

Minutes

Little Compton School Building Committee

Workshop, Tuesday, July 13, 6:30 pm

Wilbur McMahan School Library

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Alder at 6:30 pm.

Members present: Tom Alder, Don Gomez, Beryl Borden, Margaret Manning, Dave MacGregor, Bob Mushen, Tom Arkins, Mike Steers, Mark Rapp, John Osbourne, Lynn Brousseau – Lebreux, Ben Gauthier, Dorie Freeman, Jake Talbot

Members absent: Superintendent Harold Devine, Principal Jim Gibney, Micah Shapiro, BG Shanklin.

The Architectural Firm of Durkee Brown Viveiros and Werenfels was represented by Doug Brown, Ed Cifune, and Ashley Prester.

Several community members were present to engage in a discussion with the design team and Building Committee. After a review of the process by DBVW, the community members in attendance were asked several questions regarding the school. The questions and answers are as follows.

Community Questions:

1. What are the positive attributes of the school?

- **Save whole, “original” school with little expansion; use spaces already here**
- **Accommodate many town uses and functions**
- **People relate to the original part of the building and the original 1929 facade**
- **Teachers, parents and students**
- **Athletics program**

2. What elements should be retained?

- **Stone work**
- **Fields**
- **Courtyards**
- **Front elevation of 1929 building**

3. What should be improved?

- **Separation of public spaces from classrooms**
- **Location of Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms**
- **Provide science labs for lower grade use**
- **More technology**
- **Indoor recess area**
- **Entrance**
- **Bring back shop/vocational arts**
- **Greenhouse for agricultural program**

4. Identify learning environment concerns

- Primitive science lab**
- Band room adjacencies**
- OP/PT in Commons, Speech Therapy in Library – Need separate rooms for special education**
- Too hot, too cold, too noisy**
- Basement classrooms**
- Handicapped access**
- MS separate from Elementary**

5. What are some key community needs?

- Emergency shelter use**
- Town meetings**
- Wellness programs**
- Gardening, access to greenhouse**
- Elderly programs**
- Summertime access**
- Sports**
- WiFi**

6. What spaces should be available to the public

- Library**
- Computer lab**
- Toilet facilities**

At the conclusion of the discussion, a tour of the school was given by Dave MacGregor and Ed Cifune. Some members of the design team, the Building Committee, and the community continued the discussion while the tour was being given.

On a motion by Tom Alder, and seconded by Don Gomez, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

**Respectfully submitted,
Chairman Tom Alder**