

**George H. Mitchell Elementary School Project  
School Building Committee Minutes #33  
Academy Building, 66 Central Street, Bridgewater MA  
Monday, January 27th, 2020 6:30pm**

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**Voting Committee Members in attendance:**

John Gerrish, Chair  
Lillian Holbrook  
Harsh Rebello  
Eric Desrochers  
Scott Wauchope  
Mark Linde

**Non-Voting Committee Members in attendance:**

Dennis Bray  
Lisa Ohman  
Kathleen Macedo  
Derek Swenson  
Robert Powers

**Voting Committee Members not in attendance:**

Michael Dolan, Vice Chair  
Patrick Driscoll  
John Dzialo  
Scott Wauchope  
Joseph Oravec  
Michael Losche

**Others in Attendance:**

Shane Nolan, DPI  
Mike McNulty, DPI  
Jeff Yost, RDA  
Gene Raymond, RDA  
Kris Bradner, Traverse  
Dustin Powell, Traverse  
Alicja Zukowski, Samiotes

**Call to Order by the Chair of the Committee, John Gerrish, at 6:42PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

**OPM Update**

The MSBA has prepared and sent the project funding agreement for the district for execution. RDA and DPI have been meeting with work groups and RDA and its consultants are continuing with development of the design development documents. There have not been any changes to the schedule or the upcoming meeting updates at this time. The budget and reimbursements have not had any updates or changes. An updated detailed project schedule was reviewed with the committee.

**Designer Update**

Kris Bradner and Dustin Powell with Traverse Landscape Architects provided updates to the landscape throughout the site layout. The parking lot has been designed to include trees throughout the islands in the parking areas. The Pre-K play area has been expanded and the cost to expand the area will be reviewed as it was not originally included in the schematic design and budget. These increased costs will be shown to the committee once available. The Pre-K and K-2 play equipment is in the process of being selected and pricing will be presented to the group. An update for the K-2 play was to add an outdoor learning area that includes a deck area and cistern that empties out into rain gardens. Security and safety fences will have a spring-loaded latch and will be chain-link on the outer areas with ornamental on the inside areas. Cost estimators for all proposed updates will be presented to the committee before any final decisions are made.

Alicja Zukowski with Samiotes Consultants, Inc. presented the utility and stormwater management progress and updates for the project. The design allows for overflow to drain into the nearby stream and will meet or exceed the current drainage throughout the site. The wetlands will not be disturbed by any of the new lines going in. A review of the electric, gas, and fire protection was also discussed with the committee and all utilities were confirmed to be run underground. The area next to the senior center will have added drainage pipes and new catch basins. Retaining walls need to be reviewed for the wall finishes per zoning requirements.

Gene Raymond went over the updates to the Floor Plan which will help to promote natural lighting. Mr. Raymond showed several slides that visualized the way the natural light would impact each floor. A space summary update was also included in Mr. Raymond's discussion and while there have been small variations to the building, the total gross square footage has not changed. The committee asked that the stage on the ground floor be reviewed. The net to gross ratio is currently at 1.47 meeting the MSBA requirement of being less than 1.5. There are no changes to the LEED for any of the updates.

A building 'fly-through' was shown to the committee offering a 3D model visualization for the building plan.

### **Report of Communication Group**

There are two public meetings scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1PM at the senior center, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Lecture hall of the High School.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Approval of Previous SBC Meeting Minutes**

**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Due to a lack of a quorum, the vote for the meeting minutes will be postponed.*

### **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:**

February 10th, 2020

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Committee Comments**

No committee comments.

**Adjourn at 9:02PM.**

Prepared by: Joshua McGraw

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Lillian Holbrook Secretary-Clerk

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Date of Acceptance

