

- Present: Courtland Booth, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Heather Bout, Vice Chair, CCSC; CSC
Alexa Anderson, CSC; CCSC
Fatima Mezdad, CSC; CCSC
- Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
- Absent from Administration: Jared Stanton, Director of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Booth at 5:01 PM. Roll call attendance was taken: Anderson, aye; Booth, aye; Bout, aye; Rainey, aye; Mezdad, aye; Wilson, aye.

No public comments.

II. RERPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Concord Middle School Project Updates. Mr. Booth stated that the CMSBC will meet Thursday morning, January 7th, at 7:30 AM and that the Concord Finance Committee will also meet on Thursday night at 7:00 PM, noting that an additional SC meeting will be added on February 2nd to discuss the budget.

Mr. Booth shared the role of the Education Plan, noting that the hope is that the CSC will approve the plan at the next meeting on January 12th. Dr. Hunter shared a high level update on the building project, stating that the CMSBC is in the process of reconvening after having paused when COVID hit, noting that the committee will be honing in on timelines and goals at Thursday's meeting. She stated that SMMA would be driving the process to determine where the project was in April to where it should be. Dr. Hunter stated that the subcommittees would also be reconvening as well and will be bringing information back to the larger group. Dawn Guarriello, Co-Chair of the CMSBC, stated that great strides had been made last year to determine the ideal building and the committee had started to make some of the tough decisions to get to a middle ground that would suit the budget better. Ms. Guarriello stated that this is part of the normal process, noting that the Education Plan will help support the education better with space within the building.

B. CMS Education Plan Review. CMS Principal, Justin Cameron, spoke to the team model approach in middle school. He stated that teaming is building relationships, noting that the research states that students excel and strive in classes if there is a meaningful relationship with an adult in the building. He stated that teaming provides the opportunity for authentic relationships and connections with the adults on the team. Mr. Cameron stated that the Youth Behavior Risk Survey results have also indicated the importance of connections with adults, noting that the data has shifted dramatically.

Dr. Hunter shared an overview of the draft Educational Plan including the project timeline, purpose of the plan, strategic plan and core values, visioning, elements, teaming, homeBASE (CMS' advisory program), curriculum methodologies and practices, and teacher planning. Mr. Cameron, Assistant Principal Olive Bradford, and several department chairs from CMS shared additional information on aspects of teacher planning and teaming. Ms. Guarriello noted that, in her professional experience, all of her current middle school building projects are using the teaming model and not a junior high model. Dr. Hunter continued to share the draft Educational Plan, highlighting lunches, technology, media center/library, visual arts, performing arts, physical education and health, special education, extracurriculars, transportation and security, and next steps.

School Committee members provided feedback on the plan. Ms. Rainey suggested listing current and proposed items to see what would be done differently in a new building. Ms. Mezdad asked for an estimation of what size space is hoped

for and Mr. Booth stated that the design firm would provide this. Ms. Bout suggested highlighting the value of teams and having an executive summary that captures the biggest points, and Ms. Anderson echoed her suggestion. Mr. Booth echoed Ms. Rainey's suggestion of current vs. proposed options. Ms. Bout noted all of the work that went into the document, noting how useful the level of detail is. Several CMS teachers spoke to the importance of teachers having their own classrooms for the most effective teaching and learning model. Ms. Rainey noted the importance of continuing the discussions and Mr. Booth noted that it was a town project, with an ultimate decision made at town meeting.

Mr. Booth asked members to email Dr. Hunter with any additional comments or questions on the draft Educational Plan. He noted several suggestions on different pages of the Plan and Dr. Hunter asked him to send her his suggestions. Kristen Olsen, Project Manager and Architect from SMMA, noted how valuable the comments are to hear, stating that the education plan should be focused around the type of space that is needed and not specific amounts of space.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Bout, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by roll call: Anderson, aye; Booth, aye; Bout, aye; Mezdad, aye; Rainey, aye; and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 2.9.21

Abbreviations:

CCHS	Concord-Carlisle High School
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CMLP	Concord Municipal Light Plant
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CSC	Concord School Committee
DPH	Department of Public Health
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority
SMMA	CMS Design Firm