

**Bungay School Facility Needs Study Committee
Special Meeting
MINUTES
September 14, 2023 at 7:00pm
Bungay School
35 Bungay Road
Seymour, CT 06483**

Members Present: F Stanek, R Bennett, T Danka, T Connors, TJ Nobili and Ed Strumello.

Others Present: S Compton, Mary Sue Feige, Allison Brett, Stacey Long, Andy North and Nick DeCesare

Members Absent: P Kubik, J Butcaris

Item 1: Call meeting to order

Board Chair Frid Stanek called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Stacey Long,, Interim Principal at Bungay School led the group in saluting the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Public Comment:

Mr. North, father of a student at Bungay School came to listen and help in any way possible in regards to the renovation of Bungay School. Mr. North introduced himself to the group and reported that he learned about the group when he offered to donate air conditioners and generators during the past heat wave.

A letter was also shared from Shannon Levey, parent of a Bungay School pre-school student and Board of Education member regarding the safety of the parking lot. Shannon was very concerned about the lack of parking forcing parents to park on the street which she feels is very dangerous. Mrs. Levey mentions how there is not enough parking, therefore forcing parents of young 3 and 4 year old children to have to walk through a busy parking lot and then buckle them into their car seats on a busy road with cars flying by,

Item 4: Approval of the minutes of the following Special Meeting: September 14, 2023

A motion was made by Ed Strumello to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on September 14, 2023.

Trisha Danka seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 yes 0 no

Fred Stanek-yes

Rebecca Bennett-yes

Trisha Danka-yes
Ed Strumello-yes
Tim Connors-yes
TJ Nobili-yes

Item 5: Discussion of the Facility needs of Bungay School.

The group was asked to go home at the last meeting and make a list of the most important renovations that they felt were necessary at Bungay School. The group all shared their concerns and areas they felt needed to be addressed.

- Electrical (barely able to support what we have now)
- HVAC
- Windows
- Entry Doors
- Interior Doors
- Bathrooms updated
- More bathrooms in pre K and K hallway
- Flooring
- Cubby areas
- Shelving
- Parking lot (major issues)
- Blinds for new windows
- Tinted windows
- Updated Technology, outlets, better wi fi in the building

Some of the other ideas that were mentioned to keep up with technology and curriculum were STEM labs, Band rooms, Universal PreSchool, staff areas of rest, covered walkways for drop off and pick up. Pods were discussed for teams to be able to meet or pull students for small groups. A courtyard in the center of the building for curriculum and safety of students to be able to get fresh air. A band room was also discussed to be able to assist our students who are interested in playing an instrument early on.

Item 6: Discuss the Planetree Person Centered

Rebecca Bennett and Fred Stanek went to Griffin Hospital and had a meeting with Dr. Fredrick Browne, Vice President of Griffin Hospital and Medical Director for Seymour Schools and Sarah Guastello Director of Planetree. The Planetree philosophy in a school setting was further discussed and what that looks building and climate wise. Dr Browne and Mrs Guastello are both on board with the project and gave great feedback and next steps. David Morgan from TEAM was unable to attend but has been in contact and also on board with this project. The Planetree philosophy was discussed and how it will relate to the building, staff and students. Dr. Browne has also offered to work with our grant writers in town to look for and apply for grants that would help us complete this project. Dr. Browne reported that there is a lot of money out there to use for a project like this.

Item 7: Discussion and take possible action regarding next steps required to fulfill the charge of the Committee.

Discussed different ways the group could discuss and inform the community, get input and ask any questions. Different opportunities were discussed such as attending a PTA meeting or having a separate meeting inviting the public.

Item 8: Committee member comments:

No further comments were made by the committee at this time. The group was all in agreement on the above mentioned necessary renovations.

Item 9 public comment:

No further comments were made at this time.

Item 10: Adjournment

A motion was made at 8:50pm to adjourn the meeting by Trisha Danka. The motion was seconded by Ed Strumello.

Yes 6 No 0

Fred Stanek-yes
Rebecca Bennett-yes
Trisha Danka-yes
Ed Strumello-yes
Tim Connors-yes
TJ Nobili-yes

Submitted by:



Rebecca Bennett
Secretary