

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
June 16, 2022

In attendance: Donald DiBiasio, Paul Jennings, Joan Menard, Elvio Ferreira, Superintendent-Director, Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent-Principal, Helena Neves, Executive Secretary

The meeting began with a roll call at 4:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the April 21, 2022 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio asked Mrs. Torres to provide the Community Projects update. Mrs. Torres reported that most of the community projects have wrapped up and that staff and students had a good year. The garage project still has some work to be finished which will be completed next school year.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that the Town Administrator in the Parks Department is very happy with the work that has been done by our students. Mrs. Torres stated that there may be additional work which will include trenching, a skill that typically students don't get the opportunity to do, which will be done in the upcoming school year.

Mr. Rebello stated that the Electronics Program completed their project for the Fall River Children's Museum. They created a control panel that mimics the one in the Apollo 13. This project has received some attention and recognition at the local and state level.

Mrs. Torres reported that the Carpentry Program will be completing another playhouse for the Rosemary Wish Kids Foundation in the upcoming school year. Mrs. Torres further stated that staff and students were able to attend the ceremony at which the playhouse was presented to this year's recipient. Mrs. Torres also reported that teachers went above and beyond by purchasing items using their own money to make the playhouse nicer for the child.

Mr. DiBiasio provided an update on the 2022-2023 Housebuilding Project. Three applications have been received to date. The carport application is not a viable project due to its proposed location, the lack of architectural plans and town variances. The 2 stall garage project is also not a viable project due to its location, lack of architectural plans and city variance. A contractor started the project but issues arose and work was not finished. The project was shut down by the city inspector. The 3rd application submitted by People Inc. for an addition to the current building has met the initial project qualifications of owning the land, possessing architectural plans, financial approval and town approval. Mrs. Torres stated that at first glance it looks like the addition may be a viable project and requested permission to enter into negotiations and request additional information from the applicant.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. Jennings and voted unanimously to enter into negotiations with People Inc. and request additional information for the addition project.

Dr. Ferreira provided an update on the practice fields. The site had been deemed as a viable, however its location would be more towards the south side and trees would need to be removed in order to build a 50 yd. x 40 yd. practice field. The projected cost of the practice field project is an estimated \$250,000.

Mr. DiBiasio asked if the utilities for the new building will need to run under the practice field.

Dr. Ferreira stated that he didn't think so but would inquire with the architect.

Mr. Kitchen stated that the practice field cost will depend on how the district wants to grade the fields, fencing, drop screen, etc.

Mr. Jennings expressed his concern due to area being on a ledge and the cost of the project.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that with the new building construction the practice fields are needed in order to accommodate the needs of the students and avoid having to transport students to other fields.

Mr. Jennings suggested having the Athletic Director involved.

Mr. DiBiasio would like to see an Athletics Sub-Committee developed to assist with the planning.

It was agreed by all the members to wait and revisit the practice fields project in August.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to adjourn the Sub-Committee meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Materials Included: April 21, 2022 Minutes
Community Projects
22-23 House Building Program Application