
Fwd: questions re: Facilities

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Hi Jim,

Here are the questions from the committee for tonight.

Best,
Jane

General

What are the plans to improve the ticketing system for facilities needs district-wide? What are the key performance indicators that can be reported back to the School Committee to show that the system is improving overall? [Morgan]

What is the status of window repairs and screen installations? [Morgan]

Has a full window inventory been taken, such that every classroom has at least one functioning window with a screen? [Exton]

What is required to purchase tents and get permits for tents? [Thielman]

Is there a plan to rent or buy tents for outdoor use? [Exton]

Is there any state or federal standard the district is using to determine appropriate ventilation in a school or classroom? [Thielman]

What is the status of making sure that HVAC units in every classroom throughout the district are working and up to standard? [Thielman]

With data now showing that the illness is transmitted through the air and with less of a focus on surface transmissions, why do we need to close the schools each Wednesday for cleaning? What will you accomplish Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday in cleaning classrooms after school? What more do you need to do on Wednesdays that you cannot accomplish the other days? [Thielman]

What is the status of placing additional signage, fixtures, sneeze guards, etc. throughout the district? What will be accomplished by the start of school? [Thielman]

How often will fogger machines be running? [Thielman]

Is Arlington ordering any HEPA air purifiers for rooms that cannot be appropriately ventilated with outside air? [Exton]

Arlington High School

On AHS and in general, I understand we want to maximize fresh air intake to the extent possible, that more fresh air is always better, but is there not some point where the fresh air intake is sufficient given masking and 6 foot spacing? How are we determining that certain space is safe for our special needs population but other space is not safe without HVAC modifications? [Kardon]

What are the repairs needed to the high school to improve ventilation? Can you please send us the report indicating the need for repairs? Was the evaluation done by a vendor? How much do the repairs cost? What repairs can be made prior to September 21? [Thielman]

MA guidance calls for a uni-vent fan that brings in and filters fresh/outside air. My understanding is that the uni-vent fan needs to be “on” and controls must be set to “high”. Using this standard or another standard (see question 1), please respond to the next three questions:

1. Of our 52 classrooms, how many do not have proper ventilation? Under what standard?
2. Of our common areas (gym, cafeteria, hallways), which ones have proper ventilation and which ones do not?
3. Of our staff offices, what number or percentage do not have proper ventilation?
4. In total, how many classrooms, hallways, and common spaces can the high school use which meet ventilation standards? What percentage of the total space is usable and what percentage is not usable? What is the standard for determining this? [Thielman]

What will it take, money and time, to make the high school safe for students to return in either a hybrid or full entry mode? [Hayner]

Ottoson

I'm confused about the issues at Ottoson. According to Dr. Bodie, we either need to repair leaks in some tubing OR we need to open the dampers to let in more fresh air. That doesn't make much sense - they seem to be 2 different issues - but perhaps there is an explanation. If we open the dampers, we then need to close them when we turn on the heat - but then won't there be an issue with no fresh air? If there is going to be fresh air issue when we turn on the heat, which I believe was indicated at the last meeting, is it really so much worse to start the school year in the same state, but with windows open? What is the plan for heating season? [Kardon]

If Facilities does not have the time to do the repairs at Ottoson, what will it cost to have an outside vendor do it? How long will they take? Will these repairs deal with the need to manually open and close the dampers at Ottoson? [Hayner]

What is the cost of doing repairs to the tubing system? How long will it take to do the repairs? What can the School Committee do to accelerate the repairs? Can we hire additional people to do the repairs at OMS? Can we pass a motion requesting that the town fund this and make it a priority? [Thielman]

What is the least costly option – open the dampers now and close school for 2-3 weeks in October or repair the system now and open school later? [Thielman]

Gibbs

Are there any concerns with HVAC/ventilation in that building? [Thielman]

Elementary

Are there any classrooms or areas of schools in our elementary schools that do not have proper ventilation. If so, by what standard? [Thielman]

What is the status of any repairs to HVAC systems in our 7 elementary schools? [Thielman]

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