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Joint Meeting of the Coventry Town Council and School Building Committee
Washington Oak Elementary School
801 Read House School Road, Coventry, RI 02816
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call -6:30 P.M.
 - a. School Building Committee attendees:
Kim Shockley, Kristen Danusis, Russ Hill, Amy Anzalone, Don Cowart, Christine Kennedy, Alieta Hall, Ana Isabel dos Reis-Couto, Hillary Lima, James Pierson, Kristin Bagley, Ann Dickson, Phil Conte, Ben Marchant, Mario Correno
 - b. Town Council attendees:
Ann Dickson, Jamie LeBlanc, Hillary Lima
2. Emergency Evacuation Procedures reviewed by Principal Jacquard
3. Facility Tour-Washington Oak Elementary School - Full committee toured with Principal Jacquard
4. Approval of Minutes - October 19, 2022 - Approved
5. Announcements and Updates
 - a. Superintendent - none
 - b. Town Manager - none
6. Presentation of State Financial Opportunities-Mario Carreno, RIDE:Discussion/Action
RIDE announced three different School Building Funding strategies this year:
 - First two are 100% state funded and can send the invoice to RIDE:
 - Arts Initiative Act \$140,000 FY22/there is a part 2 coming as well
 - 21st Century Tech and Equipment Fund
 - \$428,000 available for Coventry
 - CTE has to use some of these funds
 - To purchase technology and furniture
 - Kim Shockley asked if some of this money can be the maintenance of effort requirements - Mario will get back in touch with us to confirm that it will help us.
 - Facilities Equity - Coventry must apply
 - Applications due December 1st
 - Create transformative spaces
 - Preference given to student centered, high impact enhancements
 - 20% Coventry/80% State Aid
 - Mr. Cowart talked about gym floor at CHS and bleaches
 - Mario said to put in more than less
 - Two strategies
 - Put on places that will get bond funds
 - Put in unbonded spaces
 - Small money projects are good to put on the application to add on.
 - Use architect to give a good estimate
 - Likely will be a new amount of money for outside classrooms

- Details on the November 9th meeting
 - Pleasant surprise for Coventry in December - more options for money
 - Mario said - FCI pricing numbers will be in on Monday - hoping to wrap up within the next few months.
7. Presentation of Project Concepts-Phil Conte, Studio JAED: Discussion/Action
 - a. Review of scenario 9 with discussion
 8. Hillary suggested some off line planning for annex, follow up for FCI, Don and team look at new numbers.
 - a. What else does it look like for a financial plan? Hillary suggested that in the next two weeks the finance team get together. Bond premium market is still very hot and Mario said let's get creative to see how we can benefit.
 9. Review of Project Deadlines - By 11/9/22 Planning workshop
 10. Scheduling of the Next Meeting - Small finance meeting - 11/2/22
- Town Council/School Committee Joint Meeting - not yet decided
- Follow up discussion about date setting.
- November 9th at 6:30pm at Central Office
11. Public Comment - no attendees
 12. Adjournment
 - a. Town Council - 8:46pm
 - b. School Building Committee - 8:46pm