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## Minutes 5/5/2010

Thompson School Building Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday, May 5, 2010  
 Arlington High School  
 Superintendent's Office – 6th floor  
 7:00 pm

**Present:**

Kathleen Bodie / Chair  
 Sheri Donovan  
 Mark Miano  
 Anthony Lionetta  
 Domenic Lanzillotti  
 Tobey Jackson  
 Karen Tassone / Secretary  
 Kevin Nigro / PMA, Project Manager

**Attendees:**

HMFH Architects (George Metzger)  
 Transportation Advisory Committee (Ed Starr, Scott Smith, Jeff Maxtutis)

Call to order: Supt Bodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Traffic Study**

Ed Starr, Jeff Maxtutis and Scott Smith representing the TAC were in attendance. Supt Bodie gave an update of the Thompson School Rebuild Project and the possible scenarios: renovate, renovate and an addition, new and new with a land swap.

Tony Lionetta suggested that as a first step, the TAC capture existing conditions before the close of school, Sheri Donovan and Toby Jackson have already met with the TAC to discuss the traffic grid.

After discussion it was decided that the TAC would:

- Set baseline conditions
- Plan for safety access
- Take into account the additional impact the early childhood program will have on drop off and pick ups.

Principal Donovan will provide information on school start times including staff arrival times. Supt Bodie will provide the TAC with a site plan.

On a motion Mr. Lionetta seconded by Mr. Lanzillotti it was unanimously

Voted to direct the Transportation Advisory Committee to conduct a traffic study for the Thompson School and make available up to \$1000.00 to fund the project.

**Report on Enrollment Meeting with MSBA**

Kevin Nigro reported that the meeting with MSBA was positive and shared what MSBA wants in order to approve a 380 student enrollment.

Items MSBA is requesting:

- Redistricting vote by the school committee.
- Special Education programs.
- Out of district past data, forecasts, and budget detail to support the programs.
- Development activities and projections for next year.
- Additional information on Bishop, Brackett and Dallin Schools flow update plans.
- Births

- Early Childhood Program – can we support it
- Final enrollments.
- Land Swap update.
- Temporary classrooms.

Superintendent Bodie will present the redistricting vote to the school committee at their May 11th meeting.

#### Feedback from April 7th Public Meeting

Thompson School Principal Sheri Donovan reported that the public meeting was well attended with 75 – 80 community members and parents who asked many questions. Some feedback from parents were that they would like a new building instead of a renovation, are anxious about how and when the school will be done and voiced concern that the project still needs to sold to the Town. Ms. Donovan also stated that the parents are willing to help; the TAC will be follow up with Principal Donovan.

#### Update on Parks & Recreation Land /Swap & Timeline

Supt Bodie reported that the land swap did not make the town warrant. Town Manager, Brian Sullivan stated that he will call a special meeting if necessary. Mr. Metzger questioned if the land swap is a realistic option and something that the town meeting would support. The Committee discussed the option of having a special meeting within town meeting; Supt Bodie will speak with the Town Manager on this.

#### Next Steps

- Enrollments
- Land Swap
- Temporary Classrooms
- Early Childhood Program

Next meeting to be determined

The Committee adjourned @ 8:20 pm

Submitted by,

Karen Tassone  
Committee Secretary