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Is "learnings" supposed to be a noun?

sustainability, alternate uses for buildings not used, impact of interest rates on building costs

I supported the plan that failed. But it's clear that location is the #1 factor for people in town - keep the school at Dale St site. If SBC proposes another new school at Wheelock it *WILL* lose again -- the neighborhood opposition PLUS w the usual naysayers are too large in number to overcome. I understand the Wheelock site has operational and construction cost efficiencies, but LOCATION is the #1 factor for the people of Medfield. Better to forego state funding and spend the money to keep it at Dale. Don't make the same mistake again - the new plan MUST be at Dale St site.

Long term plan for all school buildings

The many positive benefits of building a highly energy-efficient school and aiming for it to be Net Zero carbon emissions. The embodied carbon benefits of renovating/adding at the Dale St. location.

How do Medfield's school buildings (existing uses, sizes, needs, costs) compare to similarly sized towns in MA? How does the MPS grade configurations compare to similar towns and to current best practices for towns of our size/make-up? How can we consider enrollment projections in planning (a clearly stated concern of some in town) while also building flexibly for an unknown future in which those town members may no longer live here?

Look forward to hearing honest and open discussion that is open to feedback. Also hope for less vitriol and judgment towards those who may disagree or have concerns.

Dale street renovation, it is a better location

How will recent experience with Covid-19 and the development of AI effect the long-term requirements and plans for the new school?

Please publish a timeline for SBC meetings & events

1. Short bios of the committee volunteers (work experience, other town work, kids in schools); 2. A --rough-- timeline of the process, subject to change no doubt

Get cost of similar schools built since pandemic so voters know this is not cheap and we will have to spend to get it right.

Impact on property taxes; will curriculum be upgraded and at what cost?

Any plans should include a real cost of what to do with any buildings or properties that will need to be demolished or repurposed.

How will you ensure this doesn't become School Committee/SBC/Superintendent pet project as the last project and process did? What steps will you take all along the project to ensure you ARE LISTENING TO TOWNSPEOPLE INPUT RATHER THAN IGNORING US AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY AS YOU DID LAST TIME, WASTING 3 YEARS ON A NO VOTE WHICH HAD NO CHANCE OF PASSING FROM THE START? What will you do to regain the trust of this voter, whose faith in the entire School Committee and the Superintendent is NONEXISTENT? DALE STREET SCHOOL REPLACEMENT WAS APPROVED 5 YEARS AGO. WE DON'T HAVE ANOTHER 5 YEARS TO PISS AWAY ON AN UNPASSABLE PIPE DREAM.

When do we anticipate having a new school or renovations completed?

Engage, engage and engage. Make sure all voices are heard and there is fair and unbiased representation

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More open and honest communication- how will you keep everyone looped in and allow other voices to be heard. Too many opinions were ignored this last go around and too my political motivations won out over what the community desired.

I have not seen a credible attempt to learn any lessons from the failed project or to conduct a post-mortem analysis of the reasons. As a result, school building committee members appear clueless about past mistakes and are prone to repeating them.

It's disheartening to see a small faction in our town always ready to sabotage any project initiated by the school administration, whether it's on Elm Street or Dale or wherever. Frankly, I think it's foolish to go ahead with any project considering the circumstances.

Budget for construction and assumptions used as to sqft per student, sqft per classroom size, what is done with excess budgeted funds after construction is over, construction fees for services, excessive construction contingency funds

I think it's important that every cost decision is made thoughtfully. The original proposal had far too many nice to haves vs must haves.

Just general feedback: There seems to be an effort to "figure out what happened" last time and a sense that we can reach a consensus as a town on the new school. We should keep in mind that some residents will vote no regardless of the site because of extraordinary cost.

Recognize that your findings are likely to identify a number of perspectives and views on why the last project failed. Don't look for the ONE thing that needs to be fixed and base your design for this school around fixing that ONE thing.

Find and publish findings by qualified experts on water protection (recharge), protection of small historic land areas , and do significant number of parents actually encourage / allow 4th/5th graders to leave from school and go downtown- that was never thing for our kids or their friends. And how cramped is Dale St school ?

Interested in a plan that does not utilize modulars, minimizes construction time, maximizes state MSBA funding and saves costs. Also please answer question on why opponents to prior project were allowed to present a narrative at Town Meeting that a cheaper alternative was possible. As a Town we have made one of the worst financial decisions by not borrowing when interest rates were at a 50 year low!

Participants

Faculty input

The cost of "mothballing" Dale should be included into the budget of any proposed new building.

Timeline for new school

I would like to hear more about the MSBA funding potential/timing as that becomes available.

I believe compromise will be necessary to approve a plan, and failure to compromise has had horrific impact on timing and ultimate cost. It may help to see objective analysis communicated frequently and widely (like that done by <redact name>) to keep people aware of what variables drive ability to achieve objectives (and which do NOT). This may help focus the debate (and compromise) around real issues.

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I appreciate your efforts to get early engagement (unfortunately, I am not sure the voice of "the majority" of voters is ever heard until voting begins). The extreme opinions tend to be very vocal, and the "majority" can get drowned out. Please communicate what % of the registered voters have voted a given way in your polls (not just the % of people who took the time to answer the poll) to put perspective on the scope of the input.

Thank you for taking on this task.

Combining elementary schools to reduce costs and environmental impact. North of 109.

I am questioning and concerned about whether the SBC is considering research on the impact of school building transitions on students social, emotional and academic learning. I know there should be fewer of these for Medfield's elementary age students.

I listed cost, location, and process because these factors appeared to be the biggest roadblocks last time for those that did not support the new school.

How can we build a new school without the Facebook mafia getting involved.

Renovation of Dale Street School

Move faster - what is taking so long? Dale Street school is falling down around our ears - is it going to take a lawsuit for us to finally move with urgency for our kids? Please complete and share a safety assessment of the current Dale Street school.

How the town (not the school system) is prepared to support when additional housing is being approved and constantly throwing off future student numbers

The town and SBC needs to be more aggressive in combatting lies published by <names redacted>. They have outsized voices and massively swung the vote last time, largely based on lies and a self-serving agenda. I feel that the town is scared of litigation from them and chose to stay silent when their lies could have been aggressively countered with facts.

Estimates for cost of rehabbing/rebuilding and expanding Dale St School despite being smaller

Given enrollment decline, I'd like to see the sbc/school committee discuss the use of existing space to accommodate grades 4/5.

What would it take (process, money, etc) to combine K-5 into 1 new or 1 renovated (with addition) building?

I would like to hear more from the School teachers of what they need. Education and learning is much different than when we went to school, and I feel too many people in town are stuck in the past. It would be helpful to get the teachers and administrators that are professionals to help education the rest of the public, especially those without children in the schools today.

"How we will handle false information that will be spread around town about this project - there are so many community members that do not get involved until the very end and unfortunately do not do their homework, and instead listen to the very outspoken minority that disagrees with everything the SBC has worked so hard towards.

Also I just wanted to thank each and everyone of you for the countless hours you put into this project. We are so very grateful for you! "

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I would like to know what the expected student population of this school will be when it opens and what the capacity of the school will be.

How are we going to try to meet the clear need of voters to control cost, especially given msba funding is not guaranteed

I would like to know what is being done to keep the current Dale building in order while children are still attending school there in its current state.

Long term plan for various sites considered and alternate uses and sites

status of state funding and any requirements they put on school building

Possibility of remote voting on the project. Families without childcare are at a distinct disadvantage for a vote that would affect them the most.

Holistic plan for town facilities, including the schools. Think broader about how school facilities fit into our shared vision of the future of this town. Seems to me that decisions are done piecemeal with no framework for a long term (100 yr) plan.

Will a school plan be agreed upon prior to seeking funding? Why not renovate?

Projected cost increase since the no vote

We also need a new Rec Center, if we could piggyback these projects so that both stay near Dale/Town Center and we move the K-1 school I think that would be an overall community win.

Timeline

Please look at the possibility of combining schools. Ex: Create a Memorial school campus that houses 4 grades instead of 2. This could be a great operating cost savings over time. This is a great opportunity to reduce the number of schools, which is better for the students, and better for the town.

Changes in grade configurations

What other towns in MA are doing, have recently done. So we can understand a range of approaches as benchmarks.

Extreme clarity and translation of the project finances for all members of the community, especially for those not spending their free time combing through every detail. During the last process, any public disagreement (for example on the Facebook town groups) was met with a blast of data and long-winded explanations and an expectation that reading every possible document available was required before having an informed opinion. Make the work of the committee as accessible as possible - this may mean additional costs towards communications and creation of additional public-facing materials during the process. Help those of us who want to be informed but don't have the capacity to watch hours of videos or wade through multiple documents every week understand what is happening and why, and what the facts are of the process and the finances. Reasonable people can disagree on interpretation, but not if the facts are hard to access. Finally, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE create an option to be heard or to vote that doesn't involve having to be physically present for a specific slot of time on a weeknight. Find some way to allow for proxy voting or remote voting.

Yes-what are all possible locations being considered. Also, clarification about water safety issues on Wheelock site.

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I was shocked to see that the Wheelock campus was marked "safer" than the Dale St. campus which is right across the street from the Police and Fire Stations. I think we need to examine the criteria/ranking used to determine which sites are better from a safety perspective. Also, I think we do need to consider the right of passage of walking into town, and the impact that might have if the school were moved to Wheelock.

Please consider the schedules of working parents when deciding on voting times and procedures. In person/midweek voting is not conducive to the individuals who will be most impacted by the new school

I would prefer a modern, aesthetically pleasing building in a central, visible location. This will allow kids to go uptown after school to places like the library, Park Street Books, and our local pizza shops. That is good for the kids and it gives the town a lively feel and supports local businesses. I would also prefer a visually impressive building that can serve as a showpiece and an outward sign of our town's commitment to education. I feel that this will help improve Medfield's reputation as a destination town for families, which will strengthen our community, support property values and draw the most qualified educators to our district. I am willing to pay higher taxes to make that happen because I believe that I will get that money back in terms of property value if a high-quality new school makes our town a more desirable place to live.

Not sure I completely understand why previous vote failed. But do think the price was really very high and not sure traffic was considered as much as it should have been with the proposed location.

If the plan is to leave the Dale Street location, I would like to hear about efforts to coordinate with other town committees/boards/departments, from the beginning, to make sure that a vacated school building is not left to fester and turn into an unsightly burden on the town. If that building has too many problems to be a school in its current condition, then it should not be used for other purposes without addressing those same issues. Without a budget and a plan, it is unclear how the town will resolve those issues. It is unlikely that the town would vote to spend the money needed to address the issues with that building if it is a non-school building after paying for a new school in another location. How long did it take the town to come up with a plan for the abandoned State Hospital buildings? We don't need more abandoned buildings with expensive to resolve issues, especially not in the center of town.

Unfortunately, we have to think about how to keep schools safe for kids. I hope the new school will be able to support a safe environment.

I would like transparency and I would like town input to mean something with such an important, expensive project

What the new process will be - what the options are/who decides/etc.

Projected costs for this rehash actually and is funding now solely on the taxpayers of Medfield

Hold a town vote on the site and on design options. I would like to see all of the RAW data.

Anticipated costs per family

a feasibility study on building one new school, so we don't go through this again with Wheelock.

As the parent of a current Dale Street student, I would like the current state of the school's infrastructure to be highlighted. There are leaks, mold, the heat doesn't work in the winter and students and teachers are required to wear jackets, yet the classrooms are sweltering in warmer months (upstairs is even hotter). Students cannot access/attend to learning when their environment is not set up for success.

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Specifics on where the process is and when a new school will be voted on. Timeline is important as I have children that will benefit NOW from a new school.

End to end timeline

Proposed location, projected timing and estimated time of completion,

All of the options that are being considered and why they are ruled in or out.

We should not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. The Dale St school is falling apart and we owe it to this generation and future generations to deal with the issue and not belabor it any longer. I appreciate the thoughtfulness to which the SBC is managing this project and encouraging feedback from residents; however, it is clear, as is true with any major town project, that there will always be disagreements on scope and location - this cannot be allowed to stop the progress. Dale St is on borrowed time and the students and faculty that attend day in and day out are the ones who deal with the impact. This is a priority and should be treated as such - get it done!

Is Metacomet an option for new school if courts/fields relocated to Dale? What about McCarthy area? Morning and afternoon traffic on north street clogs town during rush hour much worse than Elm/Curve/Hospital - move congestion out of town center.

Timeline for project, likelihood of MSBA support

Please continue the surveys throughout this project. I also want an up to date review on the safety issues at Dale and long term health implications.

It seems like the location is a huge sticking point, what are you all doing to

I would like to see the report(s) prepared that evaluated options last time.

MSBA funding potential, architect selection, timeline

Please emphasize to the community previous study on the minimal impact on traffic if moved to Wheelock. Specifically, how all the buses already go there and those parents picking up with multiple children would not increase traffic.

is there room to build a new Dale at the current site?

What is the plan for the old Dale building. Since it has to be remodeled anyway the new school should just go there

New to town. How will we address the concerns that people had with the prior plan Q

"In the last go round, I was initially a No for 2 reasons:

1/ I did not feel the location could handle that much traffic every morning/afternoon.

2/ it was designed on what I believe to be flawed enrollment projections.

I switched to a Yes vote for one reason only. At one of the last meetings, <redact name> made a great point that while not part of the formal decision criteria, he felt as though the town would benefit in the long run when Wheelock would need to be addressed, as the new building would help during contraction and possibly mitigate costs depending enrollment at that time (which appears to continue to be on the decline). This concept of "future proofing" Medfield was not something that was discussed openly up until to get point (I attended many meetings and had not seen it up until

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that point). If this is a legitimate part of the criteria (and I think it should be), it should be discussed openly and up front during the process."

How the committee plans to avoid another failed outcome, which just costs everyone time and money.

Publish links to results in same places you seek input. (Newspaper, district communication, social media, etc)

Please consider the KIDS. Focus on the process should be what benefits the kids, not what adults preconceived is important.

Be transparent. Share as much as info as possible on the website so the community feels informed and involved.

New buildings /renovations to current buildings of elementary schools in town

Potential timelines for project

Plans for dialog with community

Simple list of site options with understandable pros and cons of each

Hopefully process will evaluate both Wheelock and Dale St locations again.

Do not let the process be driven by NIMBY voters- do what is right for our town, children and fiscal situation.

How long will it take to have a school built and will SBA money be available? How can we communicate the importance and need for a new Dale St school to people who do not have children who will attend the new school to ensure we do not have a repeat of the last decision?

what does the SBC plan to do to communicate effectively with the community at important and various steps in the process? Genuine efforts made to preserve Dale at its current location? what environmental considerations are given if the school is relocated? Is proper evaluation being made of projected enrollment into the future?

It appears that full disclosure of pros and cons (groundwater impact & stop lights) were not disclosed initially leading to my no vote. Great effort was put into the plan with thanks, yet I would like to see the school sited in town not on the outskirts.

Please hold hearings and genuinely listen to the town, BEFORE decisions are made. Meetings after major decision are PR, before decisions, it is listening and engagement. To get to the 2/3rds necessary, it will take a much more open and transparent process.

I hope SBC will visit new schools that are clever, flexible, innovative, and not big. It's so easy to plow down a big field and woods to slap up volume. Want art? We'll give them huge art! Want computer room? We'll give them the biggest computer room ever! It's so much harder - and so much more RIGHT - to do it sensitively and responsibly. Fit the existing space, respect the character of our town.

cost, tax.

I would like to hear what the plans are for not building something that is too small to accommodate fluctuations in student population.

Anticipated timing of the new project. How much money we have to put into maintenance of current Dale before we start to build.

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Where students would go if we renovate Dale.

If committee members still believe people voted against the project due to concerns raised about indigenous burial grounds, it's over before you are starting. I did hear that at one of the video meetings

Please share out beyond the town website, not many go to the site announce results or how to find results with highlights in HTW, all blogs, FB, etc

When will the SBC publish its findings on the failed project in 2021?

As Medfield becomes more and more affluent and houses more expensive - the new families moving in are able to afford the additional tax bumps - especially as they have kids in the schools. Is there anyway to help those that have lived here for years (decades) never having thought or planned on the incredible costs that are not associated in living here. Could we implement a child tax for those in the system? Or anything so that those that come here knowing the cost cover them as opposed to those that planned their retirement here and are now being squeezed out? Of course the wealthy new families will vote yes for any additions - but what about those that can't sustain the constant increases? When planning these projects please assume that it's your parents that are going to have to be pushed out of their homes, there towns so that those with money can have everything they want (and more).

timeline, connection to other town capital projects,

How will Dale Street School be made an improved learning environment for the students and staff currently. How will overcrowding be addressed?

Reno of Dale Street school

The quality of our education is more important than our buildings. If we don't start addressing the growing gap in our rankings vs comparative towns, we'll never get voter approval to fund a school. And that gap isn't because of a decaying elementary school- it's driven by middle and high school experiences.

If we will spend upwards of \$100M, there should be a way to build something incredible at the Dale St location. Efforts should focus on how best to utilize and reconfigure the plot of land (Dale /Memorial / Pfaff). If it is deemed completely untenable, then move on to alternative locations.

Clear, proactive and publicly available info. That the SBC can easily point anyone with questions to online

What will it take to pass a vote? If in-person real-time voting is required, when will it take place? Parents of young kids need as much notice as possible to make child care arrangements so BOTH parents (2 votes) can attend. Or, even better, how can we make virtual voting an option, or voting at the senior center like for a regular election?

Since the vote failed in Nov, 2021 there have been 450 40B housing units either completed, under construction, or approved by the town. They are: Medfield Meadows at Dale and 27 - 36 units; Aura at the old Legion - 56 units; Hinkley South on Icehouse Rd - 24 units; MSH - 334 units. This excludes Chapel Hill Landing by MSH which they started in 2018/2019 and still seems like a few units are just being finished - 49 units. The Parc on West Street started accepting residents in 2015 and they have 92 units. 450 new units at some phase of development since the failed vote. Every time a first responder (fire, ambulance, police) goes to any of these new-to-Medfield residences they have to go past the current Dale Street location. For the future MSH residents to get to most downtown businesses they will travel down North Street or Dale Street to get there. There are already serious backups at drop-off and pick-up times at the school.

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More residential development that has taken place since the last proposal can only add to the current/future traffic stress. The questions to ask: Does this impact safety of student walkers/bikers to the current location? If so, please include in the projected costs of a new school the sidewalk and traffic light mitigations that should take place to make walking to school safer. What new mitigations should be put in place to make it safer for first responders to get through traffic during peak school traffic hours? The cost to that should be considered in current location no differently than making infrastructure improvements to service the Dale at Wheelock site. Drop off and pick up access to Dale at Dale needs to be improved from the current logjams on North and Dale, not only for the students, but for all the new residents who should expect timely first responder assistance. If the committee chooses to go with a school that will fit the existing location (smaller school than the last proposal), please consider Metacomet Park and Hinkley as downtown locations, in addition to a smaller school at Wheelock. If we choose to proceed without MSBA, please consider teaming up with Park and Rec to build a multi-purpose facility (shared gym, etc.) that can accommodate the needs of both a new school and P&R facility. By cost sharing, the amount borne by the SBC could be offset by P&R budget and projected income they bring in from programming fees. This could help in getting a new school proposal approved. Also if going without MSBA, please consider adding a grade to the current Memorial School to include improved maintenance to the existing structure to extend its life, and then replacing Wheelock now with an additional grade so we don't have to go this route soon when that school needs to be replaced. GOOD LUCK and THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!!

Safety: access of police /fire getting down Elm St, issues of over 4/5 of student population w/in a square mile, particularly in case of active shooters, bombs, etc

Make decisions with the utmost thought and integrity and consider all opinions. Many people come to our town and school their two children and leave for greener pastures after graduation. I've spent 22 years in the Medfield School system with 4 sons going K-12 albeit now aged 23-30. It is also important not to have an entrenched school administration. Other towns hire superintendents for 3 to five years and possibly one renewal. New ideas, methods etc may be learned from other school systems. It is not a lifetime appointment. Change it up and check out the current talent pool. Medfield is a desirable town.

Traffic concerns at the Wheelock site

location and cost

I'm truly concerned about the flow of South Street traffic merging onto Elm Street. Another issue is traffic backup due to the railroad crossing. Buses must stop in both directions, causing traffic delays for residents and the numerous parents who drive their children to and from school.

Do all SBC members have their children enrolled in Medfield unlicensed schools?

Our overall enrollment is dropping. We need to be looking at how to make best use of the existing school space long before building any new school. Other districts have moved 5th grade into middle school, and 8th into high school because of major enrollment declines. In the past, Medfield has also done a great job of shifting grades around. Why aren't options being discussed NOW, and with community involvement? No one wants another autocratic, "we know best" process. Clearly, that didn't work.

Will residents be able to vote on the site first rather than the whole plan as all or nothing?

how we plan to improve school results (school rankings down)

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Documentation of communications within the SBC

Please don't try to steer the project back to Wheelock! It would be interesting to find out how many people that voted Yes, only voted yes because they just wanted a new school. They would have easily voted for it to have stayed at Dale Street, they just wanted a new / improved school building.

Sincere Thanks to the Committee for trying so hard.

I would be interested in what locations for the new school are being considered at this time.

Why don't we consider changing the vote process which seems antiquated? The majority should rule and not having a few oppositions stop an entire process.

How will staffing and curriculum be adjusted for new school?

No. But hope the process is transparent and positive.

Why did they not conduct a post-mortem of the failed school project

It would be great if the SBC had a facebook account it could post to - hard to keep up without access.

More about what will happen to Dale St. and if "mothballing" the building, include that cost into the price tag associated with a new building.

Publishing the studies would be very helpful

Going forward, I expect the Town to respect the voters wishes: Dale must remain at Dale Street. So much time and money was wasted because the process ignored residents' wishes.

Status of state funding

Accessibility

Why are enrollments down? Could it be the sel, die, indoctrination?

I'd like to see an open mind to considering swapping 2-3 to Dale St and 4-5 to the Wheelock site. Also, "walking down town" is, frankly, last of my concerns for my rising fourth grader at Dale St.

A timeline to be presented for actions being taken, planning, voting, and anticipated builds/etc outcome.

What mistakes were made and the plan not to repeat them.

Long term plan for all three elementary schools. I think building two schools is far better than building three given town politics and resistance to spending, so I would want to see a two elementary school plan with three grades per school.

Why the SBC would move forward with a plan spending tax payer dollars in a location the town did not want? How SBC can be fiscally more accountable to town.

"Honestly, I'd really like to understand why the process to reinvigorate or build adjacent to Dale isn't further along. It seems that the SBC isn't following the result of the vote, but instead has an agenda that was voted down. I get why rehab'ing Dale is not appealing. But I don't get why a new building cannot be built in the fields next to Dale.

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While we're here, I'd also like to understand more about the "community" pressures being applied to curriculum. I hear second hand about pressures about content in the school and in the libraries. The motivations behind the rules changes for community participation weren't clear. Are you dealing with "Florida" type stuff?

Finally, I'd like to know more about how the students actually are performing, how many are opting out to attend private school or voc/tech, where are they going after school, how much of the budget goes to pension payments (and why can't we move to a 403 program and reduce future costs)."

Expected impact on residential property taxes

Take the town money, use it for modulars, relocate Dale kids & start the project NOW.

Dropping enrollment calls for rearranging grades but keeping school size small!

Square footage of the proposed building. Timeline for construction.

Most people support good Schools, let not waste pupils funds, my above answer would be my kids have gone through the school system.

Feasibility of Dale Street and cost comparison of a brand new school.

Build a school in between Memorial and Dale and then get take down Dale.

Has anyone looked at other schools in other towns that made repairs to an older building?

Why are you still pursuing building a NEW school when the town clearly voted it down in order to pursue the Dale Street site?

If Dale is decommissioned, what are the costs of this

It would be nice to build a new school in between Dale and Memorial and then take down Dale. Move PK, K, 1st to Wheelock.

If architects are only given parameters for Dale st. At Dale st, creativity would be motivated. It is obvious that more land is easier to create a plan than a place with more restrictions thus the elm st. Plan was 'more shiny' and easier to blue print

The selection process must be well communicated to temper later second guessing of the decisions. Reuse prior information where it is applicable to defray some upfront costs.

I would like to be better informed about why choices are made during school building planning process. I would hope cost comparisons are clear and understandable.

How much will it increase taxes on seniors?

Please include the town in all discussions. We need transparency in all communications and not have the new committee make decisions or tell us what's been decided and where the school will go without a town discussion and vote.

Roadmap to a vote

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What is the expertise of the committee members? What has been learned in the past year about the effect of the "no" vote financially?

Historical reuse..

Location and the impact on traffic and, therefore, residents

Impact on seniors trying to stay in Medfield. Keeps getting harder!"

Whether current dale could be renovated. If not, whether money to convert it could be raised at the same time so it doesn't sit unused for years.

Not at this time. Much appreciate the survey, great idea and certainly was necessary

Ensure that the timeline/deadlines are provided so that everyone knows where project stands.

I think this is a good first step but each question has more depth which can help with the process. Need a place to add comments

I trust the SBC will carry out a thorough process

would love to understand how the school committee is holding superintendent and educators accountable for low/sinking rankings and Medfield students not getting admitted to colleges that historically have been a slam dunk for Medfield kids.

Fix up what you have now. The Wheelock School is in disrepair, driveways are crumbling, crosswalks need to be repainted, the map of the US in the back area needs to be repainted.

If you build additions to Elm Street what are your plans for Dale Street? Your plans need to include both facilities.

If the school were to be built on Elm street, it would require the entire neighborhood to be redeveloped. It is a charming street. It would take away the nice green fields. It isn't in the center of town.

What is the SBC plan/process to come to a recommendation that will be approved by voters, not what their plan is to satisfy the school administrations wish list.

Answering question above, I never had children in MPS but I have four Grandchildren who are attending school in Medfield. I will always be concerned about education.

Cut the BS and build a new school at Dale.

Who reviews curricula?

great space at Dale st can be utilized

I came across this survey by chance on Facebook. How can I subscribe to updates?

"I loved the previous plan and fought hard to bring it to fruition. I think it would be very important to have "Dale Open Houses". People need to get into the building to actually see the current awful state that it is in.

Also, having a marketing and communication team to promote the project, provide clear information and counter misinformation in its tracks, is going to be key. "

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Why the existing Dale location cannot be used (i.e. why not build up and/or down (parking underneath?) rather than going to a new site).

Compare costs of demolition of Dale St. vs renovation.

If not done at Dale site, have a concrete plan for disposition of Dale based on land covenants.

Actual projected costs for the Dale Street school building if the new school plan will not make use of the current building (e.g. demolition cost, remediation cost, renovation cost for other use by town, etc.)

Visioning process.

Where are we in this process? What are the steps you are taking and what is the timeline?

I'd like to plan for the future and make sure that all enrollment projections include the impact of the buildings of residential units at hospital hill are included. I don't think those impacts are well understood and will certainly be large enough to account for - class size ratios and classroom space are key and staff needs. I'd like to see it compared to the impact the Parc buildout had on the school enrollments and overall school needs.

How the design benefits all children and is inclusive

Current cost projections and any available MSBA grants

I would like to see assertions regarding pro/cons of proposed designs supported with data/studies

It is important to educate those who no longer or never will have children attend Medfield schools about the decline in property values with a school system that is deteriorating

Why we have to vote in-person, at a specific time. It's an outdated process that serves to exclude those voters whom this school impacts the most families! Vote by mail and/or at minimum, an all-day ballot process should be implemented.

The last process was very confusing to a new resident; clear language and to-the-point explanations of the complicated process would be much appreciated. The last process also seemed to showcase the viewpoints of several outspoken individuals but did not reflect the viewpoints of the biggest stakeholders - the parents of the current and future students.

Cost of the new proposal

"The town had an opportunity to construct a new school on Elm Street, benefiting from low interest rates, financial aid from the MSBA, an experienced architect, and a knowledgeable committee. Unfortunately, they/we let this chance slip away.

We won't have these favorable conditions again.

In my view, it would be wise to construct a cost-effective building on Elm Street, potentially considering metal construction. The community is unlikely to rally behind a more expensive building at Dale or Elm."

This will be a school for the future, and its concepts and location should reflect that, so I think it is very important to include concepts of sustainability and care for the environment in this plan. This pertains to many aspect, including choice of location (green field versus built up area), embodied carbon in old building and new construction, triple zero, distances to travel, landscaping, etc. Also: THANK YOU for the work you do!

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I would like to really hear air conditioning discussed seriously.

What provisions are planned for children who have special needs?

Regular opportunity for community feedback early in the process

Understanding of swing space costs and impacts to students if the school is built at Dale.

Options considered, potential costs and funding sources,

It would be great to have a single, thorough, updated FAQ document that is kept up to date and easily accessible from multiple locations. There were too many rumors spread around last time that got in the way.

Transparency is essential to any process. This is the people's town, so no surprises! All opinions should be valued, whether pro or con

Answers to the survey questions about why people are pulling their kids from the district, what the timeframe to rectify these issues are and how they impact SBC decision making and choices (ie: size of school and classrooms)

What changes is the SBC making to its process so it is very different from the last fiasco?

Full disclosure

To get the best use of space, for integrity, you can't tell the same architect you have two sites.... architects will naturally gravitate to the site with fewer restrictions

What was the function of break-out spaces/rooms in the proposed design?

Health of the current Dale building

A big campus school is not the answer for a small town. It is already a very busy town for traffic and congestion with a limited infrastructure to support the volume and the added expenses to manage a campus setting is not affordable nor reasonable for the neighborhood and removes the kids from a nice downtown setting which allows them to grow.

Use of existing space to accommodate grades 4 and 5

voting to be accessible for families with small children, not on a weeknight evening only.

It is crucial to gather/heed town input throughout all planning phases and to well-publicize all information in advance of any voting.

Impact on community and traffic

TO MAKE SURE THE EDUCATIONAL FOCUS IS ON LEARNING MATH, SCIENCE, ENGLISH AND HISTORY....AND NOT GET DISTRACTED WITH OTHER CURRENT POLITICAL CORRECTNESS OR GENDER TOPICS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

How do you plan to defeat the coalition of Elm Street NIMBYs, pitchfork-wielding villagers, civic vandals with vendettas, tax hike haters, Facebook hotheads, and conspiracy-theorizing muckrakers that banded together under the Dale@Dale banner to defeat the previous project? Or said another way, how can you build consensus among these disparate subgroups with diverging interests to get the required 2/3 vote for something to pass? Secondly, how much will the previous town meeting defeat cost us as taxpayers now that bond rates are no longer at historic lows, construction costs

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are higher, and we are at the back of the line for MSBA funding? I'd really like to see what the impact is for our lack of courage to pass the project at the last vote. How much more will the average homeowner pay in taxes per 1,000 sf of school this time compared to before? And finally, what can be done to restore basic civics and politeness in town so that people are once again inclined to volunteer on committees to support town efforts such as this one? To the SBC, I just want to tell you, Good Luck, We're all counting on you!

Establishing the location first

How will we get funding this time around?

Alerts for URGENT information and input opportunities, how committee and town will enforce a culture of neutral information and then once decisions are reached for the best possible project the Town Selectboard must emphasize and REMAIN CONSISTENT in their support of the project.

I'd like to have a more thorough explanation of the PROCESS. Last time, the district spent millions on a wasted idea that they could've realized on day 1 was not the majority desire. Afterwards, it felt as if the district leadership shamed those who didn't like their hamfisted idea. We can do better.

We don't need state of the art everything especially if it's only for two years of our kids' school experience. Let's be more savvy with our spending. The teachers are much more important than the actual building.

Ask for feedback throughout the whole process.

Yes.. any thoughts to reducing the number of school buildings??

I would like to see equal information shared on a complete re-build vs. renovating Dale Street.

Cost analysis impact per resident (taxes), expected growth rate for the student population

Recreational use of school property grounds for residents when appropriate

How can we communicate to the people who want to keep Dale a school that children don't feel safe there because of the condition it is in. Is there an opportunity for these people to tour the school where someone points out how it is lacking and what the impact of a renovation would be? Testimonials from current students maybe?

Renovation and expansion of Dale School

Please be forthcoming about the escalated costs by forfeiting and delaying construction by years and ensure that the process is not manipulated by <redacted name> and any other alias she uses.

I was at the Center when <redacted name> did his Dale at Dale presentation. He told us that the teachers were only on board with the new school because a contract year was coming up and they "had" to. The lies and twisting of the facts at that meeting was shameful. <redacted name> owe this town a huge apology for causing us to lose the state funding and preventing our kids from having a new school. Now it is going to cost so much more. When will this town wake up and understand these two people do not have the town's best interest in mind. As one long time resident commented to me "<redacted name> is single handily ruining this town."

Timing for the process end to end; details of how current Dale school would be refurbished (and impact to students)

As an educator in town I do not want to be spoken to on behalf of from town's people who do not know me. I have my own voice and respect my superintendent and have never felt pressure to make a decision because of intimidation from my superintendent. I hope the process can show respect and be done in a kind way rather than demoralizing others.

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Has there been discussion to building a new high school and moving the younger kids into the current high school?

Combining grades 1-4 at one site for better shared services model.

Tax implications over the next several years, not just for construction but for maintenance once the facility is completed. What would be the cost to renovate the current school? What traffic/road improvements will be made?

Strong consideration for improving most of current Dale St School with planned ability to expand in future rather than expanding in non-strategic ways as has happened in the past.

Keeping a separate grade 4-5 school on Dale Street

Please have the taxpayers vote on a site before spending money on planning.

tie in with other town needs, such as Parks and Recreation

"renovating the present structure versus a completely new building <redacted name>"

Process of how decisions will be made since the town is evenly split as to what to do.

Future enrollment, facility cost impact on figures school budgets and cost available per student. Tech programs

Process was not transparent. Surprised the SBC was 100% in favor when the town was 50/50. Made me question their motives. Seemed OK with spending everyone else's money / taxes.

How many votes were taken on the SBC and what were those results. We only found out at the end.

I did not like the proposed building close to the town wells.

Why were they so biased one way? Signs at Starbucks, etc. Seemed my way or no way. Did not listen to half the town. Made me question everything else they're doing. Not much confidence in the SC.

Traffic impact studies to prevent standstill traffic and safety concerns during school hours.

Their personal vote at the beginning of the process.

Explain why their plan was not voted yes after all of their studies. What a waste of time.

What's the overall plan for K-12???? How does Dale fit in.

Examples of how other towns renovated an older school.

Town input is vital, don't let school committee hold meetings in secret and tell us what will be done

Transparency on teachers' union involvement.

Please make it easy and consistent to find information. Last time, names changed, the site changed, and overall documents were hard to find. Take the time to truly listen. To get to the 2/3rds needed, it will require an open mind and engagement to find consensus. Make sure the big decisions have ample time to gain input. I have been following meetings before and after the vote and there are certain people-- <redacted names> -- who seem to think there was some misinformation campaign that ruined the vote and they have gone out of their way to attack and misrepresent what actually happened. This shows how out of touch they are with the Town. 52% voted against it because it was the

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wrong location and the SBC/SC and <redacted name> did not listen to the community (ignored the survey results and the results from first town meeting vote in May). The facts got out for both sides and the Town voted accordingly. As a result, instead of building a consensus to get to 2/3rds, they kept forcing a huge/expensive campus at a location (Wheelock) on a Town that didn't want that for its kids. The arrogance of <redacted name>, repeatedly attacking anyone who disagreed with their plan, also hurt the vote. The last SBC and School Committee did a horrible job of showing viable add/reno options for Dale. The costs and disruptions shown for Dale were based on poor assumptions to make the Dale at Dale option look less attractive. For example, the options shown to the Town assumed taking the large field at Dale (not needed), misleading the Town that the Dale location was actually smaller than Wheelock (it isn't) and keeping students on site-- extending the project time and \$\$\$- using phases with expensive modulars. However, with 600 fewer students in the district than our peak in 2005, during construction you could move 8th graders to the high school (which is WAY under capacity) and have 5th graders at Blake, add a few modulars at Wheelock and keep the 4th graders there during construction. This would minimize disruption during construction and also reduce costs. In addition, I would strongly encourage the SBC to work with the Town to make the Dale location not only a great new/renovated school, but also address the Pfaff and the need for a new community center. The new Open Space and Recreation plan, once again, highlights the desire for a community center. The Dale location is perfect for a community center. If we plan well, we can take care of both the school and the Pfaff at a lower cost and with less disruption to the Town. PLEASE consider a new way of thinking on Town projects. Stop the linear "one project at a time" approach and think about Town needs and limited resources. It would be much cheaper and give the Town much greater value to think of the Dale School and the community center as one construction effort. This has been dismissed by <redacted name> in the past, but if we want to spend money wisely, this is what Towns are doing now. Finally, there is a great consensus we need a new/renovated school to replace Dale. The failed vote was not caused by misinformation, it was caused by pure arrogance. <redacted name> divided the Town because they thought they knew better. Their job was to gain consensus to get to the 2/3rds needed to build a new school and they failed. Instead, they tried to cram through their vision and sell that to the town. I have heard in recent SBC meetings the idea of hiring a PR firm to sell the plan. How about spending the time and money to truly listen to what the Town wants--not chase <redacted name> Taj Mahal-- then you won't need a huge PR effort. Giving the Town what it wants and needs can be simple when you actually listen. A great school can be built at the location the majority of the Town wants-- Dale. Stop fighting it, put a great plan together for Dale and the Town will support it. Since <redacted name> took over, we're spending more money per student, our ratings have dropped every year-- from top 5 to 31st-- more students are leaving to go to private school, there has been more division and less transparency. If we want to get a great school, we'll need to work together and listen. Keeping him away from that process is vital and removing him as a voting member on the SBC is a great start.

MPS rankings have fallen in the past few years with no explanations or accountability. I have zero confidence in the SC especially with a \$100M building for two grades.

After months of meetings and surveys - one \$100M option??? Poor follow through. What was the SBC committee NOT telling us??

The plan to include the plan for Dale St School building and cost related to what needs to be done there should building in another site not include Dale St Building plan

What are we doing about declining high school enrollment? We need to use the facilities we have, not build new ones. Also, we need to take a realistic look at the constraints MSBA will place upon the town, both from a timing and facility size standpoint, if we get into the program. We could start building a school right now if we wanted to.

Why can't you accept the will of the people and drop the Wheelock site

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ARE WE FOCUSING ON BASIC MATH, SCIENCE, ENGLISH AND REAL HISTORY AND NOT THE NEW SO CALLED LIBERAL AGENDA OF GAY AND TRANSGENDER ISSUES AND PUSHING IT ON OUR YOUNG CHILDREN.

Transparency and communication is what really sank the last plan. There was a large part of the community that felt it was all decided for them without a voice in the process. This needs to be improved this time.

Why is our school system falling behind other towns? It's disgraceful

Why are you still exploring the Wheelock site? Why are you trying to circumvent the voting process that has already happened. This was a difficult time for our town and I think that pursuing this is wrong.

If your proposal is new school what is the proposal for Dale? They are linked decisions. New cannot reasonably decide one without dealing with the other.

Immediate plans for Dale.

How to make a facility that can be shared which MSBA does not allow. Also while MSBA gives back about 20% they have requirements that increase costs about 20% in addition to the delay they cause. Possibly taking over all the space including land space of the Pfaff Center and possibly making a facility and spaces that can be shared with the summer Park and Rec programs.

Thank you in advance for your work on this important task!

Public knowledge/awareness. The decision making processes are increasing opaque to regular tax paying residents.

"Sad that we didn't proceed with the new school, considering the relatively affordable nature of the new school project and the significant funding we received from the state.

However, it appears that we find ourselves back at the starting point, contending with a challenging scenario of higher interest rates and construction costs, coupled with the absence of state funding. In addition, it is likely that we will encounter the same opposition at the town meeting. Unless a way can be found to appease the opponents, this endeavor seems futile."

school building projects should be included in town long term planning

The prior plan included too much "pork" projects (butterfly house, \$90 log stools, etc.) That needs to be completely eliminated for the next plan.

Greater process transparency

Traffic Considerations and cost with state funding.