

Lincoln High School Building Committee

Committee Meeting ¼ January 10, 2015 Minutes

Lincoln High School Tour

Attendees Present:

Town Administrator T. Joseph Almond

Superintendent Georgia Fortunato

Director of Public Works Michael Gagnon

Finance Director John Ward

Town Planner Al Ranaldi, Jr.

Business Manager Lori Miller

School Committee Member Kristine Donabedian

School Committee Member Julie Zito (Building Committee Co-chair)

School Committee Member Mary Anne Roll

Facilities Manager Armand Milazzo

Town Councilman Arthur (TJ) Russo, Jr. (Building Committee Co-chair)

Budget Board Member Mike Babbitt

Lincoln High School Principal Kevin McNamara

Absent:

Town Councilman James Jahnz

School Committee Member John LaFleur

Business:

The tour of the Lincoln High School campus, conducted by Principal Kevin McNamara, included:

„« The original junior high, now called the „North wing“

o The gymnasium

o The athletic training area

„X Donated equipment used for athletic injury rehab. Kevin McNamara stated that it would be better served closer to the playing fields and the gymnasium. A Wellness Center keeps the Lincoln High School more marketable when students are deciding on high schools.

o A large group room

o Some lower classes and the weight room

„X The weight room has some original equipment. Several students utilize the weight room.

o Storage areas/hallway

„X Instead of paying \$1500 per month to store old furniture/items, it is stored in the lower section of the old junior high school.

„« The new connector into the broadcast studio

„X Broadcast studio was obtained through Champlin Grant monies. Students broadcast the daily announcements and some public service announcements. Kevin mentioned that students have to go across the corridor to develop/print information and then come back to broadcast. One new area which includes both functions would be preferred.

„« Computer lab across from studio for journalism classes

„« Science lab

„X Kevin would like a science wing. Instead of desks, more modular

furniture and tables. Al Ranaldi questioned what the science labs would be like in 20 years and whether the equipment that is put in place now could be adapted to 20 years from now. Georgia Fortunato stated that they no longer want the "chalk and talk" way of teaching. It is a more rigorous curriculum with greater opportunities.

„« Classrooms

o Art room

„X The art room is an issue with ceramics on one side of the room and art on the other. Kevin said they would like a more conducive room to showcase the projects. Several of the classrooms have heating issues with the pipes. These would need to be addressed. Also, storage/closet space is lacking.

o Special Education classroom for severe/profound students

o English

„« The auditorium

„X There are presently 158 students in band. The band barely fits on the stage. The physical size of the stage needs to be increased. Not all students can fit in the auditorium at the same time. Kevin would also like an LCD projector that all students can see.

„« The music room behind the stage

„X Not large enough to accommodate all band members.

„« The old cafeteria

„X Kevin stated the need for one cafeteria, not two. He needs to utilize twice as many staff members with the two cafeterias and the three lunch periods. One cafeteria is better for scheduling and safety reasons.

„« FCS room

„X Because RI is such a culinary arts state, all appliances/equipment in this room need to be updated.

„« Gymnasium

„X Kevin would like a gymnasium with three sections: practice/main/ a third court. The present gymnasium has water issues which interfere with the flooring.

„« Boys and Girls Locker rooms

„X These have ventilation issues and, where they are located, have inaccessibility issues.

„« Woodworking Shop/Auto Shop

„X Equipment is outdated.

„« High School Computer room

„X Through the Perking grant, have acquired two 3-D printers.

„« Old science lab

„« FBLA store

The Tour ended at 1:00 PM

Joanne McManus, Building Committee Secretary