

ELLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ad Hoc Facilities Committee

October 18, 2012  
Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Ellington Board of Education Ad Hoc Facilities Committee was held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 in the Administration Building. Committee Chairperson, Dan Keune, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Committee members present when the meeting was called to order were: Mr. Gary Blanchette, Mr. Dan Keune, Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Mr. Ronald Stomberg, and Mrs. Melinda Stimac. Administrators present were: Mr. Michael Larkin, Mr. Bruce Brettschneider, Mrs. Margaret Delvin and Mr. Stephen Cullinan. Also present were: Mr. Peter Welti, Chair, Permanent Building Committee; Mr. Peter Williams, Owner's Representative.

- Review of Silver/Petrucci Proposed Floor Plan Schemes for Crystal Lake School

The Silver/Petrucci document presented to the Permanent Building Committee on October 9, 2012 was reviewed. The review covered Floor Plan Schemes: 1, 1A, 2, 3 and 4. There was discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each scheme. Most discussion related to the cost of a one-story versus a two-story expansion and the flexibility provided by each scheme for future expansion.

Mr. Keune expressed concern regarding the amount of real estate left for future expansion. The other schools (Center and Windermere) have no land left for expansion. A one-story structure will use up more land and can significantly restrict future flexibility.

Mr. Williams stated that the committee needs to get down to two options. These options can be presented to the architect to obtain corresponding costs as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each of the two designs.

Mr. Welti stated that a new media center was not part of the original plan of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee and questioned why a new media center would be built instead of renovating the current space. He stated that Scheme 1 appropriately addressed the requests of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. Mr. Keune stated that the architect also stated that they are starting to design schools without media centers.

Mr. Larkin stated that the staff had reviewed the various floor plans and preferred Scheme 3. He stated that he understood the guiding questions of cost and future flexibility which might appropriately favor Scheme 1. Mr. Brettschneider stated that consideration should be given to the need for more than one location for speech services as well as a second resource room.

Mr. Keune questioned how much real estate Scheme 3 would use and whether a one-story structure uses up too much land as this is the only elementary school with any flexibility. Mr. Welti stated that a one-level structure may have some financial savings; however, a two-story structure has more flexibility. He stated that a two-story structure could be expanded in two directions and that a two-story structure meets the budget. He further stated that he likes the

design that does not have a wetlands crossing. Finally, he stated that the Permanent Building Committee has instructed the architect to work on plans that do not use the parking area owned by the church.

Mr. Keune asked if the current ramp will need to be modified. Mr. Welti stated that both Moser and Silver/Petrucci indicated that a modification would not be necessary. Mr. Blanchette asked if it might be necessary to enlarge the cafeteria in the future.

Mr. Welti stated that a one-story addition might leave room for an additional six rooms while a two-story addition might leave room for twenty more rooms. Mr. Welti and Mr. Williams will meet to provide feedback to the architect.

It was the consensus of the committee to select a two-story addition similar to Scheme 1 unless the architectural firm could provide significant reasons for not doing so. This process should be completed by October 25, 2012.

Mrs. Kiff-Judson requested that the driveway for event parking that appeared in the original design be included. Mr. Williams stated that this will be taken care of. Mr. Stomberg, representing town hall concerns, expressed the need for showers and storage for Crystal Lake School to be used as a shelter. The shelter criteria will be given to Mr. Williams who will share them with the architect. Mr. Williams is also working with the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the bleachers and gymnasium.

Mr. Welti stated that the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee will need to decide which group(s) will get storage space and where it will be located. The Permanent Building Committee will not arbitrate those decisions.

- New Business

There was no new business.

- Old Business

There was no old business.

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:13 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Kiff-Judson

2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Blanchette

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Cullinan