



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District  
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Minutes  
June 14, 2004

Present: W. Morrison, F. Rothhaus, C. Morrison, J. Vaillancourt, T. Koenig (arrived late) and School Board liaison E. Coburn

Excused: S. Heinrich

Also Participating: Superintendent M. Chiafery, Business Administrator M. Shevenell, Traffic Consultant D. DeBaie, MES Principal K. Custer, Director of Maintenance S. Lemay, MUES Principal M. McGill and MUES PFA President T. DeMember.

W. Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

### **Parking**

D. DeBaie presented a plan for parking behind Mastricola Elementary School. The plan included 16 – 18 additional faculty parking spaces, one-way bus lane and plans for Kindergarten drop-off/pick-up.

Members suggested that there should be a delineated pedestrian path through the lot which was not wide enough to be used as a parking space as well as some means of preventing parking in the swale and/or island areas of the lot. J. Vaillancourt told the Committee she was particularly impressed with the flexibility of traffic options the plan offered to the school. K. Custer told the Committee the proposed plan provides adequate faculty parking for MES

D. DeBaie also showed the Committee a potential plan for 2 additional parking lots along O’Gara Drive, opposite the Mastricola Elementary parking lot. The plan provided for 96 additional parking spaces. M. Shevenell noted that the District would need to get permission from PSNH to put parking spaces under the electric poles. He further noted that, since both lots would require some blasting, it would be financially prudent to do both projects at that same time.

### **MUES Playground**

M. MacGill told the Committee that she had been holding meetings with parents of all current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. One of the major items of concerns raised during these meetings was having a playground at the new upper elementary school. She proposed creating a playground where the softball field is currently located. The playground would have swings, hoops, a playing field, climbing equipment, benches and some other portable items. T. DeMember told the Committee the PFA is ready to raise funds to pay for the playground equipment.

Discussion included:

- ❖ What can be accomplished by the first day of school
- ❖ Space needed per piece of equipment
- ❖ The emergency generator
- ❖ The age and condition of the softball field
- ❖ The esthetic appearance of any playground
- ❖ Safety issues including students and/or balls in the street
- ❖ The affect of losing a playing field.
- ❖ The space behind Smith Gym as an alternative

Members decided to hold a site walk on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and discuss options at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

J. Vaillancourt made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: T. Koenig. MOTION PASSED unanimously. W. Morrison adjourned the meeting at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich