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A few more comments and thoughts to think about

As I mentioned earlier, if we do go to a large company they will need to be managed very closely. From previous experience with these companies they have a tendency to forget that they work and report to you and go off on their own. Before you know it, they will blow your budget and you will be left with little to show for from the money that you have spent. They are always looking for chargeable hours for their employees. We need to be careful.

I do think one PM/ OR could do the project if this manager has competent people and resources available to her/him. It all comes down to experience and the proper management of a project.

I have spoken to some teachers from both Cape and others schools. They have some very interesting ideas as to what they really need versus what they would like to have. We may want to have a design workshop with them at some point. See email below from one CE teacher that worked at our grade schools.

David, Now that big adjustments must be made, it is crucial to find out the 'must haves' from teachers at all grade levels being impacted by the prospect of a new school.

My 'must haves' as an elementary teacher:

- \* Big enough space conducive for large and small group work, team problem solving challenges, STEAM work, collaboration, etc.

- \* Nix the open concept. Learning can and should be noisy within reason, especially if we want to raise effective communicators and adults able to work with others.

- \* Open shelving for books, math manipulatives and any other daily learning supplies

- \* Storage with doors, cupboards and closets, for teaching/learning materials that are used during the year for particular units of study

- \*Quality white boards with projectors (No need for smart boards. They often just collect dust.)
- \*Excellent wifi connectability/strong internet capabilities
- \*Enough small room spaces for RTI Teachers, Literacy and Math Specialists, Ed. Techs, Social Workers, Behavior Specialists, Guidance Counselors, O.T.s, Speech Therapists and any other professional providing small-group and/or one on one support/instruction.
- \*Work spaces that are easily accessed for use of photocopiers, printers, cutting boards, die-cut machines and any other materials/supplies teachers need in order to prepare for lessons.
- \*A place for the entire student body to be able to meet for guest speakers, school community meetings, virtual lessons, performances, etc.
- \*Elementary classrooms need a mildew resistant area rug as well as an easel for class meetings and lessons.
- \*Flexible seating options for those who have a hard time sitting still/managing their need to move
- \*Good quality lockers in the hallway, not taking up space in the classroom. When hooks are placed in the classroom, it is messy, space consuming, and can be dirty/smelly (especially in the winter). They need to be big enough for backpacks and all winter gear.
- \*A playground area that allows students to run and have room to play in multiple ways
- \*Plenty of parking for staff and visitors
- \*Room to grow, or at least a plan in place to expand onto the building when needed.

These are the items that quickly come to mind. Hope it is helpful,

I have spent some time in different Cape neighborhoods, the IGA shopping center and Fort Williams to see what residents feel are the best ways for them to receive information from our Cape office. Out of the 34 residents that I spoke to, I received this feedback: (Something we may want to think about for getting our info out to the public)

7- Cape website

17-Cape Courier

2-Flyers in the mail

3- Electric road sign boards

5- Bulletin Board at the transfer station

All of the ones that I asked also wanted to express their opinion on the new school, so I think the survey that we had discussed during our last meeting will give us some great feedback.

Just my opinion, but I think we should step back a bit and discuss what we are looking for in the project (a plan) and the steps we need to get there. It may be early to bring in an O/R?? He/She/ They will need to have some guidelines as to what we are looking for. We do not want to hire an O/R and then not to be productive. We will just be spending money that will be better used later on the project.. We need our own plan which we all agree on. Do we come up with the plan after we do the town survey? After we complete the lessons learned?

It is down the road a bit, but sometime in the future we will need temporary school space while construction is taking place. I have worked/ lived in a lot of these temp modular buildings. Some have been gorgeous. They can design and build them to meet your needs. They can also supply everything from kitchens, dining rooms, desks, chairs, lockers. ATCO is only one of the many companies that supply these units. Again just something to think about for the future.



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Thanks David

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