

**Bruno M. Ponterio Ridge Street School**  
**Building Construction Planning Advisory Committee**

Date of Meeting: 27 August 2008

Meeting Attendees:	Carmine Crisci	BMPRSS Maintenance Foreman
	Volkert Braren	Parent
	Frank Doria	Parent
	Joseph Denn	Parent
	Mary Ann Falco	BMPRSS Staff
	Jacqueline Freedman	Community Representative
	Alan Willig	Community Representative
	Tracy Taylor	Assistant Principal BMPRSS

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**Agenda**

7:30 pm - BM Ponterio Ridge Street School Faculty Room

Discuss the needs presented by the Education Committee to start discussion on what is needed.

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting began at 7:35 pm.

Carmine was the chair. He stated that we need to address needs, not finance.

Volkert asked about the narrowest corridor and Carmine responded that the narrowest is about 8 feet. In the 1965 this could be an issue – a fire code violation. Carmine stated that where the fifth graders get into their lockers people cannot walk. The primary wing also gets very crowded because teachers put student bins and bookbags outside – the corridor gets very tight. Volkert asked if there is a fire code violation. Carmine said that the fire department does not come when RSS has a fire drill or even to inspect the building for things that are fire hazards. Carmine has walked through with an inspector certified by NYS and the first thing he said that classroom doors must close and as a result all door stoppers were taken off. Carmine says that we need to add fire-appropriate doors. Carmine wonders whether this cost should be added into the bond or separate.

Carmine led the group through the document he received from the Education Sub-Committee. This document listed the needs at RSS. The list was compiled by RSS Faculty.

A discussion emerged about a book room needed for teachers to use for literacy instruction. The book room could be an existing storage room except the storage rooms are used for teacher's offices. We need to put the teachers somewhere else. Carmine suggested building a new cafeteria and then using the existing Butler building (which is the multi-purpose room) as a suite for offices. Carmine led the group through the Butler building – concentrating on the Multi-

purpose room, kitchen, and Primary Wing. In one of the plans there was a possibility of the Enrichment Center being office suites. The committee said that it is really not a good idea to put anyone in the Enrichment Center for storage and not putting teachers or administrative staff down there.

Volkert would like a list of spaces used of classrooms, special ed, BOCES, AIS, ESL, and any other with programmatic needs to get a full picture of what we have and what we need.

Do we need to expand the current band room or do we need to create another room to hold band? Could we use a large space and partition it? Could a space be shared with a band room and a lunchroom? Could we build a new lunchroom and then keep the multi-purpose room for band practices? How much square footage is there for students in the current band room?

RSS floor plans were brought out to look at square footage. Carmine started to jot down on a floor plan possibilities:

- Build new two-story building off of 1955 wing (by Room 29) to hold 13 classrooms (8 classes currently in Primary Wing + 5 more)
- Build new cafeteria
- New windows for Primary Wing – do not tear down
- Make Primary Wing OT/PT classes, Special Service Providers (ie: School Psychologists, Special Ed teachers), and also BOCES classes.
- Make multi-purpose room and cafeteria into a large band room
- Make existing band room into smaller rooms for small classes (ie: ESL, AIS)
- Expand main office and make the current OT/PT admin offices for principal and assistant principal AND make space into conference room
- Keep Enrichment Center where it is and make it Maintenance Foreman's office and work space.
- Possibly moving the Band room to the Primary Wing and changing the multi-purpose room/cafeteria into OT/PT classes, Special Service Providers (ie: School Psychologists, Special Ed teachers), and also BOCES classes.
- We need to keep grades together – they are all over the building!

A discussion began about how much it would be to keep the Butler building, fix windows and such, and build a two-story addition to 1955 Wing. The architects would have to research how much it would cost to renovate the Butler building.

There is a possibility of going green since we have to replace all the roofs to put in solar panels.

We know that we need the space, but we need to prove the need for the space.

What is the square foot build out for 13 classrooms, bathrooms, and cafeteria/multi-purpose room? The square footage for classroom is bigger than the multi-purpose room/cafeteria. If you do not have your kitchen and storage facilities in the same area, it will be costly because you need an elevator. What about two story structure plus cafeteria? What about three-story addition (6 classes, 6 classes, plus cafeteria on bottom floor.)

**From KSQ: We need rough square footage price for three-story addition plus cafeteria and kitchen. Carmine will call KSQ.**

What about the library? Do we really need a bigger library? It should have three components – and it already does – reading area, check-out area, and computers. The original plan was to convert the library into a media center. We were looking for a larger space for more computers and then the computer room would be absorbed so that there is no longer a computer room. Laptops on carts would be used for instruction in classroom.

Lighting was discussed as a major upgrade.

**The Sub-Committee will receive from Tracy and Carmine:**

- **A list of rooms and what the use is**
- **Current square footage**
- **Desired class footage**

This will be distributed to the committee as a whole

**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, September 3, 2008**  
**Band Room**  
**7:30 pm**

Be prepared with our meeting minutes, list of building usage and square footage (which will be emailed to you), and bring floor plan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Tracy Taylor