

**George H. Mitchell Elementary School Project
School Building Committee Minutes #31
Academy Building, 66 Central Street, Bridgewater MA
Monday, December 9th, 2019 6:30pm**

Voting Committee Members in attendance:

John Gerrish, Chair
Michael Dolan, Vice Chair
Lillian Holbrook
Harsh Rebello
Patrick Driscoll
Eric Desrochers
John Dzialo
Scott Wauchope
Joseph Oravec
Mark Linde
Michael Losche – Arrived 7:41PM

Voting Committee Members not in attendance:

Eric Langone
Christopher Koczele

Non-Voting Committee Members in attendance:

Dennis Bray
Lisa Ohman
Kathleen Macedo
Derek Swenson
Robert Pacheco

Others in Attendance:

Shane Nolan, DPI
Mike McNulty, DPI
Jeff Yost, RDA
Gene Raymond, RDA

Call to Order by the Chair of the Committee, John Gerrish, at 6:36PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Review of School Building Committee and introduction of new Members

Introductions were given from current and new committee members to welcome recently added members Robert Pacheco, Mark Linde, and Joseph Oravec to the GMES SBC.

OPM Update

Mr. Nolan began discussion with a progress report on the Project Funding Agreement, working group updates, and development of the Design Development documents. The schedule and milestones remain on track at this time with no immediate changes. With regard to the Project Budget, \$701,400 has been

submitted to the MSBA for reimbursement at this time. Mr. Dolan requested a timeline on the demolition for the project, and Mr. Nolan stated that it is being worked on with the start of demolition expected for late May to early June. Mr. Dolan also advised that the Town of Bridgewater Town Council may be putting a resolution forward to prevent construction of the building from interrupting traffic.

Designer Update

The Educator Meetings that were held in collaboration with Raymond Design Associates have provided abundant information and ideas from staff and administration to be considered with the school design. Two of these Educator Meetings have been held since the last GMES SBC meeting and the minutes from these meetings will be distributed to the committee once available.

Raymond Design Associates distributed a “Design Development Report” to the committee to be reviewed along with the Designer Update. Jeff Yost discussed the updates to the Design Development and explained changes that have been made from the information and recommendations given during the Educator Meetings held in November 2019. The changes were made throughout the entire building and included redesigns of administration offices, restrooms, staff rooms, classrooms, and other service rooms. These changes are cost neutral and do not increase the size of the building. Outside play areas and landscape design updates were also presented, and the landscape architect have also met with the Pre-K teachers to discuss the play areas. With regards to the rubber play areas and inquiry by the committee at the last meeting, Mr. Yost was able to confirm that the life expectancy for the rubber surfaces are 20 to 25 years and come with a 10-year warranty.

Report of Communication Group

The website FAQs are continuing to be worked on and Scott Wauchope has been updating the website frequently. Traffic for the website has slowed down but is more than likely due to the holidays.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Previous SBC Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2019

Lillian Holbrook motioned to amend the meeting minutes from November 18th, 2019 to correct Robert Pacheco’s name under “Confirm School Building Committee membership.” Mark Linde seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

John Dzialo motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 18th, 2019 as amended. Harsh Rebello seconded the motion. The motion to approved unanimously.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

January 13th, 2020

January 27th, 2020

February 10th, 2020

March 9th, 2020

Committee Comments

No committee comments.

Michael Dolan motioned to adjourn the meeting of the GMES SBC at 8:30PM, Lillian Holbrook seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Adjourn at 8:30PM.

Prepared by: Joshua McGraw

Lillian Holbrook Secretary-Clerk

Date of Acceptance