

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022

5:30 p.m. (virtual)

Present: Rita Kennedy, BOE Member
Brooke Bass, BOE Member
Lisa Brady, Superintendent
Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent
Dave Robertin, Director of Facilities
Andrew Forman, Business Office Intern
Sara Sellitti
Christina Galluzzo

1. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The committee was provided with an update on the rodent and termite treatment at Springhurst during the fall of 2021 which included a timeline of when the issues were first noticed, when treatment began, what types of treatment were used, and what the current status of the treatment is to date.

2. Waste Management

The committee was provided with an update on the waste management and recycling programs. The district has invested significant funding over the last several years to support the recycling program; however, we have had some setbacks in the last two years due to COVID. The district's commitment included hiring the Greenburgh Nature Center to conduct recycling/trash audits and help the district with student and staff training, purchasing recycling/trash bins and receptacles, installing signage, developing a training video for the cleaning crew, transitioning to compostable products in the cafeteria, and starting a food scrap pickup service. The district acknowledges that a "reset" to the program needs to occur and we remain committed to the program's success moving forward.

Additionally, the committee was informed that the current contract for A&A Maintenance is up for renewal at the end of this school year. The district will be issuing an RFP around March to solicit proposals for a July 2022 start date. The recycling program will remain part of the specifications as part of the waste management program.

3. Kindergarten Playground

The committee was provided with an update on the new kindergarten playground that was made possible by a donation from the DF Schools Foundation. The new playground configuration is designed for ages 5-12, which poses an unintentional exclusion of a group of kindergarten students that are not yet 5 years old from September to December of any given year. Meetings have been held with the company who designed the playground and we are discussing options for reallocating the more age-advanced pieces to the lower playground and installing alternate pieces to bring the K playground back to a 2-5 age appropriate level. The intent is to have this resolved before September.

4. Meeting with Our Street Group

The committee was provided with an update from a 1/14/21 meeting that Lisa and Ron had with the Our Street Dobbs Ferry Group. The meeting was a follow up regarding concerns that were raised during the groups 9/30/21 walking tour around Springhurst, specifically, 1) the need for a safe walking path between Children's Village and Springhurst, and 2) a redesign of a crosswalk near the entrance

of the Springhurst bus loop. Ron shared with the group that the district is already engaging with CV and the district's architects to address the issues raised and hopes to have an action plan to report back on in the near future.

5. Embankment Erosion

The committee was provided with an update regarding the letter the BOE received from Metro-North Railroad on 12/29/21 regarding soil erosion that is occurring from the embankment along Wicker's Creek and is located on District property. Metro-North Railroad claims that sediment and debris from the erosion is traveling downhill and poses a potential problem for railroad tracks. Ron reported that he has been in contact with representatives from Metro-North, as well as the district's architects, to work collaboratively on rectifying the issue. Other stakeholders and property owners may be involved as well. Ron also reported that he is looking into the possibility of FEMA funding or other government assistance. Ron will report back to the committee with progress reports.

6. Springhurst Library

The committee was provided with an update on the Springhurst Library construction project. After completion of the PA system and some other punch list items, the library was opened and available for students use on Monday, 1/24. There are a few other minor punch list items that remain, but none that prevent occupying the space.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022