

FACILITIES TASK FORCE III

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Tarbell Administration Building

6:30 p.m.

Present: Voting Members: Bill McDonald, Nancy Bugbee, Maryanne Squeglia, Gary Hoglund, Dave Johnson, Karen Lofgren, Pete Carson, Walter Alterisio
Nonvoting Members: Dr. Alan Genovese, Steve Byrne

Vice Chair Maryanne Squeglia called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

After review and minor amendments suggested, the Vice Chair made a motion to accept the FTF meeting minutes from the January 17, 2008 and February 7, 2008 meetings. The motion was unanimously accepted to approve the two sets of meeting minutes with noted amendments.

The Boutwell School report, prepared by Karen Lofgren, was discussed and reviewed for any changes and/or additional information. Recommendations were made to add verbage regarding a much needed fence for the playground there. It was noted that *if* a fence was to be put in at Boutwell, special consideration be given to the issue of arsenic in the soil; the disturbance/spreading of the soil could be of concern when post holes were dug during construction. Ms. Lofgren would make the necessary changes to her report and bring a final copy of it with her to the next scheduled meeting of the FTF.

Dr. Genovese stated to the committee that he was able to get information on the population of one, two and three-year old children currently residing in Groton and Dunstable. He noted that this was great information, particularly for forecasting future student enrollments in the years to come. Dr. Genovese then posed a question to the group: How do we take that information, based on projections of enrollment, and decide how it will look, in the near future, at Boutwell?

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Prescott Elementary School, specifically formation of the school's "Special Consideration" items and "Capital Improvement" items to be included in the final recommendations' report. Due to the recent vote by the School Committee, supported by the District Administration, to take Prescott off-line as an elementary school, it was noted that, *if, at any point in time*, Prescott was brought back on-line for use as an elementary school, the following items would resolutely need to be addressed:

Prescott Elementary

Capital Improvements

- Electrical/Lighting/HVAC upgrade with design/architectural study
- Underground oil tank replacement or tank removal/gas conversion

Special Considerations

- Acoustical gym treatment
- Carpet replacement
- Air balancing
- Asbestos removal
- Security alarm
- Interior painting
- Replacement of rear exit stairs
- Bubbler replacement

It was agreed that at the final meeting of the FTF, the members would review the final reports, executive summary, and power point slide presentation. Dr. Genovese inquired as to whether or not we would like to have a dvd produced, containing all of our information, and then put a copy of it in the 'official' FTF III binder. He also asked whether or not the FTF would like to make the binder available to the public by providing a copy to the towns' public libraries. It was also mentioned that a press release, in reference to the FTF's completed work and final recommendations, should be considered (i.e. The Groton Herald, The Groton Landmark).

The next scheduled meeting of the FTF would be on Thursday, March 20, at Tarbell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.