

WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BUILDING PROJECT COMMITTEE
Westwood, Massachusetts

AESTHETICS AND DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2021

Attendance and Call to Order

The meeting, held in the Professional Development Room in the Westwood Public Schools District Administration Office, was called to order at 8:02am by Chair Maya Khuri Plotkin. Also present were: Ken Aries, Brian Bayer, Allison Borchers, John Cummings, Mary Kate Ferreira, Jen Flanders, Josepha Jowdy, Tony Mullin, and Emily Parks. Mary Kate Ferreira arrived at 8:06am. Jen Flanders left at 8:37am. Carol Lewis was absent.

Chin Lin of Compass Project Management; and Margaret Daly, Rob Fitzgerald, and Don Walter of Dore and Whittier were also in attendance.

John Cianciarulo recorded the minutes.

Discussion Item

Margaret Daly, an interior designer at Dore and Whittier, facilitated the discussion.

Update on Interior Design

The goal of the design is to create a school in the woods. Ms. Daly presented images related to:

- Shared Spaces – Floor Pattern
- Classrooms – Floor Pattern and Accent Colors
- Desk Design
- Railing Design

The Subcommittee discussed each.

The library / media center design included a sink at the circulation desk. The district will seek the input of elementary librarians as to its location and need.

The railing system of the library / media center was also discussed. Concerns were expressed on associated costs.

The Subcommittee then reviewed individual, physical samples of interior finishes.

The Subcommittee made the following determinations:

- Selected maple as the wood choice
- Requested a lighter paint color (by one shade) of the Kindergarten and Grade 1 classroom accent walls
- Look at a redesign of the media center railing
- Seek feedback on the media center sink
- Corian used as an alternate in classrooms

A subsequent meeting will be scheduled in mid-January to finalize recommendations to the full School Building Committee. Updated information and costs will be made available by then.

New Business

There was no new business.

Action Item

Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by John Cummings to approve the subcommittee meeting minutes of December 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Josepha Jowdy.

Result: 9-0-0 – Approved

Adjournment

MOTION made by Ken Aries to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by John Cummings.

Result: 9-0-0 – Approved

The meeting adjourned at 9:14am.

List of Documents and Exhibits Used at Meeting:

- Draft Subcommittee meeting minutes of December 1, 2021 for the Subcommittee's review and approval
- Slideshow presentation by Dore and Whittier, dated December 8, 2021