The Concord Middle School Building Committee Report: Committee Kicks Off Design Development Stage; Project Schedule; New Committee Members

Design Development Begins; New Committee Members Added

The Concord Middle School Building Committee (CMSBC) met for the first time since voters approved funding to continue the project through construction on February 17th. Members thanked the voters of Concord for their support of the project as well as the many volunteers who worked on the effort. As part of the meeting, The Committee welcomed new members Stephen Stasheski, who is a community volunteer with construction experience, and Kelly LaFleur who is serving as the Interim Town Manager. The Concord Select Board also extended the term of Heather Bout, who originally served on the CMSBC as a member of the School Committee, for the duration of the project.

Examples of some early Design Development tasks include further discussions with the Superintendent and staff at the Concord Middle School regarding educational programming, scheduling a traffic study, beginning geotechnical and geo-environmental investigations, and conducting hydrant flow tests along with the Concord Fire Department to help determine if a fire pump will be required for the new building.

As the Committee continues to progress through this phase, members will continue to work to identify areas for savings as identified in the open value management log which contains items related to on-site soil management, air circulation, a fire pump, and acoustical screening equipment on the roof.

Project Schedule

Committee members reviewed the project schedule and necessary milestones going forward as they undertake the work to complete the project on time and within budget. The schedule includes the following phases:

- Design Development and Construction Drawings: February of 2022-February of 2023
- Pre-qualifying vendors, bidding and awarding of bids: October of 2022-April of 2023
- Construction: May of 2023-December of 2024
- Punch list and Move in: December of 2024-April of 2025
- Demolition of existing buildings and installation of new fields: April of 2025- November of 2025

Upcoming Meetings

Design Subcommittee: Thursday, March 17 at 7:30am CMSBC Thursday, March 24 at 7:30am

Agendas and zoom links can be found on both the Town of Concord's website and the CMSBC website at https://www.cmsbuildingproject.org/meeting-agendas-minutes.

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.cmsbuildingproject.org. For questions and comments, individuals can email the Committee at msbc@concordps.org or utilize the form on the web page, www.cmsbuildingproject.org.