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**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2016
MILLER-DRISCOLL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

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Building Committee members present: Steve DiNapoli, Dick Dubow, Glenn Hemmerle, Gretchen Jeanes, John Kalamarides, Jim Newton, John Murphy, Ray Tobiassen, Rick Tomasetti, Patti Temple (First Selectman Representative, ex-officio member), Lynne Vanderslice (First Selectman, ex-officio member)

Committee Advisors present: Chris Burney (Director of Facilities and Energy Management), Jeremy Cross (MD Assistant Principal), Kevin Smith (WPS Superintendent), Fred Rapczynski (Wilton Public School Pre-School Services)

Absent: None

Guests: Randall Luther (TSKP), Mike Douyard (Turner Construction)

Members of the public: Mary Kehoe, Keith Fordsman

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Chair Glen Hemmerle at 5:00pm.

Presentation and Review of Monthly Invoices – Michael Douyard

Copies of the February 2016 Monthly Billing Statement were distributed to the committee, reflecting a total of \$947,916.65. (Total contract amounts will be included in future monthly billing statements.)

Michael described the invoice review process (as also reviewed at the last MDBC meeting), which is a several hour process, including walking the site to examine construction progress.

A motion was made by John Kalamarides and seconded by Gretchen Jeanes to approve the referenced invoices for payment and unanimously passed.

Discussion of Floor Covering-Chris Burney

Chris explained that the project was bid with a carpet-like flooring for the classrooms. Via the FF&E group it has been learned that the majority of MD personnel and the Superintendent object to carpet or carpet-like flooring and prefer VCT (vinyl composition tile) throughout the entire school.

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Randall Luther explained that in May 2014 a decision was made for K-2 to use “carpet” in the classrooms and VCT in the corridors, with that same decision being reached in 2015 for the Pre-K.

Michael Douyard explained that 2’x2’ “carpet” tiles had been purchased per the original contract, with the subsequent request to upgrade to Powerbond 6’ rolls at a \$15,000 cost increase. John Murphy explained that rolls were preferable due to fewer seams being in the end product.

Fred Rapczynski stated that because of children’s toileting accidents, incidents of physical sickness and spillage he and his staff preferred tile, but would defer to a different product if it stood up appropriately to his concerns.

Jeremy Cross shared his positive experience with VCT in New Canaan schools.

Rick Tomasetti stated he believes the topic is a matter of aesthetics, maintenance, and perception.

John Murphy made a presentation and shared printed material that explained his preference for Powerbond. He said his preference is driven by current staffing and what they are able to take care of. Currently each WPS school, with the exception of Cider Mill, has Powerbond installed. He also explained the maintenance process and equipment.

Lynne Vanderslice asked if a cost analysis had been done. Regarding life span, it was explained that VCT has an indefinite life span as long as it is well maintained but that Powerbond has a 20 year life span. It was also noted that the current five year BOE capital plan calls for replacement of all of the existing Powerbond with an estimate today of \$1M.

Michael confirmed that VCT is cheaper and that they are waiting for exact quotes. It was decided that a cost analysis would be done and the discussion will continue at the next meeting. It was also emphasized that the timing of the decision and purchase is nearing a critical point.

Future Meeting Dates

It was decided that beginning in May, regular MDBC meetings will take place the second Thursday of each month at 5:00pm. This change will enable invoice review, approval and payment to take place in a more timely manner.

Public comment

None

Next meeting: April 7, 2016

Additional meeting dates can be found at <http://www.millerdriscollbp.com/> .

A video of this meeting may be viewed at <http://www.screencast.com/t/CeVh4Lct3bnx>.

Submitted by

Patti Temple, Secretary

