

WILLARD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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The Willard School Building Committee (WSBC) continued to meet to coordinate and facilitate the construction of the Willard Elementary School.

Over the course of the year, 14 WSBC meetings were held, with agendas and full minutes posted on the Committee Website: (http://www.concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_Schools/wsbcc). A subgroup of WSBC members attended weekly construction meetings with the architect and contractor

At the close of 2009, the Committee is pleased to note that the project was completed on time and on budget. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the hard work of the Willard faculty and staff who did a wonderful job of setting up classrooms and preparing the school to welcome the Willard families and children for the Open house prior to the start of school. The Willard School is Concord's first "Green Building". We were able to achieve more sustainable design points than what is required by MA-CHPS and have already seen a dramatic impact on energy use. At this time it appears that the Willard's gas and electric consumption is $\frac{1}{3}$ less than that of our Town's other elementary schools.

On November 1, 2009 a dedication ceremony was held in the new Willard Auditorium. This ceremony was attended by families and friends of the school, members of Town committees, and State Representative Cory Atkins. The event featured a newly composed Willard School song, "We're Willard," sung by the fifth-grade chorus followed by a presentation of the school's green learning elements by the Willard Earth Care Club. It has been a joy to work on this project.



A primary focus of the Willard design brings more light into the school to improve the educational atmosphere and energy efficiency.

