

Riley, Kate

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kate,

Some thoughts regarding the Tobin School Meeting:

My "initial" reaction is as follows:

We should not be losing any open space, so the design needs to change to accommodate that key concept. I'm guessing only two ways that can be done: eliminate some areas, or go high. There will be tradeoffs that need to be examined.

I hope that we are planning for some "vocational education" opportunities for kids in the middle schools.

I came in a little late but in **thinking out of the box** a bit, I'm wondering if one of the gyms can support "gymnastics" given that we will be losing MIT availability. I think we can be more creative than putting two gyms with basketball courts when our young girls need better opportunities. **Can Perkins and Eastman present some alternatives.**

The Superintendent and his leadership team need to take a close look at the middle school design and decide whether there is an opportunity to rethink how our middle school system is functioning and whether it can be improved. We might want to add another school to be a part of the upper school design (only two go to Vassal school now) that would create more diversity there, etc. In other words this is a one time opportunity to improve on educational issues we might be facing. **The school committee needs to weight in on the educational design.**

From a planning standpoint there is going to be a **real parking issue** at the Kennedy/Longfellow school given they lost available parking at the Bus lot that no longer exists. This is creating a lot of anxiety at the school and needs to get resolved sooner than later.

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