

BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
New Elementary School
Interior Design Sub-Committee

MINUTES
Monday, March 5, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Hawthorne Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Mark Wethli; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Bill Thompson; Mandy Merrill; Jean Doughty; Meredith Sciacca; Ashley Martin; Robyn Orr; Amy Crosby; Mary Lancaster; Nancy Bennoch; Ariana Melzer, PDT; Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Jeanie Doughty at 5pm.

The minutes from the January 24th meeting were approved by the committee.

The committee spoke about the potential name of the new school and the importance of that name aligning with the "natural world" concept that will inform the design and pallet of the building. The committee believes that this concept will be a strong tie-in with the K-2 curriculum, contribute to the unity of the school and promote a smaller school feeling. This input from the committee will be brought to the the Naming Committee by Jeanie Doughty.

Interior Design specialist Ariana Melzer from PDT displayed her inspiration board, asking for the committee's responses to color, ceiling treatments, entryway, tile schemes etc.

The discussion of the use of children's art as a design element came up. All agreed this would be welcome, and Mark Wethli spoke about the importance of amping up the art to a higher level and making it part of the "architecture".

The "Growing Forest" theme was accepted by the committee as the unifying design concept. Elements of this will include a deciduous forest wing, a coniferous wing, a meadow, a river bed, an ocean, acorns and pinecones, etc.

The continued use of Baxter Bear as a mascot was discussed. Most committee members were in support of creating a new mascot.

The use of paw prints in the hallways for the purpose of way-finding and decoration were discussed. Committee was mixed in response to paw prints. Stripes in the hallways and leaf shapes were also suggested.

The committee then considered a variety of materials and colors for flooring, tiles and rugs. Color was discussed with two major directions considered 1) lots of white with pops of saturated bright colors OR 2) a more neutralized color pallet including families of color with less use of white.

It was announced that our next meeting would focus on choosing materials in order to meet the May deadline.

The committee's homework is to explore different options for way-finders in the hallways.

Next meeting will be held on April 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hawthorne Conference Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.