



Long Lots School Building Committee

August 11, 2023

The LLSBC met on August 10th to review first drafts of feasibility site designs.

At prior meetings, the committee reviewed options for feasibility designs of the school building.

The designs vary depending on whether the building is renovated, expanded or rebuilt. And, if the building is rebuilt, there are several feasibility designs for the building and where it could be situated on the property.

AT THIS POINT, ALL OPTIONS ARE DRAFTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE, NOTHING HAS BEEN FINALIZED OR DECIDED

At the meeting, the committee discussed the pros and cons of the different feasibility site designs presented, and revisions that could or should be made as the designs are refined.

With each option, there are many trade-offs being considered such as:

- whether educational specifications are met
- the disruption to students during project construction
- the degree to which sustainability elements can be integrated
- traffic circulation
- parking capacity
- whether gardens are maintained in their current location or need to be relocated
- whether soccer and baseball fields will be eliminated
- the need for additional site elements such as retaining walls and re-grading

All of these considerations will also impact the project cost and timeline. The construction management firm is working on pricing and timelines to accompany each of the feasibility options.

Careful attention is being given to the site elements. The need to potentially relocate elements is not being considered lightly. Pricing will also include estimates and options for moving or modifying different parts of the site, such as re-grading portions of the site to accommodate fields, or the materials, labor and cost to relocate gardens.

Opportunities to enhance or enlarge the footprint of the gardens are also being considered. All of the feasibility options being considered are permanent changes to the site. There are no plans that temporarily relocate gardens or fields.

Four draft options were reviewed and discussed. Two additional options will be presented and discussed at a future meeting (date TBD but likely the week of August 21st). All of the options presented will continue to be reworked and refined until the building committee is ready to present options to the town governing bodies. There will continue to be opportunities for public input at building committee meetings and when options are presented to the town.

The LLSBC