

**Communication Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2018**

Present: Holly J. P. Kopp, Ryan Palmer, Brad Smith

Below is a list of potential updates to be posted and their status. Updates ready to be posted are also included below for (1) Clerk of the Works, (2) Percent Art Update, and (3) Pre-Qualified Contractors/ Bid process. Brad will write up an update for the April 11, 2018 SBOE meeting and we will prepare another post for May 1, 2018 to inform the public about what to expect once construction begins.

Topics and Status:

1. DEP Approval: POSTED
2. Clerk of the Works: Review and post/ see below
3. Commissioning Info by Mark Conrad: POSTED
4. Percent Art Update: Mark Conrad to update/ see below
5. What to expect at MTA once construction begins: post update on May 1 (traffic, parking, athletic fields)
6. Update on design/ highlight of specific area (i.e. dining commons, classrooms, forum, etc): TBD once additional sketches are available from PDT
7. Digital Signage: Nothing to report at this time
8. Design and Funding Approval from State Board of Education (April 11, 2018): Brad will write up
9. Pre-Qualified Contractors / Bid Process: Review and post/ see below
10. Forum Seating Campaign: In process
11. Approved FINAL list from fundraising committee to kick off campaign (\$201,780 K list and \$500 K list)/ Would be great to announce major donor. TBD

Updates ready to be posted:

Clerk of the Works has been selected for the MTA High School Project:

The Clerk of the Works is an agent for the architect hired to insure the building is being constructed according the architect's designs and drawings. The Clerk of the Works is the only individual who has authority to halt construction should there be concerns. Holbrook (Brook) Plummer has been selected as the Clerk of the Works for the MTA High School Project.

Percent for Art Selection Process Under Way:

The Mt. Ararat construction project is participating in the Percent for Art program, which provides funding for artwork for public buildings in Maine, including schools. The artwork

commissioned takes many forms - traditional sculpture, abstract wall-mounted works, projects that integrate art throughout the building, and more! This program is overseen by the Maine Arts Commission.

A Mt. Ararat Percent for Art Committee has been formed and the selection process is now underway. The Committee will oversee the selection of art work for the new High School, and includes the following members:

- Sarah Cowperthwaite, High School art teacher, MSAD No. 75
- Maura McHugh, Middle School art teacher, MSAD No. 75
- Pam Anderson, Architect with PDT Architects
- Andrea Sulzer, Artist
- Ellen Tani, Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow, Bowdoin College Museum of Art

A call has gone out to all Maine artists to submit proposals by April 10th. The Committee will then select a limited number of finalists to provide more detailed proposals later in the spring. The Committee may select one artists or several artists to provide art work within the \$50,000 that has been set aside in the construction budget for this purpose. Areas in which art work may be installed include the grounds by the main entrance, the entrance near the gymnasium, the exterior walls of the forum, the landscape looking out toward the pond from the Learning Commons, different areas within the main atrium, and the stairwell by the Learning Commons.

Stay tuned for exciting developments in the Percent for Art Program!

Bid Process for MTA High School Project to Begin in April 2018:

On April 13, 2018 the District will begin taking bids for the MTA High School Project. The State DOE approved five general contractors as pre-qualified bidders for the MTA High School Project on February 21, 2018. All 5 of the firms have had previous experience building schools:

- Arthur C. Dudley Contractor/Builder
- Harvey Construction
- LedgeWood Construction
- PC Construction
- Wright-Ryan Construction

The bids will be opened on May 17, 2018 and a contract awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. Work can begin after May 17, 2018.

Next Meeting: TBD