

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OPERATIONS  
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
10/30/17**

Board Committee Chair and School Board Member Beth Suchsland called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. Other Committee Members Present: Kathleen Oxberry, Bernie Brady. Other Board Members present: Sue Moore, Cathy Peduzzi, Leslie Feingold, Mel Brodsky, Gary Johnson

Also attending: Dr. Michael Christian, Superintendent; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Joseph Lally, Director of Facilities; Dave Sherman, Community Relations. Community members: Linda Doll, Rosemary Northcutt, Jennifer D'Amato Dow.

There were no comments on the public agenda.

CSD Construction Projects:

Mr. Yemm and Mr. Lally presented a PowerPoint on the PW Renovation including slides of the main entrance. They noted that there is a temporary rail system in place as the walkways had to be completed before a permanent rail system could be manufactured. The new system should be in place in about 8 weeks. They also noted the other items that have been completed at the main entrance. There was a short discussion regarding the lettering of the PW sign at the front entrance. Mr. Yemm explained that as the wall and lettering weather, the letters will become more distinctive.

The PW Stadium synthetic turf replacement project has been completed and it was noted about how nice the field looks. Mrs. Moore asked if something could be done to improve the look of the press box such as having it repainted and something done to the roof. Mr. Yemm said that he would look into having this completed.

Mr. Lally showed slides of the footers of the West Gym project and a short discussion ensued regarding the end date of the West Gym project. Mr. Yemm noted that the project is to be completed in August 2018.

PowerPoint slides were shown of the progress on the Baseball Field project. The stones are in place and the dugouts are complete. There was a short discussion on the placement of the PW Colonial and bank signs.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that some former alumni want to name the baseball field after a former coach. It was noted that the high school administration and the baseball coach are meeting on October 31, 2017 to discuss this issue. It was also noted that the baseball team take on a Wall of Fame instead. The Wall of Fame would be placed on the wall of the dugout. A question arose as to how the cost of this project would be covered. It was noted that the cost would be covered by fund raising by the baseball team.

The replacement of the synthetic turf on Victory Field I is to start this week. In addition to the turf replacement, Chestnut Hill College will pay for the supply and installation of a ball stopper and shot clocks and a hard wired connection for internet access for the field. Permanent footings will be put in place for two covered benches for the athletes.

Dedication Plaque for PWHS Renovation and West Gymnasium:

A brief discussion took place regarding dedication plaques for the PW Renovation and West Gym projects. A decision needs to be made regarding what names will be put on the plaques and where they will be placed. Mr. Yemm will have a mock-up of the plaques done for committee. There was also a short discussion regarding the AP scholar plaques, music plaques and awards and Distinguished Graduate plaques and their placement at PWHS.

PWHS - Concrete Sign on Front Lawn by Germantown Pike and Letters on Limestone Façade of Building:

Mr. Yemm brought to the attention of the committee a recommendation to demolish the concrete structure with the PW sign near Germantown Pike. His recommendation was based on the appearance

of the sign in relation to the new front entrance recently constructed during the renovation. After a short discussion, it was decided by the committee to recommend the removal of that structure. Mr. Yemm reiterated the weathering of the letters on front of the building will darken therefore making the letters stand out.

#### K-3 Schools – Parking for Special Event:

It was noted by a member of the committee that there is a need for security personnel to be present for K-3 events because of the parking issues at these events. A short discussion ensued and the members agreed that there is a need for security. The traffic problem for pick-up and drop-off at CES was also discussed and new traffic patterns need to be explored.

Mr. Brodsky noted that the School Board members should have parking plaques for parking for events. It was decided to put cones in parking places for the School Board at these events.

#### Student Enrollment Increase Strategic Plan:

Dr. Christian opened a dialogue with the committee regarding the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCCP) Cohort Planning Model for future growth in the surrounding communities and increases in enrollment in the Colonial School District schools. Dr. Christian further noted that the Colonial School District is highly desirable and the projected growth in the next 10 years could increase to 5800 students. He noted that the district has already increased the size of the two elementary schools and now needs to focus on Colonial Elementary School and Colonial Middle School because of the increased school population and consider the impact on the students and the educational program. The district needs to begin planning for expansion, renovation and potential grade realignment at CES and CMS.

At the July FM/T meeting the following options were presented:

- Keep the existing configuration of CES – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and CMS 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades which would require renovation and a possible addition at CMS and possibly recapture some District Office space for classrooms at CES.
- Change grade configuration to 4-6 at CES and 7-8 at CMS which would require renovation of building at CMS and an area renovated for District Office and at CES, addition and renovation, transportation logistics and traffic flow problems.
- Maintain current grade structure. DO to stay at CES and construct new middle school which would require CMS building be used while new building is being constructed, existing building be demolished when new building is complete, reconstructed parking and athletic fields. CES would need renovation or possible addition and decision made regarding the location of the DO

A discussion of these three options ensued. A point was made about Option 2 regarding the certification of teachers for grade 6. It was also noted that teachers need to be part of this dialogue. The GKO Architect firm has been invited to the November 16, 2017 FM/T Meeting to discuss these options and compare these different options with the idea that there needs to be a decision made as soon as possible in order to have the buildings ready to handle the additional students. The committee also requested that they see the restrictions from Whitmarsh Township for the use of the field behind CES before any decisions are made.

The next meeting of the FM/T meeting will be at 5:00 pm on 11/16/17 instead of 5:30 pm.

Mrs. Moore noted that the Valley Forge Tourist Bureau had contacted Mr. Raimondo regarding having large events at our facilities. It was noted that the district has already done some large events and decided that the events were too large for the facilities and parking. The general consensus of the committee was to let the Valley Forge Tourist Bureau know that the district is not interested in this request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Yemm  
Director of Operations