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1. Board Goals Update

a. Goal 1: Middle School Building Project

- The Camden Planning Board met on the 11th to review our Site Plan Application and concluded that it was complete.
- The playground has been designed incorporating many natural playscapes. It also includes a basketball “court”, a couple of large pieces of equipment, a climbing wall, space for “wall ball,” and a large steel slide down a naturally sloped area.
- The Art committee has agreed to the following art installations:
 - Move Erik Hopkins mosaic to new foyer
 - Youth Arts Project: wooden whale or boat skeleton hanging in foyer
*Need to explore idea with Youth Arts
 - 7th grade tile project in academic wing back stairwell. (Will also serve as a community fundraiser. Room for 8800 tiles.)
 - Jesse Salisbury granite sculpture for outside front
*Artist attending next Subcommittee meeting
 - Janet Redfield stained glass in cafeteria – professional artist
*Need to contact artist
- The Fundraising committee has outlined a general strategy for raising funds for the professional art installations (direct asks/businesses) and lighting for the theater (selling seats). The expectation is that “green” technologies will be secured through PPA arrangements. The PTA plans to make a generous donation for the playground. The committee hopes to sponsor a fundraising event in May.
- On Friday, January 19th, Jaime and I, along with at least two members of the Interior color/materials subcommittee are traveling to Oak Point to review both Exterior and Interior color and material options. There has been feedback from both the building committee and the Camden Planning Board to reduce the number of different colors and textures seen in current renderings for the Academic Wing of the building.
- We have also created an additional subcommittee, Scheduling and Logistics, to help with planning oversight.

b. Goal 2: Strategic Plan

At its last meeting, the committee divided up in order to draft outcomes and action strategies for the three goal areas. We have an all day meeting on January 24th to

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review that work as a whole group in preparation for sending it out to stakeholders for feedback. We also have been working on the design for the final plan. We are on track and the work of the committee has been excellent.

c. Goal 3: Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment:

- Please see Principals' reports for recent updates.

2. Professional Culture at CRES

CRES has undergone a lot of leadership changes in the past few years and that always leads to a somewhat unsettled culture in the building as adjustments are made. To help support the work of Chris and the staff as a whole, we have been working with Brimstone Consulting since the summer to identify areas of concern and map out strategies to address them. That work is shifting to another company from Boston, Active Learning Group, who has ties to Brimstone. We will be working with an experienced educational consultant, Jane Panicucci, throughout the spring.

3. K-12 "District" Culture

Understanding how important professional culture is to the success and continual growth of our district, I am also planning to contract further with Jane to help kick-off a 3-year focus on district culture next summer during a 2-day workshop for 16 staff (teachers and admin) on Hurricane Island. This group will commit to active work throughout the year and 1-day "retreats" each of the following two summers. The idea is to have a cadre of people working together to help lift the whole ship.

4. Important Upcoming Dates regarding the CRMS Project

- January 18, 3pm: Site Walk with Planning Board and Oak Point*, meet CRMS lobby
- January 23, 6pm: Public Information Meeting – CRMS Project Update, CRMS café
- February 1, 5pm: Public Hearing for CRMS Site Plan, Washington Street Conference Room, Camden

*Reminder, this is a Planning Board meeting so they need to stay together as a group, and our board can't really talk to Planning Board members about issues. This will be for you to observe and see the site layout if you are interested.