

American Renaissance School

Facilities Committee – Long Term Planning



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ARS Long Term Planning 2/1 BOD Meeting Update

- Current lease ends in 2020
 - Options to renew
 - Currently very expensive with annual increases
 - Condition of current building
 - Downtown community status
- Committee recommendation to hold volunteer kickoff meeting
 - Create two sub committees to conduct feasibility studies
 - Sub committees will be Stay in Current Building (continue to rent, buy out lease) vs. Leave Current Building (find new building to rent/buy, build new facility)
 - Each sub committee will study pros and cons of each side as well as repercussions of long term future of each
- Once sub committee recommendations are heard and vetted out, BOD Facilities Committee members will review best options and make recommendation to BOD at future Board Meeting (potential for fundraising committee to be formed in the future depending on direction approved)
- High school and gym options to be included in future planning sessions as well but will vary depending on direction.
- Tradd St property Phase 2 efforts to also be revisited once direction is confirmed

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Mission:

- To determine the best possible yet feasible building/property situation for the long term future of ARS (all campuses); to organize and initiate the actions that are required to create this future at minimal disruption to business continuity

Committees:

- Stay in Current Building
 - Continue to rent/re-negotiate lease **OR**
 - Buy current building outright/revamp current structure **AND**
 - Look at other nearby properties as well to create downtown campus
- Leave Current Building
 - Find existing building somewhere to buy/revamp **OR**
 - Find existing land to build new campus

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- Other things to consider:
 - Downtown community status
 - Fundraising potential
 - Overall cost of revamp vs. start new
 - Return on Investment
 - Tradd Street property
 - Potential for gymnasium
 - Potential for high school
 - Increased class size (per grade)
 - Car Line Safety currently/Busing

ARS Facilities Committee

Committee Roles, Responsibilities

The facilities committee is composed of members of the ARS Board of Directors:

1. Michele Knapp, Committee Chair – knappm@arsnc.org
2. Jonathan Bell – bellj@arsnc.org
3. Frank DiGangi – digangif@arsnc.org
4. Matt Reyes – reyesm@arsnc.org

The responsibilities of the facilities committee are:

- Oversees the selection of professional firms involved in the design, construction and usage of facilities
- Supports the Executive Director in developing facility use strategies
- Develops recommendations for facility design, location etc.
- Determines what permits and variances are needed and makes application to the appropriate agencies for them
- Recruits volunteers to manage buildings and grounds maintenance
- Develops space and facilities usage recommendations and plans
- Supports the board in developing facility use strategies
- Develops cost projections for projects

Facilities Subcommittees

- 1. New Location subcommittee**
- 2. Downtown Location subcommittee**

New Location Subcommittee

Frank DiGangi and Matt Reyes will serve as co-coordinators of the New Location subcommittee. The duties of the subcommittee are:

- Identify property to either build a new facility or rehab an existing building
- Use current ARS student population map to assist with property location search
- For each potential property, check zoning restrictions
- Gather all information related to the identified property (tax card, real estate listing, public facilities located near property, utilities, etc.)
- Create an estimated project budget
- Create a narrative of the committee findings including supporting documentation as to why we should or should not move ARS

Downtown Location Subcommittee

Michele Knapp and Jonathan Bell will serve as co-coordinators of the Downtown Location subcommittee. The duties of the subcommittee are:

- Appraise current Broad Street building
- Identify potential buildings/property within a two block radius that would allow ARS to grow
- For each potential property, check zoning restrictions
- Gather all information related to the identified property (tax card, real estate listing, public facilities located near property, utilities, etc.)
- Create an estimated project budget
- Create a narrative of the committee findings including supporting documentation as to why we should or should not stay in the current location