

**ANDOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP**

MINUTES - MAY 28, 2015

School Committee Room – School Administration Building

Members in Attendance: Chair Annie Gilbert, Joel Blumstein, Paula Colby-Clements, Susan McCready, Ted Teichert

Others in Attendance: Dr. Marinel McGrath, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents – Dr. Nancy Duclos, and Paul Szymanski, AHS Design Team Members – S. Armstrong, M. Reidy, R. Druke, D. Downs, A. deKelley, S. Sanborn, and J. Allen

Call to Order - Chairman Annie Gilbert called the School Committee Workshop to order at 4:00PM.

Ms. Gilbert informed the members in attendance that she had received a phone call from a reporter informing her that money for the AHS Media Center had been obtained by Barbara L'Italien, former SC member and now State Rep. She was happy to hear of this and told the Committee that she would have more information once she had time to investigate the matter. Also, Larry Murphy, Town Clerk for the Town of Andover was being named Interim Town Manager until October 2015 – while the search continued for a permanent solution.

All those in attendance read the Final Design Philosophy Statement from David Stephen. Ms. Gilbert asked how we would transfer this design philosophical statement to see what type of space would be needed for the project; Dr. McGrath explained that Mr. Stephen based his architectural concept on this statement and would create from this. Dr. Duclos also stated that she did not see it as a limited resource for some students but for all students to experience and to build a real collaborative between the two buildings – the high school and the Satellite school which would be about 350 students. Dr. McGrath added this is a real campus that she envisioned for the district.

Ms. Reidy added that she had visited 2 similar schools in California as part of the research into creating a Satellite School. One school was more like an elitist school while the other was not. The curriculum was project based with a lot of professional days available for the faculty – in as much as 23 full days. Mr. Armstrong added that the delivery of the program is important along with the project planning and interpreting – that this is what project based learning was about. Ms. Gilbert added that she would like to put a RFP together and see what we can get for costs along with creating a Question and Answer document for the Community. That would be a way to reach to the public and educate them more about the Satellite School concept. Mr. Allen stated that there were some things that worked well at AHS but that there might be other things that could be done in the Satellite School in addition to those things that we do well now.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided that the Committee would put together this “Q & A” document – Ms. Gilbert volunteered to do this; Ms. Colby-Clements asked if a statement and update could be created for parents about the AHS Satellite campus and also if it could be put as a webpage on the SC website. They all felt the more information that was exhibited and provided for the public, the better the outcome would be in the end.

At 4:50pm, J. Blumstein moved that the Andover School Committee adjourn. Ted Teichert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.

Respectfully,

Alison Phelan, Committee Recorder

Attachments:

A - Agenda

B – Final Design Program Philosophy Statement

C - Group Priorities for Satellite School

D – SCOG Analysis

21st Century Learning Goals

PP: Envisioning 21st Century Schools – New Vista Design