

BUILDING COMMITTEE
March 7, 2019
CHECKERS RESTAURANT

7:30-9:05 am
MINUTES

In attendance: Steve Beals (Co-Chair), Karen Burnell (Co-Chair), Lee Lavoie, Len Lathrop, Dave Ross, Kara Saranich, Kevin Rauseo, John Pratte and Don Jalbert. Lawrence Russell

Presenters: Carl DuBois and James Brennan, Harvey Construction
Lance Whitehead, Ryan Tirrell and Jay Doherty, Lavallee Brensinger

- Review and Approve MINUTES from January 3, 2019

Motion to approve the MINUTES of January 3, 2109 by Lee Lavoie, seconded by Len Lathrop. All in favor, unanimously approved. Minutes will be added to the school board packet.

- Update Environmental and Geotechnical Work

Carl reported that all reports are now in from both Geotechnical and Environmental surveys. In both cases, results were as good as we could have hoped for. Only very minor issues for consideration and mitigation. The results will be forwarded to the site contractors. Karen to update the budget reflective of actual expenditures for these two studies to Lance.

- Steve reported that progress into the design phase of the project is on-going. Specific discussion on the status of a Pre-School space based on curricular and community concerns ensued. It was noted that a space of approximately 400 square feet has been designed into the back end of the Careers in Education space. An area that had previously housed a small office and a faculty room would be repurposed should this space evolve. The outdoor playground as currently configured will be totally removed. Since the new program application (Film, Video and Photographic Arts) was not approved by the DOE, some changes to the first floor (art area & STEM area) were made. The green space, previously the "amphitheater" concept has also evolved, now into a more outdoor classroom space(s).

A question was raised around drainage (specifically in the greenspace). The engineers are aware of this issue and the drainage will be dealt with. There will be a full reporting relative to the site and permitting processes at the April meeting. A question was raised relative to electrical service in the green space. This is being covered. A question was raised about snow removal (specifically around the curtain wall). This is something that will need to be taken under advisement. A concern was also raised that this "greenspace" might not be appropriate to serve as a dog-run for the Vet Sci program, preferring to use the farm area for all animal uses.

- Budget review / update documents were distributed. The Variance Report shows some lines up a little and other lines down a little. Overall, the budget still appears to be in balance. Carl is comfortable that the budget tracking is on target. The escalation budget has been reduced to support updated numbers through the trades. Next big items up for review will be a traffic study and finalizing the wetlands permitting processes. Lance went over the overall budget showing that this remains a reliable document. Steve addressed the on-going conversations with the State. We are meeting with the Commissioner of Education on 03/15 for further clarification. Continuing to communicate with local and state legislators to garner their on-going support is critical.

Student representatives were invited to the meeting for the following presentation:
Present: Lauren Vecchiarello, Shayla Davis, Emily Lizotte, Jennasis Martin, Emily Wagner.

- Ryan provided an update on interior finishes/materials – CADD renderings depicting interior spaces were presented to the committee for review. A concept of the Deconstructed Forest has driven the design. Focus has been on the canopy, the standing forest and the ground (ceilings/caps, walls / millwork and the flooring). The color scheme has reflected the colors in the current CTE logo. Sample materials were shared. Feedback included a concern that laminates are NOT the same as “the real thing”, wood and stone. LB will look for appropriate locations/applications where wood and or stone might work. Student questions were excellent! Steve took some time to elaborate on some floor plan concepts by way of clarification. There was expressed sentiment that the color scheme was on the right track for the renovated spaces.
- Likely that we will now start scheduling meetings monthly. Next meeting is April 4th 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Do not hesitate to connect with Steve between meetings as thoughts / issues arise. Lee Lavoie will come off the SAU #81 School Board this month. It is hoped that he will remain a member of the Building Committee. The School Board will appoint a new member as representative to this committee.
- Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Rauseo @ 9:05 a.m. no objections!

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4th from 7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.