

TC/BOE STRATEGIC PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Enfield Room at Town Hall (820 Enfield Street).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BOE Members – Greg Stokes, Chairman; Judy Apruzzese-Desroches, Chuck Johnson, and Joyce Hall

TC Members – Scott Kaupin, Mayor; Bill Lee, Cindy Mangini, and Patrick Crowley.

ALSO AT THE TABLE:

Paul Russell, IT Director; Matt Coppler; Town Manager; and John Gallacher, Superintendent of Schools.

OFFICIALS IN THE AUDIENCE:

BOE Members – Peter Jonaitis and Donna Szewczak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Lee moved, and Mrs. Mangini seconded to approve the minutes of April 22, 2010. Motion passed unanimously by a show-of-hands.

Mr. Crowley moved, and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve the minutes of May 6, 2010. Motion passed unanimously by a show-of-hands.

CONTINUATION OF SCHOOL CONFIGURATIONS:

Discussion continued on various scenarios selected from the presentations to date. This included a presentation by Tim Van Tasel and LeAnn Beaulieu that contained a proposal to reutilize Stowe School and a second proposal that reutilized Alcorn School. (Note: A copy of the full presentation is on the School District's webpage at www.enfieldschools.org).

Tim Neville and John Coleman then made a presentation showing the partial versus full implementation of 6th grade classes into Kennedy Middle School for September 2010. Partial implementation of approximately 10 classes is manageable. Full implementation seems unattainable for September 2010. (NOTE: Full presentation on website).

Dr. Gallacher then presented his personal opinion on school reconfiguration. He proposed reutilizing Alcorn School for September 2010 and reassigning the students in grades PK-5 between Parkman, Stowe, and Whitney School. Alcorn 6th graders would go to JFK along with 6th graders from Parkman, Stowe, Whitney, and Enfield Street School.

For September 2011, Dr. Gallacher proposed housing all 6th graders at JFK, utilizing 4 of the existing elementary schools as PK-2 buildings, and using 3 of the remaining elementary schools as 3-5 grade schools.

Depending upon the Town's ability to add an additional wing and needed remodeling to Fermi High School, the Town would house all 9-12 graders at Fermi High at a date to be determined. (Note: Full presentation on web site).

Following each presentation, the school administrators replied to questions from the committee members.

It was requested that Building and Grounds revisit the elementary schools and provide an opinion as to the potential savings, if any, in upcoming CIP costs reutilizing a particular school would offer over another.

Mr. Stokes noted that the committee will reconvene on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 PM in the Enfield Room at Town Hall to deliberate and make a recommendation for BOE consideration. A Community Conversation will follow on May 20th starting at 7:00 PM in the JFK Cafeteria. The recommendation will be on the May 25th BOE agenda for action.

At 8:32 PM, Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches moved, and Mrs. Mangini seconded to adjourn the TC/BOE Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a show-of-hands.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gallacher, Recorder

Attachments(3)