

## **June 22, 2017, Meeting**

Mike Rossillo - Gibraltar Design

Scott Cherry, Dion Katsouros - Skillman Corp.

Dr. Frataccia, Dr. Lauck, Dr. McCall, Todd VanKeppel, Lisa Frankus – VCS

### **Construction Updates**

#### **Heavilin**

Landscaping is being installed and furniture is arriving. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The time capsule will be in place but will not be mortared in until after the ceremony.

#### **Cooks Corners**

Southwest classrooms are close to complete and asphalt work will begin in July.

#### **Memorial**

The soccer field is being graded..

#### **Parkview / Northview / Thomas Jefferson Elementary**

Excavation for the foundation of the gymnasium addition has begun.

#### **Central**

Demolition will begin at Central next week.

#### **VHS**

The project to replace the switch gear and electrical work should be completed and the electricity will be back on by July 9, 2017. Dr. Frataccia noted that we need the auditorium ready for opening day on August 7, 2017. The underground tank at VHS will be out of the ground by July 5, 2017 and soil testing will take place in that area.

### **Porter County Career Center**

Mike Rossillo reported that drawings are on schedule and will be delivered to Skillman before July 4, 2017. Scott Cherry reported that the original budget for the Career Center was \$3.3 million, but did not include the unit ventilators. With the added scope of work to install unit ventilators and the resulting underground utility relocation the budget is now estimated at \$3.8 million. Discussion items to narrow the scope of work included replacing the unit ventilators in 2018 (Scott approximates there is 5 years of life in the ventilators) and using material other than brick on the addition (the cost for alternate fascia material will be evaluated for potential savings). Dr. Frataccia questioned the underestimated budget for infrastructure and how the replacement of unit ventilators was missed when infrastructure is an ongoing priority for VCS.

### **Landscaping**

Dr. Frataccia inquired about planting ornamental grass or groundcover around the school for esthetics /lower maintenance/ less mowing to disturb class time. The landscape architect's plan for each school is to place pea gravel approximately 4 feet off the perimeter. The pea gravel is currently being installed at Heavilin. If we decide to install groundcover at Memorial and Cooks we have to make a decision with the next 4 weeks.