

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 13, 2019

In attendance: Donald DiBiasio, Paul Jennings, Joan Menard, Thomas F. Aubin, Gregory Brillhante, Deborah Kenney and Elvio Ferreira.

The meeting began with a roll call at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the November 20, 2018 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. Jeffrey Cabral provided an update on the housebuilding project – sheetrock will be complete after school vacation, the project is on schedule/budget, and the electrical inspection has passed.

Two applications have been received for the 2019-20 Housebuilding project – a ranch in Westport and a home for Horace Mann Education Foundation (HMEA). Mr. DiBiasio requested that the plans for the Westport home be submitted for the next meeting. Mrs. Torres provided background regarding the Horace Mann Educational Associates home. They are looking to build a home for five-disabled woman. They do not have property as of yet, but are looking in the four sending communities. The Committee reviewed the plans received from the HMEA and Mrs. Torres reported that they are not necessarily committed to the design. The home does not have to be ADA compliant. Mrs. Menard suggested that the home be ADA compliant for future residents. Mr. DiBiasio suggested that the applicants attend the next meeting.

Mr. Aubin presented the two plans for the foyer security vestibule. The quotes received are without the double doors. There will be a significant price increase for the double doors. The Committee requested the quotes for the double doors. This item will be tabled to the next meeting. Mrs. Kenney said that for a construction project, the District will need to have specs and have it publicized and it may not be ready for the March meeting.

Mrs. Torres provided a report on the Carpentry – curriculum change (shed auction). The sophomore instructors are building two sheds as part of the framing curriculum. The administration is requesting that the sheds be auctioned off at the end of the year and that it be an in-house auction.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to allow the school to have a silent auction for the sheds that are being constructed in the Carpentry/Cabinetmaking Program as part of the curriculum.

Mrs. Torres provided a report on the Wish Kids Playhouse Program – the organization partners with vocational schools to build playhouses for Ronald McDonald House patients. All materials are provided by the Wish Kids Playhouse Program. The District will not meet the deadline for this year, but will work on it for next year.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. Jennings, and voted unanimously to build a playhouse for the Wish Kids Playhouse Program for the next school year.

Mrs. Torres provided an update on a Building and Property Maintenance student who, as part of his obtaining an Eagle Scout badge, may be installing signs for the Fall River Water Dept. The Swansea DPW Garage plans were submitted to the town and are awaiting a response.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. Jennings, and voted unanimously to adjourn the Sub-Committee meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Materials Included: November 20, 2018 Minutes
2019-20 Housebuilding Applications (Borges/Guinen and Horace Mann)
Plans/Quotes for Foyer Security Vestibule
Rosemary's Wish Kids