

Danvers High School Design/Construction Advisory
Meeting – April 29, 2009 7:30 AM @ Peabody Institute Library

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM

Attendees

Michael Powers, Board of Selectmen
Joseph Miele, Community Representative
Wayne Marquis, Town Manager
Diane Norris, Assistant Town Manager
David Lane, Public Works Director
Lisa Dana, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Warren, School Business Manager
Thomas Murray, High School Principal
Mark Strout, High School Assistant Principal
Paul Griffin, CMS
Scott Lubker, CMS
Ken DiNisco, DiNisco Design
Rick Rice, DiNisco Design
Donna DiNisco, DiNisco Design
Marcell Graeff, DiNisco Design

Wayne Marquis provided an overview of the committee and the attending members. All the minutes and presentations will be placed on the Town's web page.

Paul Griffin provided an update of where we are today. The MSBA originally placed the project in a "Repair Category" which we believe would be a waste of money based on the amount of problems in the facility. Over the last year the Danvers Team was able to convince the MSBA that the school required a complete renovation. The Town and MSBA agreed to an enrollment of 1,000 students for grades 9-12. This allowed the Town to proceed to hire DiNisco Design as the architectural firm for the project. We are well underway on the facility study. The study is an examination of existing conditions, options for a renovation/addition or to replace the high school. Any renovation to the school will meet all requirements of new construction. The key is to prove the costs to renovate and add to the high school vs. a new high school are substantially less. The study with a recommended option will be submitted to the MSBA for Board Approval of the recommended option in July. The schematic design phase will begin in July with an anticipated completion in September. DiNisco Design continues to work with the school administration and staff for the program requirements and how these requirements can be achieved within the MSBA program guidelines.

Ken DiNisco presented a detailed slide presentation which outlined the condition of the existing buildings. Presently we know we have some structural issues which will need to be dealt with. Ken made a comment that the buildings are well-maintained for a building

of this age. Last year the structural review of the North & South Core showed that it is less expensive to demolish these areas versus renovate them. Demolishing these areas will allow us to replace them with less square footage for the same activities. The auditorium was built for 600 seats but due to changes it was reduced to 550 seats. DiNisco Design believes that the area can be renovated with a small addition to provide 670 seats. The spaces surrounding the auditorium will be replaced with a new music suite in accordance to MSBA guidelines. The Vye gym had structural repairs in 1972 when the Dunn Wing was constructed. Additional corrections are necessary to allow the building to be used long term. The Field House was part of the 1972 construction with structural corrections made in 1980 to repair the exterior wall problems. The building still lacks structural bracing and support of the exterior walls which are still under review. We have all of the records of the borings completed during past construction and studies. Presently there are several additional borings scheduled to add to the data. Although there is some concern of the existing soil conditions meeting the requirements of present seismic codes, we believe we will be able to maintain standard foundations. Ken reviewed the latest thought on how the space would be laid out in the existing space and the additions. He also covered the phasing plan.

Ken DiNisco provided an overview of the proposed site master plan showing several slides showing the issues and the possible corrections. There is also a request to light some of the fields which exist now.

The next meeting will be on May 12, 2009 7:30 AM @ Peabody Institute Library

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