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## Minutes 03/24/2010

Thompson School Building Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday, March 24, 2010  
 Town Hall Annex  
 First Floor Hearing Room  
 7:30 pm

**Present:**

Kathleen Bodie / Chair	Robert Juusola / Vice-Chair
John Cole	Toby Jackson
Sheri Donovan	Domenic Lanzillotti
Diane Johnson	Mark Miano
Suzanne Robinson	Jeffery Thielman
Brian Sullivan	William Shea
Karen Tassone / Secretary	Kevin Nigro / PMA

**Attendees:** HMFH Architects (George Metzger, Lori Coles)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

### Project Update

Architect's Fee Negotiation – Kevin Nigro, PMA reported that he had along with the Town Manager negotiated a contract with HMFH Architects, Inc to conduct the Feasibility Study for the Thompson School in the amount of \$125,000. After securing the signature of the Town Manager, PMA will submit the contract to the MSBA.

PMA has a meeting scheduled with MSBA on March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Arlington Public Schools enrollment project.

### Meetings with Thompson School faculty and staff

Lori Cowles distributed and discussed the project schedule and reported that some of the items on the timeline require MSBA/Town approval prior to proceeding (enrollments finalized, develop program, determination of three options to be studied).

HMFH met and strategized with the Thompson School Council and faculty on design, space needs, etc.

Design team (architects, engineers and landscapers met at the Thompson school).

Lori Cowles will meet on March 25<sup>th</sup> with Thompson staff.

The Community is anxious to meet with HMFH to see the schedule, process/timeline and have questions answered.

### Preview of presentation to Thompson Community by HMFH / week of March 29th

The Committee discussed and agreed that the presentation to the Thompson Community would be to:

Introduce the process.

Present a rough timeline and sequence of events.

Show interview boards.

Thompson School principal, Sheri Donovan, and parent representative, Tobey Jackson, will create both an online and written survey for community members and will then condense survey responses for HMFH.

Questions and answers.

The committee agreed that notification would be sent to the PTO, school council, Town Meeting Members in precincts 1,3,5, and 7, school committee and new kindergarten families.

### Enrollment Projections/Status

CFO, Diane Johnson, reviewed the enrollment projections for the next five years for Arlington Public Schools and compared that with the MSBA document/submission. Current student enrollment includes group homes, Germaine Lawrence School, and METCO students. The Committee discussed target enrollment numbers for Thompson and the fact that the total number of students will include Mentomy Preschool and special education programs.

**Approval of Invoices**

On a motion by Diane Johnson seconded by Bill Shea it was unanimously  
Voted to approve payment to PMA Consultants invoice 03383-4 in the amount of \$2,145.00

**Approval of Minutes**

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the following minutes:

November 19, 2009  
November 24, 2009  
December 3, 2009  
February 18, 2010

**Other Business**

Town Manager, Brian Sullivan, stated that if one of the options is to flip the school and park, the Parks and Recreation Department will want to see a study that ensures that the existing field space and playing fields would be the same/equal if flipping is recommended. HMFH will present a land swap sketch at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:00 at the Thompson School. The Thompson School Community meeting will follow from 8:00 to 9:00 pm with HFMH architects presenting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by  
Karen Tassone  
Recording Secretary