Danvers High School Design/Construction Advisory Meeting
May 12, 2009 7:30 AM @ Peabody Institute Library

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Wayne Marquis opened the meeting at 7:30 AM and the minutes of April 29, 2009 were voted to be accepted as written.

Paul Griffin and Ken DiNisco provided an update of the progress since the last meeting. This included the continued refinement of the space summary, review of the non-qualified space which includes the Central Administration, Maintenance and the Community Gymnasium. There were a few meetings with the cost estimator to begin placing a cost to the project to allow several renovation options to be considered verses a new building.

Ken DiNisco provided a video presentation by starting with a general overview of existing conditions. He continued with a review of how the staff and students will be placed in the Dunn Wing during the phased construction. At present there are still a few spaces that have not been identified the swing space but it is a work in progress plan. The plan also shows the Vye gym being used as curriculum space part of the swing space during the construction.

Ken outlined the requirement by the MSBA to make all classrooms 900 square feet which could limit the amount of total classrooms. There is still the issue between the Vye gym verses the Field House meeting the guidelines. The Field House is over the space allowance and the Vye Gym is too small to meet the program requirements for the school. It is DiNisco Design Partnership's opinion that the auditorium be can expanded to meet the requirements of the school and the guidelines.

The latest draft plan of the fields shows the Football Stadium being located in the area of the tennis courts. This will improve the access to the field which draws the largest participation.

Rick Rice provided a general overview of the Field House structural problems with the exterior walls and the solution may require the total removal back to the structure.

Wanye Marquis questioned the remaining courtyards and the ability to maintain these areas.

Rick Rice identified that several of the general classrooms walls will need to be removed to allow structural shear walls to be installed as required by the building codes.

Ken explained that there may be a difference between the last committees opinion about the location of the science classroom as it was based on the desire to maintain the current science program. It is now the team's belief that all these items can be met using the Dunn Wing providing opportunities for better phasing of construction.

Paul Griffin reminded the committee that all the plans are work in progress and subject to change as everything is explored.

Ken DiNisco stated that they have continued to work with the School Department to refine the space requirements and most things are close to meeting the States' guidelines. Ken outlined that the construction cost of every 3,000 square feet cost about $1 million dollars.

Ken outlined that all of the options presented are over the MSBA guidelines for square footage. He continued the need to complete the study and agree on the preferred method this month or we will not meet the scheduled MSBA Board meeting in July.

There was a general discussion about the MSBA process which the Board will approve the preferred method at the July meeting and the schematic design and scope and budget at the September. At the end of the September meeting the Town and the State will enter into a contract of the scope of the project and the amount which they will be willing to fund. The reimbursement rate during the first phase is set at 49.11 and will be reviewed at the September meeting.

There is a request that the team issue a list of information items which when resolved can be issued to the public.

The next meeting is scheduled on May 28, 2009 at 7:30 AM at the Peabody Institute Library.

Attendees
Michael Powers, Board of Selectmen
Joseph Miele, Community Representative
Wayne Marquis, Town Manager
Diane Norris, Assistant Town Manager
David Lane, Public Works Director
Richard Warren, School Business Manager
Thomas Murray, High School Principal
Paul Griffin, CMS
Ken DiNisco, DiNisco Design
Rick Rice, DiNisco Design
Donna DiNisco, DiNisco Design
Marcell Graeff, DiNisco Design
Jon Oxman, DiNisco Design
Keith Lucy
Jean McCartin
John Mroszcyk

Absent:

Lisa Dana, Superintendent of Schools
Mark Strout, High School Assistant Principal
Diane Langlais