



Upcoming Meeting Dates

AP Award Press Release - November 6, 2013

FPS Enrollment - November 1, 2013

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*MEETING
DATES*

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

November 18

4:15 PM – Policy Committee Meeting
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room

November 26

7:30 PM – Board of Education Meeting
Organizational/Regular Meeting
501 Kings Highway East
2nd Floor Board Conference Room

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESS RELEASE



The Education Center

November 6, 2013

Fairfield Public Schools Placed on the College Board's 4th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Advanced Placement[®] Access and Student Performance

477 School Districts Across the Nation Are Honored

Fairfield Public Schools is one of 477 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 4th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP[®] course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. Reaching these goals indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work. Since 2011, Fairfield Public Schools has increased the number of students participating in AP by 7% while improving the percentage of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher by 10%. In 2013 alone, 1,195 AP exams were administered to 599 Fairfield students.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David Title, stated, "I am proud of our students and our teachers for these results. Over the past ten years we have steadily increased the number of students taking and passing AP exams. Students in Fairfield are prepared to meet these rigorous standards."

Data from 2013 show that among African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half of students are participating because their schools do not always offer the AP course for which they have potential. Fairfield Public Schools is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

"We applaud the extraordinary efforts of the devoted teachers and administrators in this district who are offering more students the opportunity to engage in rigorous college-level course work," said Trevor Packer, the College Board's Senior Vice President of AP and Instruction. "These outcomes are a powerful testament to educators' belief that a more diverse

population of students is ready for the sort of rigor that will prepare them for success in college.”

Inclusion on the 4th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2011 to 2013, for the following criteria.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students, and;
- Improve performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2013 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2011, *unless* the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

1-Nov-2013

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT - ELEMENTARY

	PRE-K	KIND	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Burr		17	21	23	23	21	21	
		16	21	22	23	21	21	
	17	16	22	23	25	22	23	
	17	18					22	
	34	67	64	68	71	64	87	455
Dwight		19	22	19	23	21	21	
		22	23	19	24	21	21	
	18			18				
	17							
	35	41	45	56	47	42	42	308
Holland Hill		20	23	18	20	22	24	
		21	21	19	21	21	23	
		20	23	20	19	21	23	
				20				
	61	67	77	60	64	70		399
Jennings		19	19	18	18	19	17	
		17	19	18	18	19	18	
		18		19	18	19	17	
				18				
	54	38	73	54	57	52		328
McKinley		19	18	20	20	19	19	
		19	18	19	20	20	19	
		19	18	21	20	19	18	
		20	18	21	20	19	19	
	77	72	81	80	77	75		462
Mill Hill		19	22	21	22	20	19	
		19	21	21	23	20	19	
		18	21	22	23	20	20	
				21		19	19	
	56	64	85	68	79	77		429
No. Stratfield		22	21	21	22	22	21	
		22	22	20	22	21	22	
		21	21	20	19	22	22	
				21	21		21	
	65	64	82	84	65	86		446
Osborn Hill		22	20	22	22	22	23	
		22	19	22	22	23	23	
		22	20	22	23	23	23	
		21	20	21	23	21	24	
	87	79	87	90	89	93		525
Riverfield		19	21	20	20	22	17	
		19	20	20	22	21	19	
		19	22	19	22	19	20	
				18			19	
	57	63	77	64	62	75		398

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	<u>PRE-K</u>	<u>KIND</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Sherman		20	20	23	22	21	21	
		21	19	23	23	20	21	
		22	19	22	22	20	21	
		21	17	22		20		
		<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>460</u>
Stratfield		18	18	21	24	24	21	
		18	18	21	22	23	21	
		19	18	22	24	23	20	
		19	17	21	23		19	
		<u>74</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>496</u>
ECC	<u>102</u>							<u>102</u>
TOTAL PRE-K-5	<u>171</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>823</u>	<u>4,808</u>

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT - SECONDARY

	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fairfield Woods	293	319	315					927
Ludlowe	267	285	309					861
Tomlinson	217	243	237					697
TOTAL 6-8	<u>777</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>861</u>					<u>2,485</u>
FWHS				376	393	318	358	1,445
Walter Fitzgerald Campus				2	2	5	6	15
FLHS				355	375	395	366	1,491
Walter Fitzgerald Campus				1	5	5	8	19
TOTAL 9-12				<u>734</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>2,970</u>

<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>Pre-K - 5</u>	<u>6 - 8</u>	<u>9 - 12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current:	4,808	2,485	2,970	10,263
Difference: Current - October 1, 2013	16	(1)	(2)	13
October 1, 2013	4,792	2,486	2,972	10,250

** Please inform the Supt. Office of any discrepancies at 255-8371.

*** All KDG students are Full Day

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RIVERFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

A special meeting of the Riverfield School Building Committee was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Riverfield Library.

Attendance

Present Committee Members: Thomas Quinn, Chairman; Christine Messina, Vice Chairman; Lawrence Ratner, Secretary; Dan Graziadei; Bill McDonald; Maureen Sawyer; John Shaffer; Scott Thompson

Absent Committee Members: Harry Ackley; Pam Iacono, BOE Liaison; Nick Mirabile, RTM Liaison

Also Present: Kenneth Boroson, George Katinger, Kenneth Boroson Architects; Derek Bride, Consulting Engineering Services; Peter Adamowicz, Peter Manning, Gilbane Building Company; Marc Sklenka, Dave Rojas, Strategic Building Solutions; Sal Morabito, Manager of Construction, Security and Safety for FPS; Brenda Anziano, Riverfield principal; Judy Ewing, Liaison from the Office of the First Selectman

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Quinn at 7:00 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) INVOICE REVIEW AND APPROVALS

Motion made by Maureen Sawyer

To approve the Strategic Building Solutions invoice #11354 dated 9/29/13 for \$12,068 for services in the month of September.

Motion seconded by Lawrence Ratner. **Motion carried 8:0:0.**

4) AUTHORIZE W & C PCB PROPOSAL FOR SPENDING

Motion made by Christine Messina

To approve \$18,194.00 for Woodard & Curran/Kenneth Boroson Architects Task #1 and #2 work as described in 10/15/13 proposal; and to approve total fees for W&C/KBA Task #3 work as described in 10/15/13 proposal at \$1,485.00 per day for monitoring; \$4,235.00 for testing and \$4,950.00 for completion report.

Motion seconded by Maureen Sawyer. **Motion carried 8:0:0**

5) PRESENTATION OF LATEST CONSTRUCTION COST PROJECTIONS

Mr. Quinn invited Mr. Sklenka to speak about the project status but first made some comments stating initially the committee priced the project at \$15.2 million. In order to get necessary

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board approvals, the budget was reduced to \$14.5M. Mr. Quinn and Ms. Messina attended a value engineering (VE) meeting during which the two cost estimators continued the VE process to address the \$1.8M overage. Also at this October 23, 2013 meeting were representatives from SBS, Gilbane, KBA, Central Office and Purchasing. Mr. Quinn complimented the cost estimators, including Mr. Adamowicz who was present at this meeting, for their professionalism and reiterated this is a \$15.3M project which has to be done with \$14.5M.

Mr. Sklenka distributed a document outlining the VE meeting on October 23, 2013.

Although the total budget is \$14.5M, the approved construction budget is \$11,990,800. Current estimates price the project about 15% over, an amount Mr. Sklenka indicated was manageable at this point in the process.

49 VE items were reviewed and savings proposed were:

General Non Architectural	\$ 289,000
Architectural Features – Interior	\$ 261,000
Architectural Features – Exterior	\$ 199,000
Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP)	\$ 828,000
Site & Site Utilities	\$ 115,400
Total:	<u>\$1,692,400</u>

A big part of the MEP savings was due to using the existing AC in the 1971 addition (aka POD). No proposed item affected the Ed Specs and the Fresh Air and Air Condition systems were left intact. With these changes, the budget overage is less than 2%.

Mr. Quinn advised his goal is to have the entire list of VE items to share with the committee at the next RSBC meeting, November 6, 2013. He also learned since the VE meeting of additional items which could be considered for savings. Per John Fallon no Fairfield regulation requires rooftop screening on the school since it's in a residential area and Mr. Sklenka added the state high performance standard is just for an addition, not for an existing structure. Many of the VE items taken out will be available for bid as add alternates.

Ms. Sawyer asked if the AC in the POD will be fixed if it is not replaced because her experience has been it has not worked well. Many committee members also expressed concern. Mr. Morabito and Mr. Sklenka said it was discussed extensively at the VE meeting where items were prioritized and Mr. Katinger stated this is a big ticket item, \$250,000. Ms. Sklenka stated "we'll know the true cost when we get the bids." It like other VE items will be available as an add alternate.

Mr. Quinn said Mr. Manning met with Ms. Holland about expanding the list of bidder; the more bidders, the more efficient cost structure. Mr. Manning explained this will be a public bid and anyone can bid the job as long as they have an EMR under 1.0 and can bond the job. He met

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with Ms. Holland to discuss how to expand the bid list. He wants to get the word out to contractors they have worked with in the past and those who have previously bid work in Fairfield that this bid is coming. The goal is to have a nice, strong bid cover to minimize the pain on the budget. Based on similarly priced jobs at Fairfield University, the current bidding climate seems favorable.

More discussion followed about the AC in the POD. Mr. McDonald asked if there was a record of the repair costs. Mr. Morabito said the unit was problematic but the records were not available at a granular level. Mr. Thompson stated not replacing the AC was penny wise and pound foolish. He recognized the possible impact on schedule, but thought the Ed Specs should be revisited while keeping the project moving. Mr. Ratner said the Ed Specs were reanalyzed last spring and some changes were made like repurposing classrooms. Mr. Quinn said he raised the Ed Spec point at the VE meeting and it was not popular. Also at the VE meeting, Ms. Holland questioned why replacing the AC in the POD was part of this project. Mr. Morabito stated the Ed Specs have a range of interpretation and since the writing of the specs for this project how they are written has now been modified to reduce differences in interpretation. During Mr. Morabito's tenure he isn't aware of Fairfield doing any like new renovations. Mr. Schaffer, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Thomson questioned replacement cost now vs. maintenance and eventual replacement costs. Mr. Quinn stated the committee's interpretation has been "if we can fund it we would do it."

6) VOTE TO APPROVE CURRENT COST PLAN

No vote was taken.

Mr. Quinn distributed to committee members a document of proposed 2014 meeting dates to review. He is also going to give it to Jen Carpenter to review.

7) ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Messina to adjourn.

Mr. Ratner seconded the motion. Motion carried 8:0:0

Mr. Quinn adjourned the meeting at 8:13.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen C. Grande
Recording Secretary

These minutes are subject to review, correction and approval by the Riverfield School Building Committee

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