

## **MEDFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

### **Regular Meeting**

**June 26, 2023 - 7:00 pm**

**Public Safety Building Training Room, 112 North Street, also available via Zoom**

PRESENT: Mike Weber  
William Werner  
Teresa James  
Michelle Kirkby  
Anthony Papantonis  
Bob Meaney  
Dr. Meredith Chamberland  
Carolyn Casey  
Kristin Simonini  
Kristine Trierweiler, ex-officio, non-voting member  
Dr. Jeffrey Marsden, ex-officio, non-voting member

ABSENT: Mather Eldred  
Robert Worth  
Robert Donahoe  
Stephen Grenham, ex-officio, non-voting member

#### **1. Subcommittee update - Survey results summary**

- Ms. Casey said there are 3 things to look at: comments, survey summary and when you would like us to put it on the town's website.
- Ms. Casey brought up the survey results on the screen and asked Mr. Werner to speak to it.
  - Plus or minus 1100 -1200 responses
  - Seems like the results mirror the vote at town meeting so we had a good sample of people answering
- Ms. Simonini asked for the top 3 things that rose to the top of the results.
- Mr. Werner said education, cost, MSBA funding in that order.
- Mr. Werner then went to the next slide on yes v. no votes reasoning.
- Mr. Werner went on to discuss the respondents' relationship to the schools.
- Ms. Casey commented that they never asked whether or not they wanted to fix the school. We just asked whether or not they voted for the proposal as presented.
- Ms. Casey went over the word cloud summary
- Ms. Simonini asked if this would be used to drive more divisiveness to show Dale is bigger than Wheelock because you could interpret it as wanting Dale, not just that it was in someone's response more.
- Ms. James asked if we should pull this out of the summary or put a disclaimer on it?

- Mr. Werner agreed we should put a disclaimer on it and point people to the comments for more information.
- Mr. Weber said he wasn't getting a lot out of it, he would agree to take it out.
- Ms. Kirkby agreed that it's not very helpful to bring us together to move forward. Ms. Kirkby then asked if there were any silver linings of things that could bring us together.
- Mr. Werner answered that he didn't think the takeaway was necessarily showing divisiveness and that it was a single point of time. Mr. Werner wants to understand more on the no and have some public forums.
- Ms. James stated she had to drop from the call for another meeting and said maybe we drop the word cloud.
- Dr. Chamberland pointed out that some of the comments make clear the public doesn't know where the committee stands as far as point in time of the larger process.
- Ms. Casey said to her the biggest piece was that folks wanted to be included and educated about the process.
- Mr. Werner said we reached 1100 plus people but the bad news is that outside of the committee members there are currently only 6 people watching this meeting. We need to figure out how to reach the people. We can't let others communicate for us because we start to lose control. I think the summary document is good but at some point someone is going to write a narrative about it and post it to facebook or something and we'll lose the facts. We need to figure out how to get this out and make people pay attention.
- Ms. Simonini said maybe we need to draft a timeline and outstanding decisions that need to be brought like location options, grade distributions, etc.
- Ms. Casey agreed on the timeline. Where to go from here.
- Ms. Casey said on the SBC page, we could put survey results, summary, and comments. We should also say we will continue to solicit comments along the way.
- Ms. Simonini suggested there should be an indication of next steps and here is what we will do with the findings.
- Ms. Casey said maybe two general statements that our next step will be a timeline and what was learned and that we are committed to a process that involves the entire community.
- Mr. Weber suggested they create that.
- Committee members discussed how the siting process happened last time and what the timeline was to narrow down the site locations.
- Ms. Casey suggested that between now and Medfield Day that we can get some fact sheets together for locations.
- Mr. Weber said he would work on getting something together on locations. The next meeting we'll go over that more. We'll also go over Medfield Day at the next meeting for July 11th at 5PM.

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Ms. Kirby made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Casey seconded the motion. Roll Call vote:

- Mike Weber - yes
- Michelle Kirkby - yes
- Anthony Papantonis - yes
- Bob Meaney - yes
- Carolyn Casey - yes
- Dr. Meredith Chamberland - yes
- Kristin Simonini - yes
- William Werner - yes

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittney Franklin