

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee met 6 times. We discussed long range goals and purpose of the Committee. This year we focused on visiting five schools (High School, Hampden Meadows, Sowams, Primrose Hill and Nayatt. We also toured the new Middle School). The purpose of the visitations was to gain an understanding of building layouts, facility improvements over the years and to identify crucial future facility needs. (See minutes from site visits for more detailed information regarding the visits).

Part of our discussions focused on securing a grant from the RI Department of Education to conduct a district wide facilities study. RIDE is requiring every District in RI to have a facilities plan in order to be able to qualify for reimbursements on projects which includes identified immediate health and safety concerns. Conducting a facilities study was estimate at a cost of 100K. The funding for this study was requested through our capital proposal in our FY 19-20 capital budget. Additionally we were notified in May of 2019 we have been awarded a grant from RIDE (of up to \$150,000) to fund a district wide facilities study.

Our charge for next year will be to develop a RFP for the facilities study and discuss establishing priorities for future capital projects.