

## **Greenacres Building Committee Meeting Tuesday, Sep. 12, 2017**

### **Summary**

The second meeting of the Greenacres Building Committee was held on Tuesday, September 12 at 3:15 pm in the library at Greenacres, and was attended by 24 committee members, comprised of parents, community members, staff, Board members, and administrators.

The Committee discussed proposed room assignments in detail with Kevin Walsh of BBS Architects & Engineers. The Committee reviewed and approved the following:

- Allocation of classrooms grouped by grade level, with kindergarten along Sage Terrace; first grade between Sage Terrace and Putnam Road along the back playground; second and third grade classrooms grouped along Putnam Road; and fourth and fifth grades on the first and second floor, respectively, of the new construction along the Huntington Avenue side.
- Some reconfiguration of administrative offices at the Sage Terrace entrance, addressing conference and storage needs
- The addition and placement of new student and faculty toilets situated for ease of access. Mr. Walsh noted that the recommended ratio of toilet facilities for students and staff is more than met by the proposed facilities.
- Placement and configuration of support services (OT, PT, Speech/Language, Psychology, Reading Support, ENL, and LRC), and a Special Education classroom. This was discussed in great detail, including considerations of placement on the first floor and, for some services, proximity to lower grades. The Committee had the opportunity to discuss space and placement requirements for these services with Eric Rauschenbach, Director of Special Education and Student Services, who was in attendance.
- Placement of Music, Band, and Orchestra rooms on first floor adjacent to the Gymnasium, and placement of Spanish and Art classrooms on the second floor.
- Use of the basement area's former classrooms for storage and custodial space

For further discussion:

- Toilet access for students on the field during school hours, and possible weekend access to toilets.
- Specific allocation of storage space in the basement area and elsewhere, accommodating needs of the PTA; reserve classroom books and materials; art materials; and office supplies.
- Professional books and materials library for staff use.

Agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- Location and configuration of play space during construction.
- Air and noise monitoring during construction.
- Allocation of present spaces to accommodate instructional usage that will be displaced during construction.

### **[Committee Membership](#)**