

**Barrington School Building Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2022**  
**Barrington Middle School Student Union**

Present were Ms. Bae, Ms. Crean, Dr. Dillon, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Glum, Mr. Guthlein, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Messore, Dr. Rosengard, Mr. Sangiuliano, and Mr. Wilmarth

Also present was Mr. Schmigle, Ms. Jessup, and Mr. Trim of KBA and Mr. Cropper of Cropper GIS

Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

A. Stage II Update/Scope - [KBA/Cropper Presentation 10.11.2022](#)

a. Enrollment/Cropper Update

- Presented by Mr. Cropper - K-12 Planning firm specializing in demographic studies, facilities planning, and school redistricting.
- Mr. Cropper reviewed the student distances to schools using current enrollment data
- Mr. Cropper stated that the data had not been filtered down to exclude major roads or other potential hazards
- Committee members posed questions to Mr. Cropper and discussion ensued

b. Discussion of RIDE PreK presentation

- Ms. Bae submitted follow up questions to Ms. Nugent from RIDE and shared the responses
  1. Ms. Nugent previously stated the State (RI) model supports  $\frac{1}{3}$  programs like Head Start,  $\frac{1}{3}$  community-based preschool programs, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  preschool programs in LEA's but clarified that statewide configuration of ratios differ from district to district and while RIDE strives to offer families choice within the district, there is not a required ratio
  2. Ms. Nugent clarified that a PreK/K learning facility would work in the community because it would allow K teachers to continue using ECE (early childhood) best practices and partner with preschool and pre-k teachers
  3. Ms. Nugent reviewed FAPE (free and appropriate public education) which refers to the special education and related services that each child with a disability is entitled to by law.

c. KBA Update - including timeline update

- Ms. Jessup reviewed the project timeline
- Scope of project for Stage II submission needs to be identified
- Committee members asked for guidance on developing systematic approach to review data that has been presented (fact sheet)

d. Stage II Priority I and II items - due to time constraints this topic was deferred to another time

B. Next meeting will be held October 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

C. Approval of Minutes 9.27.2022

- Minutes for the September 27, 2022 meeting were not available

D. Public Comment

- Erika Twohig 4 Eleanor Drive. Ms. Twohig stated concerns of Option 2B in regards to the ELC and possibility of Kindergarteners having to transition to another building after only one year. Ms. Twohig also stated that she was concerned that all school principals were not on this committee. Ms. Twohig asked if the Community will get to vote on all bonds. Ms. Twohig stated that the 95% occupancy rate for potential new builds seemed tight for future enrollment

- Neile Hartman, 18 Great Road. Ms. Hartman stated having the school building committee meeting at this hour was an unacceptable way to create community involvement. She feels that there is community frustration and that Option 2B has incredible flaws. Ms. Hartman asked if a comprehensive traffic study had been done
- Adam Mileikowsky, 4 Belton Drive. Mr. Mileikowsky stated he does not appreciate the time (4 p.m.) of these meetings. Mr. Mileikowsky does support the plan for new schools but would have preferred plan 3 vs. 2B. Mr. Mileikowsky is surprised the committee is going so slow making decisions.
- Ms. Hartman spoke again and stated her frustration of the building committee process
- Ms. Twohig spoke again and stated she feels Primrose Hill school is only overcrowded because the District added 4 preschool classrooms, not because of a population issue.
- Ms. Megan Lavigne, 17 Highview Ave. Ms. Lavigne stated she appreciated the meetings are hybrid so she can listen from home. Ms. Lavigne asked what the pros and cons are of Option 2B vs. PreK - 2 schools. Ms. Lavigne is concerned about the possible traffic issues of the preschool/K Early Learning Center

**Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Motion was so moved by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Ms. Crean, and approved unanimously.**