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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle, Allan Gaudet and David Russell

Thursday, May 15, 2014

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle and Allan Gaudet
Members Absent: David Russell

Staff: Mr. Robarge, Director of School Buildings and Grounds, GPS.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) April 17, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Gaudet and seconded by Mr. Doyle to accept the meeting minutes of April 17, 2014. The motion passed 4-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

None.

(b) Staff

None.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A) BOE Projects

Mr. Robarge reported that 13 contractors had expressed interest in the Fitch High School Roof Replacement project. Sealed bids were to be opened on May 19th. Mr. LaFrance will try to attend the bid opening meeting. Mr. Robarge state that a decision would probably be made within two weeks of the bid opening.

B) Town Council Appointed Projects

1) School Facilities Initiative Task Force

There was a School Facility Committee workshop on May 9th and 10th. Chairman DeMatto gave the following summary: Education vision and mission statements were developed. The workshop developed a way forward for improving Groton Schools. The primary plan that was going to be presented to the Board of Education was to build a new middle school for all students and to convert Cutler and West Side Middle Schools to elementary schools. The consensus was to build the new Middle School on the Town owned Merritt property. A summary of the workshop will be provided at the next meeting. The next step is to develop Education Specifications for each of the planned school building projects. The Permanent School Building Committee would like the opportunity to review the draft Education Specs to see if we have any feedback. The reason for this request is that after the construction project of the high school and the two elementary schools it was felt that the project would have been better served if the PSBC was involved earlier in the

process.

2) Groton School System Emergency Action Plan Review Committee

The School Safety and Security Plan for Fitch High School is nearing completion. The plans for the other schools will be developed using the High School plan as a template.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fitch High School windows. Mr. Robarge passed around pictures of leaking windows at Fitch High School after an April rain storm.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC is planned for June 19th at 7pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. LaFrance to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.