Facilities Subcommittee
Paul Rodrigues Administration Building
455 County Street, Room 224
New Bedford, MA

March 22, 2012

PRESENT:

LAWRENCE FINNERTY; THOMAS CLARK; JACK NOBREGA, CHAIR

ABSENT:

NONE

Also in attendance was Dr. Mary Louise Francis, Superintendent and Deborah Brown, Business Manager.

The meeting began at 6:45 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark to receive and place on file the minutes with no edits from the Facilities Sub Committee meeting held on February 2, 2012.

After review a motion was made by Atty. Clark and seconded by Dr. Finnerty to receive and place on file the Parker School draft response to the Department of Labor Standards.

Mrs. Brown informed the Subcommittee that Asbestos Awareness Training had taken place with Ms. Janet McKenna of the Dept. of Labor Standards during the February vacation and that another session would be held during the April vacation.

Mrs. Brown updated the Subcommittee about progress at the New Bedford High School and noted the following actions taken in response to EPA recommendations.

- 1. Removal of birds' nest from univents fresh air intake vents and cleaning of them is completed.
- 2. The faculty room, 203, exhaust is now working property; it was discovered that a fan was sitting on wires and pinching them which was preventing power from getting to the exhaust fans; this correction has fixed a problem to all classrooms on the Gold House second floor.
- 3. The ceiling tiles in room 203 will be removed and replaced. The room will be scrubbed. TRC will then come back in to retest the air quality.
- 4. The Plant Engineers have worked on replacing 15 of the 40 diffusers needed. They expect to complete the remaining 25 in the next couple of weeks.
- 5. Clean Harbors will provide a quote on the cost to clean the neutralization tanks.
- 6. Custodians will be cleaning grease traps.
- 7. A phone is being installed in the mechanical room so that the system can be monitored electronically. If any issues occur, the monitoring system will electronically dial TRC so they can respond at any time of day or night.
- 8. Cheryl is working with the contractor on some auditorium seat cushions that have been dislodged.

Dr. Finnerty made a motion to receive and place on file the EPA remediation report for New Bedford High School.

There are no updates regarding the Statements of Interest submitted to the MSBA. They are still being evaluated.

Next there was an update on the Joaquim "Jack" Nobrega Field House.

Interviews for custodian are complete and Mark Adesso currently at Lincoln School was selected.

The furniture is in and the washer and dryer hookups are complete.

The incorrect fencing and handicap rail were purchased. The fencing goes to Hunter Street to enclose the facility. This will be corrected.

The fence that divides concessions and tickets was installed but the windows are the type that push out but must be exchanged for the ones that slide. The shrubbery, a second coat of tar, and signage all need to be completed.

A formal dedication of the facility is being planned for late May.

Regarding Hayden McFadden School, Mrs. Brown noted the following.

- The boys room on the 3rd floor has a broken flexible pipe.
- Water poured down through the floors.
- Two SAC offices, corridor in front of bathroom.
- Custodial staff vacuumed and used shampooers to vacuum.
- Utilized high speed fans.
- Called Cory Holmes regarding air quality.
- Brought meters no measurable readings.
- Said we should rip up carpet.
- Allowed a section about 8' x 6"0 to be ripped up as it was still wet.
- Need top have mastic tested for PCB's and asbestos (Addendum: No PCB's or asbestos were found)

Serve Pro was called in to use their heavy duty equipment to dry the rugs and treat the carpets.

Dr. Francis indicated that she would make a determination about school tomorrow.

Mr. Nobrega asked about notification about whether school would be cancelled.

Dr. Francis answered that there would be an auto alert call. She can do it from home with her cell phone.

Mr. Nobrega asked if it would also be announced on the radio.

Dr. Francis said yes it would be.

Discussion next took place about the possibility of going on a tour of the Nobrega Field House.

Atty. Clark inquired about whether there was going to be a plaque.

The Work Order Reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Atty. Clark and seconded by Dr. Finnerty to receive and place on file the Work Order reports.

A motion was made by Dr. Finnerty to adjourn the meeting. Atty. Clark seconded the motion.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Actor H. Brown

Deborah H. Brown

Business Manager Sub-Committee Liaison