

Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee

May 19, 2022

6:00 pm

Multi-Purpose Room, Trumbull Regional Agriscience and Technology Center

Present: Chairman Kim Lombardi, John Morello, Julie DiMarco, Mark Sitar, Lucinda Timpanelli, Michael Buswell and Tom Whitmoyer (entered at 6:23 pm)

Also Present: Dave Cote, TPS Director of Operations; Cindy Katske, Chief Administrative Officer and Paul Lisi, AIA, Antinozzi Associates

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lombardi at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Timpanelli to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022 as written. Seconded by Mr. Sitar and approved with one abstention from Mr. Buswell.

Old Business

Meeting with THS Coaches/PE Teachers and Progress Report with Architect – Mr. Lisi thanked the committee for choosing his firm for the initial work on the project. He updated the Committee noting he met with various individuals from the high school to gather information as to their wants and needs within the project and conducted a walk-through of the areas associated with the proposed building. The staff did encourage him to speak with individuals from Fairfield University as they have a facility similar to what is being proposed. A walk-through of this facility will be scheduled. Mr. Lisi presented preliminary concept drawings to the Committee noting they had not been viewed by the THS staff. He noted equipment requests, and space requirements of that equipment, results in a facility of 8,000 sq ft without classrooms. During the discussion, Mr. Lisi commented on the following:

1. Current weight room would not be used after the new facility is completed. Perhaps that could be used for the two classrooms. Mr. Lisi will measure dimensions to see if this is feasible.
2. A two story facility would require two stairways and an elevator to meet code.
3. The current weight room could be renovated with windows and ventilation for the classrooms.
4. Second story would be a substantial increase in cost.
5. What is the “look” they are going for – would it be a feature or blend with the remainder of the facility.
6. A 1,000 sq ft classroom holds approximately 25 students.
7. Currently the building stands at \$400/\$500 per sq ft (approximately \$4 million)

Committee Comments:

1. Shape of building should not be L-shaped due to supervision concerns.
2. Original request was for a 6,000 sq ft square building.
3. Weight room should be used for much needed storage.
4. Staff was looking for classrooms on the second floor with the first floor set up with equipment.
5. Space needs a lot of natural light to encourage all students to use it.
6. PE classes are sometimes 35 students at a time.
7. Roof design and placement of mechanicals needs to be addressed.
8. Classroom area could have a moveable partition to make one larger space if needed.
9. Curved front like the Senior Lounge. May have wasted space with placement of equipment.

Mr. Lisi will coordinate a meeting with the THS staff to discuss the preliminary drawings and comments made by the Committee. He will also contact the manufacturer of the equipment to discuss space requirements of each piece to understand how he can fit everything in the facility safely and according to manufacturer.

Old Business

No further action taken. Mr. Martin did send his comments regarding fundraising through the Chair noting the Finance Department strongly suggests a 501c3 for fundraising purposes so the funds are not under the regulations of the Town or the Board of Education. The Committee would be able to regulate the money as far as how it is used, what type of equipment is purchased, how payment is made, etc. and not have to go through the Town or BOE. This would be the same set-up as the Diamond Club, Touchdown Club or the Marching Band. Mrs. DiMarco will contact the other organizations for their input on how to proceed in setting up a 501c3 and determine costs involved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Multi-Purpose Room, Trumbull Regional Agriscience and Technology Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Timpanelli to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. Seconded by Mr. Sitar and approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk