

Meeting Notes: 11/17/25

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Roll call for board members

- Stephen Meyler
- Bill Spratt
- Jamie Errikson
- Karen Ghilani
- Melissa Spash
- Maria McMorran
- Bryan Premont
- Alan Cloutier
- Kat Monahan
- Matt Gillis
- Deborah Schatz
- Bruce Evans
- Beth Heffler
- Shai Fuxman
- Kyla Meade
- Matt Brand
- James Hannigan
- Missing: Catherine Brunell (arrived at the end of the Tour)
- Missing: Mr. Tierney

5 members of the public: Donna McKenzie, Brinley Vickers,

Public Speak:

Rick Devoureaux - plea for feasibility as part of this study to meet net zero goals; considerations of geothermal heating; 5 - 10 year return on investment; once that period is done you will be saving greenhouse gas and substantial savings on fuel/gas and would decrease the cost over time; less maintenance and reduced infrastructure; examined at the feasibility study to work towards efficiencies;

1. Tour of Ben Hem (Karen et al)
Building tour; toured three buildings outside of Natick; will look at the current building.
 - Design: what works, doesn't work, and what should we learn from this tour

Next Mtg: tour of KMS (newest school)

2. MSBA Updates (Melissa):
 - Melissa Spash: awaiting next step for formal invite into Feasibility; next meeting is in Dec and then early spring;
 - Matt Gillis: Enrollment update/copy of MSBA letter circulating regarding enrollment history;
 - Kinder size is increasing;
 - 2 memos shared last April to SC: 4/3 and 4/24 Enrollment analysis (p.2), breakout of program of 5 sections or 6 sections per grade, and how many PreK classrooms;

- Arrived at 595 students; end of July mtg; (p3 of memo) addresses student migration; MSBA moved the enrollment to 3 years; OOD enrollment increased; housing developments considerations - added 65 students to our projection; and accounted for the modular classrooms with life span of 15-20 years; 570 students; 5 section school with 3 prek classrooms; MSBA uses class size of 23;
- Need to pick a site; programming; have not heard from the community.
- Accepted due to overcrowding - due to PreK
- Classrooms are standardized. 900 sq ft; 1200 prek and k; based on enrollment
- MSBA: (p4) note; study options and propose; move kids from Buffer Zones to see if there is some movement of students to make the number work;
- Recommendation to read the minutes from the last SC meeting last Monday (11/10/25)

3. Summary Review and Discussion: School Tours Interactive Discussion [Link](#) (Stephen)

- See notes; highlighted pros and cons
- The team debriefed the three schools we visited.
- Hastings/Lexington: Recommended to have pressure systems on each well.
- Lesson: Do all the vigorous testing within the first year.
- Can we present pros and cons, and then create a master list of what we want to see
- The team needs to define values.

Next Meeting: (lead with #5)

4. **MSBA OPM and Architect Role and Responsibility AI Summarized (Stephen)**

5. **Group Exercise/Discussion: OPM RFS (Request for Services) Potential Inclusions. Preferred & Required Content (Stephen): Collect meeting members' ideas as to what is preferred vs required**

- **See the Packet from Stephen Meyler to fill out the draft.**
 - **Preferred bumps org up**
 - **Required - if not met, they are no longer viable**

6. Update on Project Administrative Support (Stephen)

7. Future Meeting(s)