



Parent Update

Vision 2018

April 21, 2016

Greetings OLM Community! Here is the latest news from the Vision Committee:

Work Stream Update

149 Neck Road Option (Cliff Bechtold, team lead)

- A meeting has been scheduled for May 2nd in Rhode Island where representatives from the Vision Committee will meet with the Sisters of Mercy leadership team. We hope to establish a collaborative working relationship with the Sisters whereby we can help each other meet our individual goals in a timely and cost effective manner.
- An appraisal of the property has been ordered and is expected to be available Friday April 22nd. This report will assist in financial decisions regarding the value of our current location.

Alternate Madison Location (Mara Dowler, team lead)

- We have received a comprehensive architectural assessment of the Madison Public School buildings completed by an independent architectural design firm. The report describes the physical condition of each school building and provides expected costs to upgrade/repair identified concerns for each structure. The report also provides capacity limitations of each building as related to student and staff occupancy.
- A meeting with representatives from the Vision Committee and Madison town officials is being scheduled.
- The Vision Committee received a report from Stephen Dowler regarding other local relocation options which could make use of modular building units in addition to currently available real estate space.

Regional School Option (Michael Greene, team lead)

- Reports from recent regional school projects in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and Washington DC have been received and reviewed for applicability to our situation.
- Cost estimates from local contractors have been received regarding price per square foot to build new vs renovate an existing non-school building to accommodate a regional school.
- Demographic information has been secured from the archdiocese regarding the Catholic population in our region, the number of children enrolled in Catholic Schools, and projected population shifts in regard to these data points.

Financial Update

Kevin O'Brien has performed a portfolio review to analyze asset allocation of the OLM endowment. Recommendations have been made to the OLM Board to reallocate a percentage of the fund in order to make capital more readily available should a decision be made to utilize a portion of the endowment.

Other News

Art work from the ECC will be on display throughout the month of April at the Scranton Memorial Library. The Mock Trial team won the State Championship this year marking its 10th win in 12 years!! The 5th grade performed the Living Stations for the Eater Triduum.

Feedback

We continue to welcome (and encourage) feedback on any aspect of our work to date and plans for our collective future as a school community. Please email any member of the Vision Committee or use the Vision2018 email at vision2018@olmschool.com

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