

AHS Facility Study Committee Minutes of Aug 23, 2019

Chair: Mark Johnson

Members Present: Shelley Berman, Mark Johnson, David Howard, Karen Waters, Renee Druke

Liaisons: Shannon Scully,

Location: Andover School Admin Building - School Committee Room

Call to Order:

Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Discuss MSBA Senior Study Site Visit: Mark stated that he wanted to be prepared for the Sep 25, 2019 site visit at AHS. Shelley explained how the process played out when MSBA visited West Elementary. MSBA definitely controlled the dialogue. Four people from MSBA attended, including a demographer and a couple of engineers were part of the visit. Their tour of AHS will be specific and not long – about 2 hrs. Shelley stated that we can give MSBA handouts; but that we should not plan on a power point since they will not have time.

Building issues and systems must be stressed to MSBA officials during the tour. Enrollment numbers should be given ~ 1800 plus students. There is a potential of a Club Fair which may be occurring at the same time. This tour falls on Day 3 during H, D, C blocks. Some students may be in the cafeteria for early lunches which would be good for MSBA to see.

Suggesting a renovation would be a good move as it would be seen as a positive by MSBA. The feasibility study may state otherwise. The renovation would come in about \$160M which is less than a \$300M project to build. On this visit, MSBA would just be looking at the core, not the Collins Center or Fieldhouse. Shelley does think that there are limited funds. Shelley also stated that there seems to be about 61-62 applications in the MSBA pool at this time.

Mark Johnson wanted to be sure that we create a list of rooms which aren't classrooms for MSBA to see (i.e. media center, I-lab, Locker rooms, bathrooms, English rooms downstairs, etc.). We would also need a print out of the document Anil created showing the temperature from April 2019. We should also get a list of when Andover schools were built and renovated. Also, Mark pointed out that the outside AHS building issues must be presented. A new handout showing the façade problem – redoing the slide. We should make sure we have a video showing the students entering in the morning to stress the issues here. We also need the completed AHS traffic student report for this visit.

The group that meets with MSBA should be a small, tight core group. A dry run of the MSBA visit should be scheduled shortly before Sep 25th. We should also give them a list of the building projects that weren't originally included in the demographics report down by MGT in 2016. Shannon expressed concern about community support in terms of funding. But Mark pointed out that at the May Town Meeting it was almost a unanimous vote to pass the warrant for the high school.

In the end, all these ideas for the visit were provided but with the realization that MSBA will and does control the site visit.

Shannon Scully moved to adjourn the meeting; Karen Waters seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:24am. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2019 at 7:30AM.

Sincerely,

Alison Phelan,
Recorder