

Meeting with Principal Jenisch on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, I sat down with Principal Jenisch to discuss the following topics; the vent system, air quality, number of teachers, moving the front wall, fire inspection, and miscellaneous topics. Below are the highlights.

Venting System – currently the system is set up as half oil and half propane. Ideally the school would be sectioned off into 4 zones using one system. Ten years ago a quote of 400k – 1 million was given to create a uniformed system.

Air Quality – the Strafford School has had no more absentees or early dismissals than any other school in the area. The individual classroom air units do help, but may cost more in heating costs. As the cool air comes in the room it will cause the heat to come on more often. ***(Taxpayer Group - This is an area we might want to explore. What other units are available that will use the outgoing heated air to warm the incoming cold air?)***

Number of Teachers – Principal Jenisch has already had meetings with his staff, to make them aware of the possibility of some cutbacks. Once they get a final number on town demographics he will make a final decision. ***(To my knowledge the kindergarten classes have gone from 4 to 3.)***

Front Wall – on new schools or renovations the state has required that the physical size of a kindergarten classroom be 1000 square feet. The kindergarten rooms in the front of the building were below this new requirement. Also the windows in the front rooms were not energy efficient. In order to satisfy both requirements the renovation design team moved the front wall out. ***(Per an email from Edward Murdough, state requirements on new general purpose classrooms are as follows: kindergarten 1000 sf, elementary or middle 900 sf, high school 800 sf; in existing buildings kindergarten 50 sf/pupil, elementary or middle 36 sf/pupil, and high school 32sf/pupil)***

Fire Inspection – ideally the school would have a sprinkler system, but there are 27 exits. Currently, the school needs to replace exterior and interior fire rated doors, totaling \$22,480 (the lowest of the bids). This will be done over the summer vacation.

Miscellaneous – due to the fluctuating price of heating oil, it becomes a challenge to forecast out how much to budget. This is an area where he may exceed the budgeted amount. FYI, the principal's office does not have a heat vent, so in the winter it becomes very cold.

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