

Public Hearing Schedule: VO School Construction Project

The Education Facilities Planning and Building Committee (EFPBC) will be hosting several public gatherings to discuss design topics related to the rebuild of Vinson-Owen Elementary School. All Winchester residents are invited to join us to share ideas and to comment on draft designs in progress.

For those unable to attend these public meetings, please find updates and presentations on the Vinson-Owen Project, at the School District website – www.winchester.k12.ma.us . Feedback and remarks can also be submitted at any time by email at VOComment@winchester.k12.ma.us.

EFPBC meetings, held bi-weekly on Wednesdays, are always open to the public, and the school committee continues to participate in these decisions as well during their public sessions. A schedule of EFPBC meetings and their agendas are available at the Town Hall or on the town website (www.winchester.us)

Monday June 28th, 7pm at the Vinson-Owen Elementary School Topic: Swing space

During construction, the town has the option of having students remain in the current school building or being moved to swing space at Parkhurst. The EFPBC will make a presentation on the costs and benefits of each option.

Monday, July 26th, 7pm at the Vinson-Owen Elementary School Topic: Parking, Traffic and Play space

Included in the proposed design will be an outline of outdoor play and parking areas. Community members are invited to share their comments and feedback on proposed draft schemes.

Tuesday, August 17th, 7pm at the Vinson-Owen Elementary School Topic: Design Update

The EFPBC will provide an update with detailed sketches of internal space configuration and the external facility.

Monday, September 13th, 7pm at the Vinson-Owen Elementary School Topic: Final Design Update

To complete the feasibility study for the town, the EFPBC will need to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) a 25% schematic design of the school facility with estimated costs for the project by October 1, 2010. This will be a final opportunity for community members to give feedback prior to that submission deadline.