

Meeting Minutes
Facilities Master Plan Committee
April 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Present: Richard Fitzgerald, Joyce Hussein, Seamus Fennessy, Armando Barbosa, Lou Gitto, John Marcus, Guest – Sandra Groppi
Absent: Katie Enokian

1. Facility Master Plan Report Update – Joyce Hussein discusses the purpose of the meeting relative to the information from the MSBA relayed regarding the requirement that a SOI will need to be filed soon showing the intention of which school be identified as the school that will be considered for combining with the South. We will be amending the FMPC at this meeting to reflect our desire to explore the option of repurposing of the Wilkins and of being able to build a larger South through the feasibility study for the South Elementary.

The amendments to the FMPC lay out two additions – options 1 and 2. Option 1 is essentially the replacement of each building one by one and the cost to do so in 2021 dollars. While not ideal long term fiscally, it is an option that the MSBA will look at in feasibility stage. Option 2 lays out the phases of downsizing elementary buildings over the near future starting with the repurposing of the Wilkins and options for its reuse. There is currently a great deal of specific information in what the plans are for phase 1. Phase 2 is the replacement of the middle school.

Joyce's concern with the phases in option 2 are the costs associated with each line as the phases do not have dates and the escalations cannot be made for dates unknown or for dates that far in the future. Potential savings can be reflected in a comparison of South built as option 1 and a South built as a combined school.

The document will be refined to express the vision specific to the goals needed for Town Meeting to focus on the early phases of option 2.

Next meeting 4/28 at 6:00.

2. Old/New Business – none
3. Motion to adjourn – motion, Lou Gitto, 2nd John Marcus, unanimous. Adjourned 8:03