

Colebrook School District Building Expansion Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021 / 5:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Anthony Rossitto, Jenny Keazer, Tanya Young, Ron Patterson, Robert Berry Murphy, Debra Taylor, Dawn Hall, Stacey Campbell, Deb Greene, Craig Hamelin, John Falconer, Kristin Brooks, Nathan Lebel, Ryan Call, Kim Wheelock

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Elect a Chairperson
3. Review Preliminary Concept Document for Building Expansion
4. Review draft RFP for Architectural and Engineering Design
5. Identify Agenda Topics for Future Meeting
6. Set Future Meeting Dates

NOTES

- John Falconer was elected Chairman of the committee.
- The committee reviewed the preliminary concept document for Colebrook building expansion.
The committee discussed the rationale for the addition to Colebrook Academy and Elementary School. Information included: 2019 closure of the Academy, loss of 12 classrooms, increasing enrollment, numerous teachers moving throughout the day due to classroom shortage, inaccessible joint teacher prep room, classrooms in offices and conference rooms, need for additional science lab space, need for equipped family and consumer science room. In addition we discussed the current and anticipated population growth, in particular in light of the new manufacturing plant in Colebrook.
The committee also reviewed the building floor plan with notation of teacher assignments. The principal led the committee on a tour of the facility and provided a demonstration of space use and needs - now and in the future.
- The committee reviewed the draft RFP for Architectural and Engineering Design and requested attorney review before disseminating.
- The committee began the process of discussing ideas for building expansion. Initial ideas included the addition of a 3 story building connected to the school which would

house the majority of high school programs in 12 classrooms. Other ideas included gym renovations and the possibility of an auditorium.

- The committee agreed to devote the upcoming meeting to continued brainstorming on the project.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Attorney review of RFP
2. Each member should come prepared with ideas for future expansion

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

Continue brainstorming of building expansion and improvements.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

November 17, 2021 at Colebrook Academy and Elementary School at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Taylor
Superintendent