School Board Committee: Capital Facilities

Date: April 13, 2011

Committee Members Present: Jack Dunn, Chair

Other Board member/s present: Kass Ardinger (appointed), Jennifer Patterson (appointed)

Administration: Matt Cashman, Ed Barnwell, Sue Noyes

Others: Melanie McSteen, Sharon Surette, Pip Lewis, Tina Stanislaski, Anne Dodd

Agenda: Rubber floor tile colors & patterns / Ceramic wall tile colors and patterns

Mr. Jack Dunn opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m., announced the agenda and turned the meeting over to Tina Stanislaski from HMFH Architects. Ms. Stanislaski gave a presentation with colored charts and floor tile samples for each new school. Her main focus was on the common areas, which will have many colors, different patterns, and graphic wall patterns in the hallways. The learning commons corridor areas would have green colors; project areas would have red colors; music room and administrative areas would have two neutral colors because they are smaller areas. The neutral colors would be grays or browns but can be switched if needed.

Ms. Stanislaski was asked to use one school as an example for colors. Ms. Stanislaski said that floor plans and colors on the first floor are basically the same as the second floor classroom space. Three walls would be white to let the sun light in, and one wall would have an accent color. There would also accent furniture, floors, etc. that have not yet been chosen. The cafeterias would have grass and flowers going up the walls. Flooring in administrative areas and classrooms will be rubber tile that will look much like carpeting, and bathrooms will have ceramic tile. Principal Susan Noyes stated they had chosen the colors they wanted. She said she would like colors of nature brought into the building. Ms. Patterson suggested water and stream habitats with scenes of fish, plants, animals, butterflies, etc. throughout the hallways in Mill Brook Primary School.

Suggestions for the Christa McAuliffe School theme would include “in flight” graphic images such as dragonflies, butterflies, birds of prey like eagles and hawks, and the moon and stars. First grade classrooms would feature insects and Second grade classrooms would feature plants.

Abbot-Downing Elementary School would have a transportation theme including balloons, bikes, horses, trains, sailboats, etc.
Cubbies/lockers are metal and will be solid colors, with every other section a different color (but can be one color if requested).

Mr. Dunn appointed Kass Ardinger and Jennifer Patterson to the committee for voting purposes.

After much discussion, the group made the following changes:

- **Abbot-Downing and Millbrook administrative offices will be #4875 (Azurite) and #4873 (London blue topaz).**
- **The Learning Area and Corridor will be #4878 (Blue Star) at Mill Brook only (motioned by Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Dunn).**

Furniture presentations will not be available for awhile. Colors of paint, carpets and furniture will be decided later. HMFH Architects will give advice on accent colors.

Final themes will be provided to the architects. Exterior colors will be discussed at the next meeting in May. Metal panels, window and signage colors need to be considered. Mr. Pip Lewis stated the most challenging task on signage is the focus on colors and letters on ribbon bands, not time actual. Exterior drawings will be redone with changes to Christa McAuliffe School.

Ms. Stanislaski cautioned the committee that if there were drastic differences made on brick and blocks from the original contract there could possibly be an additional charge.

- **The committee adjourned at 6:35 p.m. (motioned by Kass Ardinger, seconded by Jack Dunn).**

Jack Dunn, *Chair*

Matt Cashman, *Recorder*