The Concord Middle School Building Committee Report

Building Committee Reviews Project Timeline and Public Forum Input

Feasibility and Schematic Design Schedule
Committee Members discussed the schedule for the next two months including what decisions will be necessary to advance both the feasibility study and schematic design at the January 16 meeting of the Concord Middle School Building Committee. The Committee is working to finish the feasibility study by the end of March which would allow schematic design to be completed approximately in late July.

The feasibility study is being informed by educational visioning sessions, programming interviews, public comments from CMS Building Committee meetings, public forums and correspondence, as well as Committee and subcommittee work. Once completed, the study will include a site plan which indicates the location of the building on the site, the building mass and an approximate building size in square footage which will outline the number and types of programs spaces such as classrooms, size of the gymnasium and the type and capacity of an auditorium. The Feasibility Study will yield one preferred building option that is further developed in Schematic Design in order to set a project budget.

Committee members urged interested individuals to attend the next public forum scheduled for Thursday, February 27th at 7pm as that will serve as an opportunity for residents to engage on the aforementioned matters. Individuals are encouraged to attend regularly scheduled Building Committee meetings as well or to email comments, questions or concerns to mxbc@concordps.org.

The Schematic Design phase will require decisions regarding matters that include material selections, programmatic adjacencies, building entries and exits, sustainability options, parking and field positions as well as driveways and circulation. These outcomes will allow cost estimating to begin in late July so that project cost information will be available in time to inform residents as they make the decision regarding the funding for construction at a Town Meeting.

Report on January 14 Community Forum
A full report of feedback from the January 14th Community Forum was provided so that all members of the Committee and project team are aware of what was discussed. Among the matters raised, highlights included requests for a traffic study for both the final condition as well as during construction, questions about inclusion and special education concerns, requests for more engagement, questions regarding educational vision, athletic facilities, community needs, health and wellness, suggestions regarding professional development for teachers in order to maximize the use of the new facility; and, a request for feedback on lessons learned from the high school project.

Upcoming Meetings:

Sustainability Subcommittee: January 30, 10am at the Ripley Building

Concord Middle School Building Committee: February 13, 7:30am at the Ripley Building

Community Forum: February 27, 7 pm at Sanborn Middle School Auditorium

Concord Middle School Building Committee: March 19, 7:30am at the Ripley Building

All meetings are open to the public and interested individuals are encouraged to attend.
Concord Middle School Building Committee Contact Information
Interested individuals can find all relevant materials regarding the Concord Middle School Building Committee including meeting dates, agendas and minutes as well as reports that led to the Town Meeting Warrant Article at www.concordps.org/cms-building-project. For questions and comments, individuals can email the Committee at msbc@concordps.org or utilize the form on the aforementioned web page, https://www.concordps.org/cms-building-project/email-the-cms-building-committee/.