

Facilities Committee Meeting - 3/19/19 - Sowams School

Present were Ms. Clancy, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Sangiuliano, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Messore, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Wilmarth, Mr. Learned, and Mr. Quaratella.

- Big issue in the school is the lack of handicapped bathrooms access
- One handicapped bathroom is now being used as a work room. It might be reclaimed for the purposes of a bathroom.
- Doors have been recently fixed to ensure there's security.
- Windows have not been replaced.
- There should be a vestibule for security and HVAC concerns
- This is the newest building in the district built in the 1960s. Closed for years and reopened in 1991. Easiest school to maintain. Could be due to size, but it is well constructed.
- Roof is 10-12 year old. Parking lot is new. Sidewalks are new as well.
- Anything mechanical has not been replaced. There is a generator that's 5 years old.
- This used to be an evacuation site but is no longer.
- LED lighting in all the corridors, hoping to move into classrooms.
- No central air in the office areas, but there are window units in main office and nurses office.
- Classroom are good sized.
- Faculty office probably needs an updated bathroom.
- Server is located in a first grade classroom
- Kindergarten classes are part of the 90s addition
- Fiberglass fibers are starting to fail in the roof of the kindergarten wing
- Exit doors have been added to kindergarten classrooms.
- Library used to be an office area or had some other purpose.
- Media room was once a closet but is now a math specialist's room.
- Courtyard only has one exit, so it is not accessible by students. However it is being redesigned, with the hope of eventually including another door.
- Sole storage area is definitely full.
- PT/OT space has a ladder to the roof.
- Digital controls on the heating, compressor is no longer needed.
- Art room is currently being used, but it could be converted to classroom space as needed.
- 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms share two fairly bathrooms
- Trying to add cameras to cover the drop off and pick up sites as well as the playgrounds.
- Multipurpose room is used by a variety of classrooms and special teachers.
- Kitchen is not used for cooking, so the space should be repurposed to just warm food.
- The room for serving is very much oversized. Will be repurposed.
- Doug is still in communication with RIDE on the request for a study.
- Over the summer, we are going to be converting the home economics classroom to a technology classroom, and we will be using our own manpower.

- For the next tour, we can meet at Primrose Hill. The two remaining schools, Primrose and Nayatt are functionally very similar. They do have different additions. Both schools were struggling with increased enrollment.
- Very little will be coming from the old middle school to the new school. There will be an opportunity for other schools to try to grab the furniture that's not being transferred.
- Suggestion to use a one piece in one piece out policy with repurposed goods.
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