to follow-up with Fire Marshal and Building Department to see if response was acceptable. <u>State Reimbursement</u>: Morganti reported that the Superintendent received and shared comments on April 21 from OGA in response to the 1049R submitted by the building committee. Morganti and Downes to review comments and respond within a week. Morganti noted OGA questions were on the energy grant, fire pump, and additional funding required for the project. <u>Private Fundraising Opportunities</u>: Chair asked if a few members of the building committee would meet to develop a list of items before the next meeting. Chair stated that so far PTA is donating the replacement of stage lights and exterior basketball hoops. Vice Chair, Cristina Dawson, and Molly Saleeby offered to work with Principal Bencivengo and the PTA to produce a list for the next meeting, before discussing with the design team. Principal Bencivengo offered that one goal is for the PTA to provide new furniture for the classrooms within the existing school. <u>EECBG Grant</u>: Vice Chair asked if someone would assist with the grant filing. Molly Saleeby said she would be happy to assist. <u>Construction Progress Report</u>: Downes reported the following work was completed in the past weeks: temporary fencing, temporary partitions within the existing school, select site demolition, tree removals, and surveying. Downes reported that its office trailer was delivered and is powered. Items reported as in progress and upcoming with respect to submittals include: soil management and dewatering, MEP coordination ongoing via BIM modeling. Downes reported that with recent approved submittals the storm and sanitary piping and structures should be delivered to the site and then installation will commence. Downes also noted that they have coordinated the playground delivery soon. Downes reported that no items are dragging the schedule to date. Principal Bencivengo said the students are enjoying using the field and fenced-in play area and that feedback has been positive thus far.

		• <u>Construction Phasing</u>: Downes reported that they have adjusted the Phasing schedule with respect to a stacked group of classrooms noted as Phase 2 within their phasing plans. Principal Bencivengo further explained that the 1st and 3rd floor classrooms will be offlined from summer 2026 until December 2027, as opposed to September 2026, and the 2nd floor classroom will not be taken offline until summer 2027 instead of this summer. She said that it will require one media center temporary classroom to be online by September 2026. Downes noted that their subcontractors are aware of this adjustment by Downes and agreed to this work without issue.
5.00	Principal's Report	• Principal Bencivengo asked about establishing a drop-dead date if cafeteria and kitchen should not be online by August 29. Downes said they should know by August 4 if it will be online for August 29. Principal Bencivengo said the teachers within the new addition wanted to confirm they will have operable windows to meet code; SPA noted the project does have them and would respond with details. Principal Bencivengo also offered that Downes is aware of upcoming testing and the need to minimize noise during that period. Vice Chair reminded Downes that any discussions with Principal Bencivengo that could result in added cost to the project should be brought to the building committee for approval.
6.00	Financial & Consultant Selection Update a. Monthly Financial Report b. Discuss and vote on Current Decision Items listed in Exhibit A	• <u>Monthly Financial Report</u>: Chair reported that financial picture hasn't changed since briefed in March since construction invoices haven't come in and no change orders have been approved. Committee is ahead of projections at this point. • <u>Invoices</u>: Motion by Jackie Welsh to approve invoices as listed on agenda exhibit, second Leander Krueger, Vote 6-0-0. Items covered include: Security Specialists invoice #182250: \$3,850.92
7.00	Public Relations Update a. Discuss and vote on Quarterly Report through April 13, 2026 b. Discuss monthly community report	• <u>RTM Quarterly Report</u>: Motion by Leander Krueger to approve Quarterly Report to the RTM through April 13, 2026, second Jackie Welsh, without objection approved by unanimous consent. • <u>Monthly Community Report</u>: Chair discussed monthly report that had been sent out in advance. Members had no additional comments. Chair said he would get the update posted to the website and sent to various email distribution lists as well.
8.00	Adjourn	• 8:03am Motion to Adjourn Leander Krueger, second Jackie Welsh.