

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
10/9/2014 – 7:30 AM

Committee Chair Alan Tabachnick called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Kathleen Oxberry, Bernie Brady

Other Board Members Present: Sue Moore, Beth Suchsland, Christine Frangiosa, Leslie Finegold, Mel Brodsky

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator; Dave Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator; Mrs. Linda Doll, Community Resident

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

A status report was provided on the renovation project for PWHS. The architects are finalizing plans for the various department relocations. Meetings have taken place with members of the guidance department, nursing unit, art department and technology department. Plans are in place to meet with other departments over the next few weeks. Mr. Yemm provided information regarding the process for handling environmental issues that will occur during the renovation. Detailed information was provided regarding the regulations for the removal and handling of asbestos containing bulk material. (ACBM) The treatment and handling of this material is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. There are specific guidelines regarding the handling of the existing material to ensure that there are no safety concerns with any of our students, staff, parents and visitors. The process that will be used will be identical to that which was used for the renovation of the CES and CE.

The committee was provided with an update on the PLANCON process. Part "A" of the PLANCON process is almost complete. This component was reviewed by the administrative team. GKO Architects will provide an executive summary on this component. The executive summary will be reviewed by the school board in executive session prior to the October school board meeting. Part "A" is recommended for approval by the school board at the October meeting. The architects will then follow through with the remaining components over the next few months.

The status of continuing discussions with Chestnut Hill College (CHC) regarding athletic field upgrades was presented to the committee. CHC would like to move forward with entering into an agreement with our district to install synthetic turf on Victory Field #2 as well as constructing a baseball complex with synthetic turf. The agreement would be structured similar to the current agreement for the synthetic turf installation on Victory Field #1. The district is considering providing funding for the construction of the fields

and installation of the synthetic turf. CHC will reimburse 100% of the district's costs via monthly payments over a period of time yet to be determined. This payment would also include an interest rate. Mr. Yemm also explained that this project was discussed with the administrative team of Whitemarsh Township at a meeting on September 23rd. Part of the discussion involved an overview of the project and specific details for storm water management. At that meeting the district asked Whitemarsh Township to consider waiving the land development process for this project as well as the PWHS renovation project. The administrative team of Whitemarsh indicated that they would strongly consider our request. They also indicated that this project and the PWHS renovation project should be submitted at the same time. The committee was supportive of pursuing this agreement based on the information provided at the meeting. Further discussions will be required regarding potential funding of the project and timing for the project.

A request to scrap van # 12 was reviewed by the committee. The van is a 1999 Chevrolet 9-passenger school vehicle with 152,241 miles on the odometer. The van needs a transmission and other mechanical repairs that will exceed \$6000. In addition, the vehicle is out of inspection. It is the opinion of the Transportation Department that the costs and potential safety concerns are not worth keeping the van. The committee agreed and authorized scrapping the van.

The committee reviewed pictures of the cafeteria serving lines at CMS. The purpose of the review was to inform the committee about an upgrade that was made to the serving lines during the summer months. The Food Service Department in collaboration with the Maintenance Department created a food court type atmosphere with modern signage and upgraded painting schemes. Instead of having three lines that served exactly the same menu items the students now have the option of choosing different foods at each of the three lines. The three choices are titled Grill Works, offering chicken and hot sandwiches, Market Fresh, a made to order deli and salad line and Big Daddy, offering pizza and pasta specialties. The first month has been very successful. The cafeteria manager indicates that the students love the new setup and sales are up approximately \$200 per day.

October 6 was the first day of providing lunch for the students at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. (IHM) The food is being prepared in the kitchen at the Whitemarsh Elementary School. Lunch counts ranging anywhere from 150 to 250 meals per day are higher than anticipated. The initial reaction from the students at IHM was very positive. The increased revenue from this contract will help to maintain the fiscal health of the department.

The committee reviewed proposed aesthetic upgrades to the exterior of the CMS. The proposed upgrades include adding color to the upper level exposed aggregate walls on each side of the front entrance, adding color to the retaining wall, a checkerboard design on the front wall, colorful banners and a new atrium at the front entrance. Mr. Yemm explained that a substantial portion of the work could be done at a relatively low cost by members of our own staff. However, more work is required to finalize plans for the

atrium at the front entrance. The Committee provided support for moving forward with some of the upgrades that require minimal cost, and requested cost estimates for some of the more costly upgrades including the front entrance before moving forward.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations