

## **GREENACRES CONSTRUCTION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes for  
September 19, 2019**

### **Attendees**

Stuart Matthey - Assistant Superintendent for Business and Facilities	Sharon Hill - Principal-not in attendance Larry Chatzinoff- Administrator
Sharon De Lorenzo - Assistant Principal	John Trenholm - Director of Facilities
Mike Paterra - Associate Director of Facilities	Nick Miller - Teacher
Joan Farella - Teacher	Lynne Torrey - Teacher
Carole Phillips - Teacher	Collette Martin - Teacher
German Garcia - Head Custodian-not in attendance	Mike Spedaliere- Chief of Safety Security and Emergency Management
Sgt. David Rosa - Scarsdale Police	- Village of Scarsdale
Rachel Krisbergh - Parent	Madelyn Landauer - Parent
Resa Lamadore - School Secretary	Erald Hysaj - IAQ Monitor

### **Park East Update - Francesco Borgese**

#### **1. General Project Update:**

- work is continuing and communication is ongoing so that all are informed
- drainage structures have been put in place.
- The majority of the noisy demolition has been completed. The project is now entering the construction phase now that demolition has been completed
- Once the drainage line has been installed next to OMPR, the temporary fencing will be removed.

#### **2. Safety Related -**

- On 9/19 a pump truck arrived at the end of the arrival process and a small concrete pour involving 6 trucks arrived at approximately 9:30. In the future, there will be 4-5 significant concrete pours lasting 8-9 hours and may begin as early as 7 am
- Park East will coordinate with building administrators to minimize the disruption to the school day including drop off/pick up and lunch time.
- A flag man has been and will be present to direct traffic.

- It was suggested that, if possible, the work take place on Saturdays or during school closures and Park East will accommodate if it fits in with the timeline of the work.
  - Park East has the ability to hire a police officer to help with traffic safety around the building. An off-duty Scarsdale Police Officer can be present with one week notice and if a Police Officer is needed the same day, the SPD can most likely accommodate the request. SPD requires a minimum of three hours @ \$130/hour.
3. Noise and Dust Monitoring [Daily Reports](#)
- Reports of daily monitoring results are posted on the website each day.
  - A “How to read” sheet has been included to help the audience understand the data.
  - Stuart is seeking feedback with regard to making the information and data more user-friendly.
  - The Greenacres PTA will include information in the Gazette to direct the school community to the website in an effort to increase awareness.
4. A look at the month ahead - the project is currently on schedule

## **Community - Sgt. Rosa**

### 1. Traffic flow

- Traffic flow has been low as a result of many students walking to school.
- It is anticipated that more families will drive students when the weather becomes colder or in inclement weather.
- Sgt. Rosa reported that the number of summons is down

### 2. Other?

#### **Snow Removal:**

- The gap from the sidewalk to the road may be snow covered as a result of the snow plow clearing the roads which may impact arrival. Arrangements can be made to clear that area.
- A call to Scarsdale Police Department who, in turn, will contact the Highway Department to help clear the area of snow.
- Two-way parking on Sage between Putnam and Brewster is causing crowding during morning arrival and in the afternoon during dismissal. Any changes to the parking regulations must go before the Traffic Safety Committee for review.

#### Crossing Guard:

- When the crossing guard is absent the SPD will provide a replacement, either a floating crossing guard or Scarsdale Police Officer during the am/pm, however, the school is responsible for mid-day supervision. This presents a problem during lunch. Sgt. Rosa will ask the Chief of Police for additional police coverage during the middle of the day.

#### Other:

- Dumpsters on Putnam are close to where kids need to walk. The DPW Superintendent will be contacted by John Trenholm to check on the dumpster location. In the future, contact John Trenholm so he can call the DPW.
- Handicapped spots are being blocked at dismissal. In the future, contact the SPD if spots are blocked. They will try to be on site at 2:55 and will issue a summons, if necessary.

### **Administration Update - Sharon DeLorenzo**

1. School opening-it was a smooth beginning. All rooms, except for two classrooms were ready prior to the first day. Two classrooms were turned over late Thursday afternoon and therefore, several teachers, administrators and custodians worked over Labor Day weekend in an effort to get the rooms ready for Tuesday morning. Despite the incredible team effort the two rooms were not ready and teachers were provided with release time to complete the unpacking of materials and setting up of classrooms.

Students in those two classrooms followed a special schedule for the first two days of school with full time faculty members. Full time faculty members were assigned to those two classes while the teachers completed room set up for their students.

Arrival & Dismissal - in anticipation of the beginning of school with the closure of Huntington, procedures and additional personnel have been implemented to facilitate the arrival and dismissal process. We will continue to monitor and assess and will adjust as necessary. Will look at adding personnel, if needed.

2. Access to playground - manageable. A teacher aide has been assigned the role of crossing students and escorting them to the building should they need to enter.

### **Teachers**

1. Feedback regarding any negative impact on instructional day-
  - Renovated classrooms are all set up and teachers are happy with the end result.

- As teachers “live” in their new spaces, adjustments are being made as needed with regard to furniture placement.
- Teachers have created a list of items that need to be addressed. For example, latches on doors need to be lowered. They are difficult for some faculty members to reach. Some teachers are concerned that the latch on doors is difficult for students to manipulate independently.
- Walltalkers: not holding magnets as anticipated. A representative came to Greenacres to inspect the boards. Some walltalkers will need to be replaced and stronger magnets will need to be purchased in order for materials to be held properly.
- Stuart will contact the architects about the quality of the wall coverings on cabinet doors
- Teachers’ closets need hooks
- Univentilator and A/C in library is installed and being used properly
- The gym has two HV units that supply fresh air to the space. They won’t cool it off, but will bring in fresh air.
- Tree that was cut down, hit OMPR window while students were eating lunch. In the future plans for this type of work will be coordinated with the school schedule.
- At times, garbage pick up has occurred during lunch. Sgt. Rosa will reach out to the Department of Public Works.
- Cleaning of portable toilets should be avoided when students are outdoors during lunch recess which is scheduled from 12:10-1:10.

## 2. Safety or security concerns

### **Parent Feedback**

Safety or security concerns-

ASC dismissal was difficult due to parents waiting for raptor passes. Five parents in 15 minutes and the line extended to the path.

It is anticipated that an event with a large number of visitors coming through the vestibule waiting to be processed may slow the process considerably.

ASC: Changed the procedure so that students are brought outside to be met by adults.

### **Communications**

1. E-mail from a concerned parent regarding debris in containers stored in the staging area.
  - Dumpster not covered in staging area and that has been addressed.

**Discussion:** What went well or what can be improved upon as we look towards next summer’s construction?

- Construction personnel have been extremely helpful in the mornings and have been super polite.
- Moving open house back one week would allow more time to properly prepare rooms.

**Follow up with Administration, PTC and EC at a later date:**

**Can Open House be scheduled for a later date next year due to the tight construction timeline?**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Greenacres PTA - September 24th at 7 pm

Greenacres Neighborhood Association - October 30th at 7 pm

**Next meeting: TBD**