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This week's theme continued to focus on the projects at Clarke and Diamond, both of which will be on the Special Town Meeting Warrant #1, Article 2, for continuing design leading to construction documents which will then request funds for construction at a Town Meeting in the Spring.

Those interested or curious about Town Meeting are welcome to watch from the peanut gallery in the hall. Mark your calendars for Monday, 2 December, and you can come watch the debate for yourselves. If you are unfamiliar with Town Meeting, see a

Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting @ <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twnidx.htm> , the list of current Lexington Town Meeting Members @ <http://lexingtonmma.org/index.php?n=Main.Members> and read a bit of history about

Lexington's Town Meeting @ <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/towngovernment/abouttm.cfm>

At the School Committee meeting on Tuesday night Maureen Kavanaugh, Director of Planning and Assessment, presented a K-5 Capacity Analysis (which I'd share, but I wrote all over my copy....) which showed how we are currently ~216 students over current capacity as we have 132 classrooms with a need for 142, though that overcapacity is not evenly distributed with some schools much more overcrowded than others. Six classrooms will be used for redistricting in 2016-2017, Pelham is projected to add 10 in 2017-2018 and Hastings to add 9 in 2019-2020 which results in 25 added classrooms by 2020 ( 537 students - 216 overcap now = 322 new K-5 student capacity ).

Pat Goddard presented a tally of Capital Improvement Projects FY 2017-2021 ( contained in the Agenda packet at <http://bit.ly/1OBui7o> ) which resulted in an interesting discussion on funding the routine improvements in a time of big ticket capital projects.

Pat also presented a condensed version of the DiNisco presentation on the 15th discussing the scope of the projects at Clarke and Diamond. The highlights are:

Diamond:

- Capacity increases from 9 to 11 teams
- After removal of 6 modulars currently in use, general education classroom number remains at 36
- Create teacher planning space
- Increase science classrooms from 9 to 12
- Increase art, music, drama and engineering spaces
- Improve/Increase SPED space
- Creates new ILP spaces (~2400 sq. ft.)
- Relocates and enlarges kitchen and cafeteria
- Traffic improvement for buses and cars
  
- HVAC upgrade and replacement

Clarke:

- Capacity increases from 9 to 10.5 teams
- Increase general education classroom number from 30 to 35
- Increases science classrooms from 9 to 11
- Increase art, music, drama and engineering spaces
- Improve/Increase SPED space
- Traffic improvement for buses and cars



Thursday, 22 October @ 7.30pm Appropriation Committee, Town Office Bldg, Parker Room; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1Osk4EC>

Friday, 23 October @ 7.30am Capital Expenditures Committee, Town Office Bldg, Reed Room; Agenda - TBA

\_Things of Note:\_

- Dr. Czajkowski commented that LPS is in the process of updating the communications systems, replacing CodeED, so that messages may be sent out to many more channels, including social media, in a more timely and efficient manner.

- LPS Transportation added two trips to the high school to accommodate increases in ridership and added bus to address overcrowding and waitlist at Bowman and Clark (Bus #25). A need for more buses remains at Estabrook and Fiske.

- The School Department returned \$1,351,127 to the general fund at the close of the Fiscal Year. The School Department also returned \$378,475 in prior year encumbrances that had been carried forward from prior years for a total of \$1,729,602 returned to the general fund by LPS.

\_Useful Websites:\_

DiNisco project website - <http://www.lexingtonmultipleprojects.com>

DiNisco Meeting Schedule - <http://bit.ly/1BecLN4>

DiNisco FAQ - <http://www.lexingtonmultipleprojects.com/faq/>

LPAG - <http://www.lexparentsadvocacy.org>

Enrollment Working Group Study -

<http://lps.lexingtonma.org/cms/lib2/MA01001631/Centricity/Domain/565/EWGReport30dec14.pdf>

LPS Technical Study of Redistricting -

<http://lps.lexingtonma.org/cms/lib2/MA01001631/Centricity/Domain/565/28Apr15RedistTechReport.pdf>

SMMA capacity analysis presentations - <http://lps.lexingtonma.org/Page/5738>

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--]) We all do no end of feeling, and we mistake it for thinking. -- Mark Twain ([=-

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