



Blueprint Schools Program Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021

Start Time - 6:00 pm

Attendance

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Dr. Monica Goldson	Chief Executive Officer	Jason Washington	Director, OAIPD
Ashley Sharp (Representative)	County Council Chair	Brittney Bennett	B&D (Communications)
Ted Holt	Gilbane Building Company	Brandey McDonald	Fengate

Call to Order:

Called to order by Brittney Bennett: "Good evening, everyone, and welcome to the Fourth Quarter Blueprint School Steering Committee meeting. Dr. Goldson, can you please call the meeting to order?"

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson calls the public meeting to order.

Meeting Logistics:

- Spanish interpretation access
- ASL interpretation – occurs simultaneously.
- Q&A function – disabled
- Questions can be submitted on the program website: www.pgcpsblueprintschools.com
- Public comments - will be called on in the order in which you signed up

Roll call for all attendees takes place.

Steering Committee moves to:

- Dr. Goldson moves to approve the 10/13/2021 steering committee meeting minutes. Ashley Sharp seconded. All Steering Committee members voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.
- Dr. Goldson moves to approve the 12/8/2021 steering committee meeting agenda. Ashley Sharp seconded. All Steering Committee members voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.

Director Report

[*See Attached*](#)





Q&A:

Committee:

Dr. Goldson: "Are all the projects still on target for delivery by summer 2023? "

Mr. Ted Holt: "Thank you Jason and Dr. Goldson, the very simple answer is yes. We're excited to be on track on schedule right now. In fact, there's a couple of these schools that are a little more advanced than we had anticipated at this time last year, no shortage of challenges. But as Jason had mentioned, we've hit some major milestones with the design. Coming towards the conclusion at the end of this year is a major milestone. The permitting process has gone extraordinarily well, far better than we could have even imagined. We're approaching the final building permit here probably in the next 30 to 45 days, and we've got all the permits necessary through the structural approvals to start that work. Jason had also mentioned we're actually a little bit ahead with receiving some of the structural elements, and it's been a major partnership with all participants to be in that condition, particularly given the challenges in the supply chain markets at the moment. I think Jason mentioned we are active with pouring concrete on all six locations. And that means we've also got underground rough ends going for things like bathrooms and kitchens. Actually, currently you start to see structural elements on site, but the steel installation (inaudible) will begin on some sites later this month that will really carry us into the Spring. And then we should be looking at things like the skin of the buildings here later this summer. So our teams are incredibly excited to be a part of this, but to be also on track, as you ask.

Dr. Goldson: "Has the supply chain, supply and demand and the issue around delivery of items impacted Gilbane? And if it has, what have you done to mitigate those situations? And if it hasn't? I just want to know how that's impacted us."

Mr. Holt: "So far to date, because this is a design build model, it has allowed us to get a jump on key trades that otherwise would be seeing severe extensions in time. We don't have anything today that hasn't been manageable. But in this market, things like steel are certainly extending out in much longer durations than you would have seen a year ago. And then roofing and insulation seems like they would be simple, but they are incredibly long lead times in the market right now. And in this model, we have been able to get a jump, and those critical orders are placed. Our mechanical and electrical equipment is probably next. And we've had some good partners on that since really day one. So they are managing through that supply chain challenge right now. So no issues that we haven't been able to manage. It is a very tricky market, not just for this program, but across the entire construction industry. But I would say if it wasn't this model, we would certainly be having some significant challenges in delivering."

Dr. Goldson: "I completely understand because we are having that problem in some of our very traditional models of what we're using to build some buildings and actually have run into some delays because of that. So that was why I asked."





Dr. Goldson:, “I received an email recently from one of our communities that was concerned about whether Gilbane was adhering to the regulations and requirements around making sure that they're transporting equipment at the right time, that they're leaving the neighborhoods in the same condition that they left them in. So can you just kind of talk about that? I know we were able to resolve the issue for the K-8, which was, I want to say, maybe two or three weeks ago. But for all the sites, what's the process to ensure that we're adhering to the regulation?”

Mr. Holt: “Sure. Well, I mentioned permitting along that same line, we're working with quite a few different agencies or regulatory agencies focused on a variety of different things, whether it be the Department of the Environment dealing with soil conditions and the sequences of the work that we need to put in place before we can even start executing on that work. And then with the DPIE group as well, looking at what is the plan for bringing new products on site as well. So I think those approvals have taken a lot of effort to partner together. But I do believe that we have gone through all of those steps, and we have established a very good working relationship with MDE to navigate through the environmental sequences that are required.”

Mr. Jason Washington: “And one other big thing that we're working through now is that the Southern site is around the truck traffic utilizing Fort Washington instead of East Swan Creek. And so we have been working with Gilbane and State Highway Administration (SHA). So we basically have reached out to SHA to put signage out on Indian Head Highway to divert traffic away from Fort Washington and down East Swan Creek. There are residents on East Swan Creek who want it to go down Fort Washington. We just felt that it's just a longer commute. It takes a while to get out, and it's just an easier route off of East Swan Creek. Additionally, the county is starting to do work across the street that will come out and end at Ford Washington right there at the circle. And so we have started to coordinate that to ensure that they also use the preferred route because we've heard already. So to save them, let's start directing traffic out of East Swan Creek. We have been successful at times. I think there is still work to be done, and we are adamant about continuing with that work. And actually this Friday, we have our monthly check in with the Alliance to talk further about this and where we are with the application and what's next. But as it relates to and I can say on our side as it relates to regulations and respecting adhering to those, that's something that we trust with Gilbaine, and they've been very active and involved in that. And another thing that Ted didn't say is that when you go on the site, you actually have to walk out of your car with everything on. I have been directed that I need to put on a vest and a hard hat, and they're 300ft away from me. And so that is something that's taken very seriously just in terms of making sure that we do not have any safety issues for workers or anyone else on site in addition to regulatory adherence as we move forward with the program”

Dr. Goldson: “Thank you. I normally ask a question around community engagement, but Mr. Washington, you actually included it in your report. So I appreciate that. And I do not have any more questions.”





Ms. Ashley Sharp: "I don't have any questions, but I just wanted to Echo what Dr. Goldson had mentioned about community engagement. I'm really happy to hear about having ongoing meetings that will allow the community to be able to come in and ask questions and have face time with stakeholders. So we really appreciate that from the Councilman side. Thank you."

Steering Committee moves to:

- Dr. Goldson moves to approve the 2022 Steering committee meeting dates: March 9, June 8, September 14, and December 14. Ashley Sharp seconded. All Steering Committee members voted in favor with no opposition or abstention.

Public Comments:

There are no public comments at this time.

Non-Agenda Items:

There are no non-agenda items at this time.

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Wednesday 3/9/2022

Meeting Adjourns:

Dr. Goldson motions to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

