

East Lyme Board of Education
East Lyme Elementary Schools Design Steering Committee Meeting
June 17, 2014
4:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Linda Anania, John Arnold, Candice Carlson, Melissa DeLoreto, Gil Gallant, Tim Hagen, Don Meltabarger, Dr. David Miko, Ray O'Connor, Brian Reas, John Rhodes, Dr. John Whritner, Al Jacunski from Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC

Members Absent: Dr. James Lombardo, Rob Kupis

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. at Niantic Center School, Library Media Center

Review: Brian Reas distributed the first draft of the Programming and Space Needs Assessment from Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC dated 6/12/14 which is based on the information gathered from the three meetings held with the elementary principals. Teacher input will be gathered and added to the report. The draft report is based on a two school concept, each 75,000 sq. ft., with a student population of 434 for grades K-4. The Design Committee will email comments and questions pertaining to the report to leigh.reinhart@eastlymeschools.org to be collected and presented at the next Design Steering Committee meeting.

Update on Demographic Study: Brian Reas reported that the contract is being finalized for Dr. Kennedy from NESDEC to provide a demographic study to include a presentation to the Board of Education and the Design Steering Committee on September 8, 2014 with projected figures and a final report to the Design Steering Committee by October 15, 2014 with the official October 1st figures.

Conceptual Comparison Figures: Tim Hagen distributed the following topics for discussion and asked that the Design Steering Committee email their pros and cons for each topic to leigh.reinhart@eastlymeschools.org to be collected and presented at the next Design Steering Committee meeting.

- Four Inter-related Factors at Play in Making the “Best” Choice for Our Elementary School Design
 - Educational Quality and Experience for Each Student
 - Community Usage and Benefit
 - Total Annual Operating Costs
 - Total Renovation Costs
- A Couple of Questions
 - Should the educational experience and quality of education be equitable for each K-4 student in East Lyme?
 - Does having facilities, services, and resources equally distributed across the elementary schools help in attaining equitable education for each K-4 student?
- 1 versus 2 versus 3 Elementary Schools
 - 1 School: 888 students, 10 classes per grade
 - 2 Schools: 444 students per school, 4-5 classes per grade per school
 - 3 Schools: 292-293 students per school, 3 classes per grade per school

Similar, equitable buildings will help reduce inequity in staffing and services to students. Each design concept will be shared with the community during each September forum along with the Design Steering Committees' recommendation.

Design Committee Conceptual Framework: Al Jacunski graphically overlaid the 75,000 sq. ft. architectural design of each school concept on the existing sitemaps of Flanders School, Niantic Center School and Lillie B. Haynes School.

- Concept C1
 - Lillie B. Haynes and Flanders School
- Concept C2
 - Niantic Center and Flanders School
- Concept C3
 - Lillie B. Haynes and Niantic Center School

These displays will be presented at each community forum. If a two school option is selected, Concept 2 would be the easiest option to implement because Lillie B. Haynes School, which is centrally located, could house the students of the school currently being renovated. Al Jacunski will check with the Town of East Lyme regarding the boundary lines of the cemetery adjacent to Niantic Center School.

Community Forums: The Design Steering Committee will hold a community forum at each elementary school on September 23, 24 and 25, 2014. Tim Hagen will draft the forum presentation. Options to advertise the three forums include an announcement in local newspapers, Channel 22, social media, mailings, school and district websites, and email. Candice Carlson will work with Leigh Reinhart to create a community survey using Survey Monkey. The Design Steering Committee will email questions to be answered at each community forum to leigh.reinhart@eastlymeschools.org.

Next Meeting: The next Design Steering Committee meeting will be held on a date to be determined in August 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

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