

East Lyme Board of Education
East Lyme Elementary Schools Design Steering Committee Meeting
March 26, 2015
4:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Dr. Tim Hagen, Linda Anania, John Arnold, Melissa DeLoreto, Rob Kupis, Ray O'Connor, John Rhodes, Maria Whalen, Dr. John Whritner, Al Jacunski from Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC

Members Absent: Candice Carlson, Gil Gallant, Dr. James Lombardo, Dr. David Miko,

Guests Presents: Jaime Barr Shelburn, Kim Davis, Kristin Rock, Ken Biega from O&G Construction

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Review of Architect's Current Design Plans: Al Jacunski presented the plan drawings for Flanders School and Niantic Center School and noted that every component in the Programming and Space Needs Assessment have been included in the drawings. Niantic Center School has an inside square foot dimension of 74,871 and Flanders School has an inside square foot dimension of 77,123 due to the three Pre-K classrooms. The plans will continue to change as the project is refined.

Design highlights for Flanders School include, but are not limited to:

- New construction.
- The core program facilities (music, art, gym, cafeteria) are grouped together.
- The grade levels are grouped.
- The preschool, kindergarten, first and second grade classrooms are on the lower level.
- The cafeteria includes a stage.
- Classroom sizes are 900 square feet compared to 630 square feet at Waterford Schools.
- The preschool and kindergarten classrooms are 1,100 square feet.
- The ABA classrooms are 240 square feet.
- The building will be located on the property so it is away from the edge of the high school.

Design highlights for Niantic Center School include, but are not limited to:

- Refurbish as new with some new construction.
- The new construction areas includes the gym, stage, music and instrumental classrooms.
- Classroom sizes are 900 square feet compared to 630 square feet at Waterford Schools.
- Kindergarten classrooms are 1,100 square feet.
- The main entrance as been reconfigured.
- The location of the gym has changed.
- The windows will be larger than the current windows.
- The grade levels are grouped.
- The kindergarten, first and second grade classrooms are on the lower level.
- The art and global language classrooms on the upper level may have to be relocated to the lower level to allow the younger students to use them. Currently, Niantic Center School has an egress on the upper level onto the upper landscaped area which allows for younger students to use the upper level classrooms.

Topics of discussion and/or suggestions regarding the design plans included:

- Relocate the mechanical room at Niantic Center School away from the classrooms.
- Move the mechanical room to the upper level and move the art and music rooms into that space.
- Relocate the bus lot at Niantic Center School back to the West Main Street entrance to allow for easier adult supervision.
- Al Jacunski noted that F. A. Hesketh & Associates, Inc. will perform the traffic study at Niantic Center School and has been charged with determining how much additional traffic will be generated with the new school enrollment. A traffic study is not required for Flanders School due to its access to a State road and the minimal enrollment percentage increase.
- Noise level a concern with the music classrooms located near the main entrance.
- For Flanders School, is it better to have grades grouped in smaller wings or multiple grades in one hallway?
- The custodial storage areas at Niantic Center School are not as large as Flanders due to the constraints of working with a existing building.

Next steps:

The next design step is to implement the furniture layout into the drawings and generate a more detailed site plan with the landscape architect. A meeting with Al Jacunski and the elementary school principals is required, hopefully the week of April 6, 2015, to refine and discuss changes to the drawing plans.

Next Elementary Schools Design Steering Committee Meeting: TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

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Steering Committee Chair