

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OPERATIONS  
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
9/27/17 – 7:30 AM**

Board Committee Chair and School Board Member Beth Suchsland called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m

Other Committee Members Present: Kathleen Oxberry, Bernie Brady, Felix Raimondo.

Other Board Members present: Sue Moore, Cathy Peduzzi, Mel Brodsky, Gary Johnson

Also attending: Dr. Michael Christian, Superintendent; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Joseph Lally, Director of Facilities; Dave Sherman, Community Relations; Mr. Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator, Community Residents Linda Doll, Lisa Dresnin, Karen Abruzzio, Rosemary Northcutt, Jennifer D'Amatto Dow, Wayne DeMarco, Mid Atlantic Construction and John Pusey, Earth Engineering.

There were no public comments on the agenda.

PE/RP Classroom Additions and PE/RP/WE HVAC Project:

Mr. Yemm and Mr. Lally presented a PowerPoint slide show of the PE and RP Addition projects showing the corridors, classrooms, media centers, outside views, new carpet, new furniture, etc. Mr. Yemm stated that the district is receiving positive feedback from the faculty and staff of each of the buildings. He also pointed out that the exterior of the building at WE had been painted and that the air conditioning is working well with only some minor issues. The majority of the issues are related to the energy management program which is being completed by the Siemens Company.

PW Renovation Project:

Mr. Yemm and Mr. Lally also presented a PowerPoint slide show of the most recent phases of the PW Renovation Project including the new entrance, lobby, offices and corridors. The lobby will be completed by Foundation Day and the plaques will also be on display as well as the pavers being in place at the entrance. There are some minor issues that are being taken care of. A question arose regarding not being able to see the new lettering on the front of the building very clearly. The architect suggested that before anything is done, to wait awhile and the letters should darken. Mr. Yemm said that the trees will also be trimmed making the lettering more visible. It was also noted that the lettering on the semi circle wall in front of PW is a different font from the front of the building. It was suggested that this wall area be freshened up. It was also suggested that planters and/or some landscaping be added near the entrance.

West Gym has been demolished and the piping seen on the site above ground is the temporary heating lines.

Mr. Brodsky questioned if there would be special parking for the School Board on Foundation Day and Mr. Yemm said that the School Board will be issued passes to park in the inner courtyard.

It was noted that there is a dead tree in the memorial gardens that needs to be removed. Mr. Yemm will contact the Grounds Department to have it taken care of.

Synthetic Turf Project and Colonial Stadium Project:

Mr. Yemm noted that the synthetic turf has been replaced at the PW Stadium and the track was also been replaced this past summer.

Mr. Yemm explained the Storm Water Management System used for the Baseball Complex. It is the same system that was used for Victory Field I. He showed a PowerPoint that went into detail regarding the system and its use to help water flow from the fields.

During the excavation process of the PW Baseball Complex, sinks holes and depressions were found on the field after two heavy rain storms in July 2017. Wayne DeMarco, Mid Atlantic Construction Company, general contractor for the Baseball Complex, and John Pusey, Engineer for Earth Engineering, attended the FM/T meeting to explain and review the process to fill the sink holes. They explained that a portion of the piping on the perimeter of the field (near the first base line) was found to have grout in it and would need to be replaced. The grout got into the pipe during the remediation process for one of the sinkholes. It was also explained that there is never a guarantee that there wouldn't be more sink holes as Plymouth and Whitmarsh Townships are noted for ground that is susceptible to sink holes due to the underlying limestone. They stated that the most efficient way to help the situation in order to reduce the risk of more sink holes on the baseball field is to use a PVC liner in the areas where the sinkholes occurred.

A discussion ensued regarding the additional cost of the PVC liner and whether there was funding available for the liner. Mr. Jackson discussed the fund balance and the contingency fund for additional funds available. It was also suggested that an additional 35 lineal feet of liner be added. It was the consensus of the committee that there was sufficient funds to move forward with the PVC liner with the additional lineal feet. Based on the discussion, Mr. Yemm asked the FM/T Committee for a recommendation to put the PVC liner in the area of the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline to reduce the risk of more sinkholes occurring. It was the consensus of the committee to recommend this proposal to the Board for approval and that they go forward with the PVC liner with the cost not to exceed \$300,000.00.

#### PWHS Campus Signage:

It was noted by a member of the committee that there should be more signage/ maps of the PW campus buildings and fields in order for visitors to locate where they need to be more efficiently. A short discussion ensued regarding the situation. Mr. Yemm will look into having more signs for the campus.

#### Stairs for Side Entrance for Walkers from East Side of PWHS:

There was a short discussion of the problem of there being no safe entrance for walkers on the east side of the PW building. Some of the suggestions discussed included a set of entrance stairs or ramp or a continuous sidewalk which doesn't exist. Mr. Yemm will further investigate this situation and see what solution can be found for this area.

#### CES - Drop-off and Pick-up:

During drop-off and pick-up the line of cars waiting to pick up or drop off students frequently backs up onto Colonial Drive. This backup block see any cars from trying to get through from the Flourtown Road side of the campus to the high school or vice versa. This creates an extremely unsafe condition as drivers enter into the oncoming traffic lane trying to get around the cars that are backed up waiting for student pick up a drop off. This also creates a dangerous situation for the students trying to get across the crosswalks. It was suggested that the traffic pattern be redirected through the parking lot by Victory Fields. Mr. Yemm will meet with Tim McDonald, District Safety Officer, and see how the problem can be alleviated. There was also a short discussion about the drop-off and pick-up lines at RP and PE.

#### Discussion of Other Issues Raised by the Committee and School Board Members:

Mr. Brodsky mentioned that the PBS program featuring CSD schools was outstanding and suggested that the district look into having it rebroadcast or linked to CITV for broadcasting.

It was also noted that the Operations Department look into making the entrance at CE more ascetically appealing by adding a wider overhang, landscaping, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Yemm, Director of Operations