

Regional School Unit 19 Building Committee Minutes August 10, 2016



Attendance: Chad Stratton, Fred Hickey, Jennifer Watson, Chris Easton, Bill MacDonald, Mike Hammer, Licia Goodridge Absent ~ Jason Scholton, Shawn Coots **Others:** *Rob Tillotson, Norm Lemire and Sarah Smith from Oak Point Associates*

Bus Garage Tour ~ The facility has many needs: inadequate space for appropriate bus maintenance, driveway/drainage issues, lack of a bus wash-bay, and water infiltration to office and shop spaces. In its current state it has a negative effect on operational costs. The drive in the spring results in busses parking at alternate locations because access is not possible. The tractor on site is also used in maneuvering the busses to the garage during this season. Licia has an estimate for drive work and will bring it to the next meeting. Our long term capital plan should include renovation or replacement of this facility.

Vandalism ~ 7/27 Somerset VMS was broken into. Glass in doors was broken to gain access to SPED areas and the main office. A safe was taken to the woods. A set of drawers was broken into. One positive identification has been made. State Police are handling this incident. 8/3 Newport Elementary – a buddy bench was defaced by 3 girls. Newport PD is currently handling this case. No positive identification has been made to date. Mr. Hammer noted we are testing a camera at Somerset and plans in our future should include the installation of systems at Somerset VMS and Seabasticook VMS.

Oak Point ~ The committee asked about the project timeline and if we were still on track.* Oak Point Associates responded Yes and explained they were currently working on details of the concept such as: coordination of electrical and mechanical systems, insulation factors, efficiencies, ventilation, duct sizing, fresh air, determining the type of fire protection that will be used. Oak Point Associates plans to meet with staff early September for more detailed information specific to spaces. Mr. Hammer gave an update of where we are with the BAN. Oak Point Associates was asked for the “drop dead” date for changes. It had been October but they might be able to go as far as December without effecting the time line. Oak Point Associates is still planning on \$250,000 for the performing arts space. No one is clear about the Foundation’s existence or how much it has raised to date. Rob explained items that would be included and reminded the committee, this project is 100% state funded. With no local money the RSU will get what the State allows. It will be a nice building. The Department Of Education is receptive to water pressure improvements made by the water district in Newport, to avoid pumps and holding tanks at the new facility. All parties continue to work together to do what is best for the school project.

Nokomis Portable: Mr. Hammer asked the committee if they would support reducing the footprint of the High School in another effort to be fiscally responsible, by removing a portable. Investigations are being done to figure out if it will be physically possible. The committee said yes. It should save us some in fuel and electricity costs.

Other: Etna-Dixmont school is experiencing a low water table which is affecting the water source. All of our equipment is running fine. We need rain.

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting September 14th, 2016, 6:30 PM at Corinna.

*Project time line attached for information.