

## **District-wide Facilities Committee Meeting Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017**

### **Summary**

The second meeting of the District-wide Facilities Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, convening at 3:20 p.m. in Room 2N4 at the High School, and was attended by 27 committee members, comprised of parents, community members, staff, Board members, and administrators from each building in the District.

Stuart Matthey, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Facilities, welcomed Committee members (including one accessing the meeting via speakerphone), noted that a Google team folder has been set up for access to documents relating to proposed capital projects, and reported that the Greenacres Building team has had four meetings to date, focusing on logistics, building function, and safety issues with regard to the proposed Greenacres renovation/expansion. He also reported that a Greenacres PTA meeting held last night (September 27) at which a presentation was made on those plans, was very well-attended.

Mr. Matthey noted that air conditioning is a frequent topic at the Greenacres Building Committee meetings – he has informed them that the question of air conditioning District-wide is the task of this Facilities committee; he reminded the committee that the Board of Education is hoping to hear the Committee’s recommendation at its October 16 meeting.

Kevin Walsh of BBS Architect & Engineers then gave a presentation to the Committee on the Greenacres proposal, reviewing slides originally presented at the September 11 Board of Education meeting. The presentation slides may be accessed [here](#).

The Committee asked for clarification of some details of the Greenacres presentation, including concerns about traffic flow and safety, and the Board’s decision to support renovation/expansion over new construction.

Turning to District-wide issues, Committee members discussed fresh-air exchange systems at other schools, construction scheduling and SED approvals, and security vestibule design.

The Committee also discussed details of the Energy Performance Contract (EPC), and how to inform the community about the EPC; it will not be part of the bond but is related to it in that elements of the EPC will depend on approval of bond-funded capital projects (for example the EPC element of installing solar panels depends on the bond project of roof replacements).

The Committee reached consensus that information about projects to be financed by the bond be presented in the context of other contemplated facilities projects that will be funded by other sources, such as the EPC and the operating budget. The Committee encouraged the administration to include explanations and materials in its presentations that would assist the community in understanding both the “big picture” and the reasons to include particular projects in the bond while using other funding sources for related facilities work.

In preparation for the Committee's consideration of air conditioning at its next meeting. Mr. Matthey will upload to the Google team folder background information files on the topic.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted.*

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