

Meeting for ARPA 10/12/2022

Members Present: 7 members. Carrie, Mike, Katie, Peter, Conor, Rob, Jeff and Laura

Lisa Daudon's Group - Book Wagon

Request for \$25,000

Book wagon request for funds expansion

Question (Carrie) about access for English Learners and families - currently not part of the proposal but can be added.

Question (Rob) about connection to real estate agents to share info with new families and grow community.

Question (Carrie) about internet access and exposure. Also wonders if any work with Kindle. Not yet but open to the idea.

Currently under the school auspicious. The current funding resource from public education will not be lost if Robinson Elementary School closes.

Book wagon gave out 659 books last year. This includes all preschool students, all kids in school at Robinson, and others enrolled in other schools. Camp Common Ground weekend, about 120 kids receive books. A slow day might be 40 kids, a good day might be about 80 kids who receive books. The age range for kids receiving books is primarily PreK - elementary but some kids teen/adult books are provided including graphic novels. They also have board books for babies.

Digger Fasey, Susan and Katie - Library/Energy Committee

Working with library trustees for months, working with buildings and addressing the ventilation system which doesn't exist. This is a good time to transition to an electric heat pump and provide cooling - connected to the town's solar array. There is no designated cooling center, which the library could provide. The building has recently be renovated with new insulation, replaced windows (1st and 2nd floor), and foundation insulated as well. The air leakage rate was reduced by 20% and is well prepared for an efficient central heat pump system. The oil furnace will remain as a back up but the electric system will be sufficient. The oil system can be removed once we are sure there is no need for it. The building does not have sufficient air flow so it does need a ventilation system. The solar array currently provides 80% of the power needs for 9 buildings now. The plan is to put solar panels on the pavilion roof to make up the 20% deficit. Controlled ventilation will also support the preservation of the building. The central heat/cooling pump will have a unit in the basement and outside of the building. The heat pump will not heat/cool the upstairs. Usage of the upstairs is unknown at this time. Digger recommends designing a system for that space when the library knows what the space will be used for. The library ceiling is insulated beneath the second floor. Duct work upstairs is capped off. The

project may be eligible for rebate from VT State for the heat pump. Use of mini-split systems will impact the esthetic of the historical building, while the basement model will have less.

Solar panels are not advised on the library roof because it is historic and slate. Costs were assessed in August 2022.

Review of Proposals on the Rubric - documented on rubric by Jeff Keeney

Conflict of Interest Statement: Katie is on Project Read. Jeff's partner was a presenter for Project Read. Peter's partner was presenter as well.

Next month's agenda will include review of remaining project proposals and review of new proposal that come in during the interval.