

August 25, 2016, Teleconference - Gibraltar-Skillman

Alex Nelson, Mike Rossillo – Gibraltar

Dion Katsouros– Skillman

Dr. Frataccia, Dr. Lauck, Dr. McCall, Todd Van Keppel, Lisa Frankus - VCS

Design Progress:

Alex reported that Gibraltar has met with the Principals of Central, Northview, Parkview and Thomas Jefferson Elementary and the site preliminary design renderings will be sent next week.

Central

The top floor will house the 5th grade class, Art and Music. The existing parking lot on the north side of the building will be for visitors and staff. Ten additional parking will be provided on the south side of the school and will be for staff only.

Northview

Storm water detention will need to be added to the south end of the grass playing field.

Parkview

There was discussion on July 21, 2016 about the property line of Parkview Elementary School extending into the wooded area on the North side of the school and includes a Valparaiso Park Dept. shelter. Dr. Frataccia contacted Mr. Siebert and found out that the Valparaiso Park Dept. does own the property north of the school. Alex reported that the boundaries on the survey were wrong, and they did not have the property deed to use for confirmation. There was discussion about building a one-way drive connecting Wood Street and Institute Street on the west side of the property to alleviate congestion on Wood Street. This will be under consideration at a later time.

Thomas Jefferson Elementary

The traffic flow and possibility of curb cuts to accommodate 3 buses on Roosevelt were discussed. Dr. Frataccia will call Tim Burkman and arrange a meeting with Torrenga to explore this option further.

Construction Progress:

New Elementary School

Dion reported that they will be ready to shingle the roof next week, and the building should be enclosed by Mid-October.

Valparaiso High School

Work has begun on the HVAC piping.

Gymnastics Pit

There is still water in the excavated gymnastics pit at VHS. Dion reported that they are working on a price proposal to install a drain and should have it by tomorrow – Friday 8/26/16. The entire gymnastics pit project should be completed in 2-3 weeks – by September 16, 2016 at the latest.

Cooks Corners

Plumbing is completed in the gym addition. Precast for the outer walls will be delivered the week of Labor Day – 9/5/16.

Memorial

Precast for the outer walls will be delivered the week of 9/19/16.

Open Discussion:

The Bid Opening for District-Wide Unit Ventilators I on Monday, 9/12/16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Administration Building. A neighbor who lives on the east side of Cooks Corners contacted Dr. Frataccia inquiring about what type of landscaping is planned for that section. They are concerned about the buses that utilize that parking lot, and would like to have a natural separation between the parking lot and their property line.

Solar Panels / NIPSCO Rebate Program

Dr. Frataccia reported that all the alternates were approved at the 8/18/16 Board meeting, including the solar panels at the New Elementary School and Valparaiso High school subject to further requirements / information needed for rebates and incentives from Nipsco. The Board wants solar panels installed at all of the schools. Alex reported that Nipsco out-sources the rebate program, and he has submitted an application for the New Elementary school. Dr. Frataccia reported that the Board wants to receive preliminary prototype drawings for unisex restrooms.