

Barrington School Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023 | 6pm
Barrington Middle School PD Room

Meeting called to order @ 6:02 | Mr. Peck

Present at the meeting tonight: Ms. Crean, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Gerbi, Mr. Glum, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Marchetti, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Messoro, Mr. Peck, Mr. Pomeranz, Mr. Sangiuliano, Mr. Smith (Downes), Mr. Wyszynski (Tecton)

OPM Update | Downes

Representative | Steve Smith

Architect Update | Tecton

Representatives | Jeff Wyszynski

Jeff discussed potential cost savings and benefits of consolidating schools

- Operational efficiencies
- Equipment and maintenance savings
- Potential changes to busing

Discussion of the Project and Upcoming Election:

The meeting discussed potential cost savings and benefits of consolidating schools, including operational efficiencies, equipment and maintenance savings, and potential changes to busing and walkability. Educators discussed the pros and cons of different options, including operational savings, construction costs, traffic issues, and school culture. The group also discussed upcoming community engagement efforts and ways to communicate with residents about the referendum.

Community member Richard Parfitt, residing @ Seven Pine Ave, is concerned about the cost and potential budget overruns of the proposed school construction project. He also expresses a desire for transparency and managing expectations regarding the project's scope and timeline. Richard emphasizes the importance of maintaining a sense of community within the schools, regardless of the chosen configuration.

The cost savings and budget management are important considerations for the project. It is crucial to manage expectations and be transparent about potential cost overruns or adjustments in the budget.

Value engineering can be explored to find cost-saving opportunities without compromising the quality of the project. This can involve evaluating alternatives for materials, fixtures, and equipment to achieve the desired functionality at a lower cost.

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The use of economies of scale and strategic procurement strategies can help optimize costs. For example, engaging one contractor for multiple schools may result in better pricing and coordination, while still subcontracting specialized work to ensure efficiency and quality.

Next Steps:

TJ and Patrick will have a call with the tax assessor to clarify when the tax impact would be noticed and educate residents on the difference between home value on Zillow and assessed value.

Subcommittee to compile pros and cons for options two through five regarding elementary schools.

Upcoming Community Engagements:

Saturday, October 21st @ 9am

Wednesday, October 25th @ 6pm

Approval of Minutes: 9.19.2023

Mr. Peck asked for a Motion to approve Minutes from 09.19.2023

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to approve | 2nd Mr. McCrann

Public Comment:

No Public comment at this time

8:02 Mr. Peck asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting ..

Motion Made by Mr. Dwyer | 2nd Mr. Fiore - Approved Unanimously.