Ad Hoc Concept and Design Committee Notes - May 25, 2016

Present: Kim Appleby (Chair), Rich Barratt, Jerry White, Kristin Collins, Joanne Richards, Tori Manzi, Bob Williams, Marianne Doyle, Beth Fisher, Ron Lamarre (via skype), Sherry Moody.

Committee meeting began at 4:05 PM. Ron shared an updated floor plan with the committee. Student dining has been moved to the lower level and the Village is back up on the second floor next to Culinary. The computer lab was moved to an outside wall and Design Tech was moved to a space with no windows after consulting with the instructor. Ron spoke about separating public from private areas on the second floor. He then shared exterior views of the building. These initial drawings and building materials to be used were discussed. All the roofs slope with the potential for rainwater run-off to be caught in cisterns for re-use. The drawing will be the basis of the concept design shared with the public.

Beth met with the Superintendents Advisory Committee (SAC) and shared an idea the superintendents discussed at the meeting. The SAC asked about the potential for locating a shared Alternative Ed Program in the new facility. Committee members discussed the idea and felt there is merit for further research. Beth will meet with the SAC and get more information about number of students, space needed, etc. Bob felt a decision would need to be made before November. Ron needs to know how much space would be needed for a program. Beth continued her review of her meeting with the SAC.

Kristin reviewed the Communications sub-committee meeting. The sub-committee had members of the Friends of MCST at the meeting. Goals of the committee include press releases, possible funding / grants from local foundations and businesses. Tori belongs to the Friends of the CSD and they often search online for grants. Kim feels the Friends of MCST need more people to volunteer. The committee thought contacting alumni would be helpful. Tori also thought a representative from each of the 19 communities on Friends of MCST is vital.

The committee discussed the student survey and Beth advised the principals have received the survey. Her hope is the surveys will be completed by students in the next couple of weeks. Kim asked if a parents survey would happen this fall. Tori thought an email survey to parents would be possible. Beth gave out the draft parent survey and the committee discussed questions to put on the survey.

The committee discussed the timeline – 16 weeks until November – and what tasks need to occur in July and August. Kim asked Sherry to contact Ron to see if the committee needs to meet before June 22nd and how frequently the committee needs to meet over the summer.