

**Manchester Board of Education  
Building and Sites Committee  
Manchester High School – Silk City Café  
January 8, 2015**

Attendees: Neal Leon, Michael Crockett, Carl Stafford, Jason Scappaticci, Matt Geary, Pat Brooks, Jill Krieger

Visitors: Waddell Elementary School PTA Leadership, Denise Curran, President, Autumn Struk, Vice President and Tracy Maio, Secretary

The Waddell Elementary School PTA Leadership was seeking direction from the Building and Sites Committee regarding the PTA's Playground Project. The PTA has been raising funds for a new playground. Mr. Till, Town Facilities Manager, advised the PTA to wait for the 2017-2018 project to fund and build the new playground, the money raised by the PTA could potentially be leveraged by a ratio of nearly 3:1 since the costs would then be offset by up to 65% by the State. Mr. Till told the PTA that building a new playground in advance of the renovation/additions of Waddell may either limit the project architects and engineers to fully redesign the site around the school, or result in equipment being relocated or removed to meet the State Grant funding guidelines.

The PTA is concerned that the current playground is in disrepair and not accessible for all children. It was a consensus of the Committee that the PTA should use the funds to fix the current playground and the renovation project would keep what equipment it could. The PTA will meet with Parks & Recreation and Mr. Till on moving forward with repairs to the current equipment.

Mr. Stafford made a motion to appoint Neal Leon as chair of the Building and Sites Committee. The appointment was approved by all members of the Committee.

Mrs. Brooks informed the Committee that she had been contacted by Mr. Aaron Alibrio regarding Energy Performance Contracting. Mr. Alibrio would like to meet with the Committee regarding the benefits of utilizing this financing vehicle to address the remaining infrastructure needs of the schools. The Committee had a discussion of the benefit of this type of contracting. It was determined that the Committee was not interested with meeting with Mr. Alibrio, at this time, due to the upcoming renovation projects.

Mrs. Brooks updated the Committee on current projects.

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2015, at Waddell Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,



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Finance and Management