

## **Final**

### **B-SPACE MEETING 7/1/13 MINUTES**

Minutes Approval: The minutes of the 6/17 meeting were approved.

Meeting Schedule to meet MSBA Deadline: In order for the School Committee to deliver its long term space report to the MSBA by Thursday 9/12, B-SPACE must deliver its recommendations to the School Committee by Thursday August 22. The last piece of critical information regarding the Neighborhood School expansion possibility will come to B-SPACE from HMFH on July 25. B-SPACE will therefore need to meet in July and August.

CBA Comparison of Alternatives Exercise: facilitated by Dr. Cynthia Tsao. The Committee is using Dr. Tsao's CBA methodology in order to provide an evenhanded and objective process for evaluating the wide range of options being considered. This evening's exercise was planned to further develop decision making standards as the number and variety of options are further refined. The Committee reviewed and adjusted its stated priority "factors" most important for the alternatives selected. It then developed a description of the data or characteristics that would indicate whether the "criteria" being considered for the factor had been met successfully. Finally, it set a weighting for each factor with the highest rating being 100. The Committee then proceeded to a comparative evaluation of several alternatives. We stated clearly that this first pass using the CBA method was for the purpose of becoming familiar with the exercise, and that the results were not meaningful. The Committee expects the criteria and weightings to be substantially revised during the next two week period.

Next Steps: The Committee agreed to meet on Monday July 15 at 5:30 PM. It also agreed that it would review and revise the CBA work mentioned above in order to do a more definitive run through as a major part of the July 15 meeting.