

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

Committee meeting began at 4:30 PM. The committee discussed our current location on the DOE construction list (number 51). Ron spoke about how long current projects on the list are taking. He felt if the referendum failed, we would need to be put on the June ballot. Kim thought the contingency plan should be applying for a DOE construction project and go out for referendum again in June, if necessary. Kim spoke about the results of the Village Soup online poll. Joanne has been in touch with Beth Birmingham at the Courier Gazette who will be doing an article about the referendum next month. Rich asked how the vote is tabulated. Joanne explained it was the total “yes” votes versus “no” votes in the region.

Kim asked about what we plan to do at the public hearings. Ron envisions it will be the same presentation as done earlier about the needs for a new building and our solution. The committee discussed the size of each facility for the hearing and technology in each building. Kim asked Beth if she had lined up any presentations at Kiwanis, school boards or other public entities. Marianne advised the Open House would be another venue for information about the building project. Ron will be attending the Open House and public hearings. Kim asked Sherry about a letter updating the select boards and she advised the letter went out several weeks ago. (The bond impact document went with the letter.) Marianne thought a Facebook boost and YouTube ads would be beneficial. The press will be doing articles and Don Carrigan will do an interview on Channel 6 News. He has committed to come and visit the school. Ron mentioned the possibility of doing a postcard mailer directly before the vote. He also suggested reaching out to alumni and students asking them to vote in support of the project. Jerry suggested getting voter registration cards for students. Ron will send a draft powerpoint to Beth for her review before the public hearings.

The Concept & Design Committee’s next meeting will be the October 26th public hearing at 6:00 PM.

The committee adjourned at 5:10 PM.