

AHS Facility Study Committee Minutes of Sep 13, 2019

Chair: Mark Johnson

Members Present: Joel Blumstein, Mark Johnson, David Howard, Karen Waters, Renee Drueke, Annie Gilbert, Phil Conrad

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 passed out the original letter from MSBA confirming the visit to AHS. A discussion of the points the Committee want to highlight on the visit was the main focus of the meeting.

Physical Conditions: Phil wants to use the most recent AHS Statement of Interest (SOI) as the basis for this conversation, since MSBA has this already in their possession.

Top 5 things from teachers' point: overcrowding, room sizes, number of rooms; information from Energize Andover. Phil has a document with the max and minimum temps for Rooms 328 and 129. We should also look at data from September 2018 as it was a hot month too. We will also look at Jan-Feb 2019 maximum and minimum temps. We should keep it to a 1-page bullet point fact sheet. Also Phil will say that there is a lack of work space for teachers to meet with students, so teachers move 2-3x/day to teach. It affects teaching time since teachers may be late getting to the next classroom with only 4 minutes to get to the next classes. The maximum seating capacity in the cafeteria is 450; thus, we have to do 4 lunches and that in turn impacts scheduling. We should remind MSBA AHS is a closed campus.

There's also a diagram of the high school. Janet Nicosia also wants to stress the age of some of the HVAC units and also tour of this area. Janet wanted to point out that renovating windows, ventilators, etc has been and can be very disruptive to classroom teaching. There is no room to fix things during the day. This can be explained if the tour stops in front of the building or by the loading dock area -- so there is a visual of the SOI points. Mark pointed out that these facts should also be on another bullet pointed doc for MSBA to take back. We can say that the building was made in the 1960s and it no longer works for today's environment and education plan. Questions were posed on whether we want to highlight the mechanical deficiencies from this 1960s building. The hazmat report should also be done by then.

Elected officials will be at the first part of MSBA visit for the meeting. We need to exude confidence when meeting with them. We want them to understand that the community is behind this project and will support it.

A good discussion on the visit and planned "practice tour" will be taken place this Friday. However, we should remember this is a tight 2-hr visit that MSBA will have control.

Shannon Scully moved to adjourn the meeting; Phil Conrad seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:44am. Next meeting is scheduled for *Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7:30AM.*

Sincerely,

Alison Phelan,
Recorder