



Facilities Planning Committee Jan. 4, 2017 Meeting Summary

Call to Order

The fifth meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee was called to order 6:33 p.m. by co-chairs Luke Francois and Bob Hesselbein in the Glacier Creek Middle School Library Media Center.

Members present: Laura Albert, Paul Braun, Heidi Casey, Kendra Cleary, Bill Deno, Luke Francois, Luke Fuszard, Mike Gall, Jack Hemb, Bob Hesselbein, Ryan Kallies, Farhan Khatri, Sara Ludtke, Alejandro Martinez, Dorothy Paler, Steve Plank, Abby Rodriguez, Bill Vogel, Sam Wilson, Karin Zuegge.

Not present: Angela Mann, Mark Fuszard, Mark Opitz, Monica Schommer.

Others in attendance included Superintendent George Mavroulis, Assistant Superintendent Sherri Cyra, Director of Business Services Lori Ames, Communications Director Perry Hibner Board member Bob Green, Gurdip Brar, Ellen Lindgren, Andy Lyons.

Tour of Glacier Creek Middle School

Members were given a 30-minute tour of the school led by Principal Bill Deno. Members visited the wing for grades 6-8. George Mavroulis noted there have been design plans developed to add three classrooms on each grade level in that wing, which would expand capacity to around 1,200 students.

Members also toured the fifth-grade wing, which was opened in the fall of 2014, cafeteria, main office and student services areas. Deno said seven teachers have to move to multiple classrooms in response to a question about how many have to travel. He also noted Kromrey has a room where those teachers can store materials but Glacier Creek doesn't. He also further explained what areas were remodeled, re-purposed or added as a result of the 2012 referendum.

Review Roffers Report

George Mavroulis informed the members that the final version of the Roffers Consulting report was completed on Dec. 30. Mark Roffers, an experienced urban, rural, and regional planner and project manager who specializes in growth management and economic development services to local communities, counties, and regions, presented his preliminary results to the FPC on Dec. 8.

Mavroulis shared page 12 of the 90-page report with the committee. The updated numbers reflect more growth in the Elderberry neighborhood, which means additional students for West Middleton. The report also expects Glacier Creek’s enrollment to rise even more than originally projected.

The report predicts the schools most over capacity by 2020 will be West Middleton, Glacier Creek and Middleton High School. By 2030, Park is also projected to be well over capacity.

Small Group Brainstorm

George Mavroulis went over the brainstorming criteria. He reminded members that ideas will be evaluated at future meetings and that the goal tonight was to come up with lots of ideas.

“Any idea is a good idea,” he said, noting adding space, adding schools and changing boundaries were all topics that could be considered.

The members were split into three groups with 6-7 in each group. Bill Deno, Steve Plank and Lori Ames acted as facilitators, while Mavroulis and Sherri Cyra floated around to answer questions. Each group spent 15 minutes developing ideas for each level. Each group had five minutes to share out their ideas after the 45 minutes wrapped up.

Some of the ideas that came out of the brainstorming session included:

Upgrade Park Elementary	Upgrade or sell West Middleton
Build elementary school at Pope Farms	Build K-8 school at Pope Farms
Build third middle school	Turn middle schools into 5-6 and 7-8
Build a second high school	Repurpose old high school
Redraw boundary lines	More school choice or charter schools
New high school grade configurations	Purchase land for future schools
Relocate or expand Park	Add parking ramp at MHS
Have MHS look like college campus	Share facilities with Madison College
Sell or upgrade District Services Center	Add space to Transportation or DOC
How big is too big for any school	Phasing to solve challenges over time
Build up instead of out to save green space	What should programming look like?
Utilize space on nights and weekends	More blended learning
More private sector relationships	Provide space for students not college-bound

“I think we did a great job great job of being big and bold and developing some really good ideas,” Luke Francois said after each group shared out.

The Board will receive an update on the FPC's progress at its meeting on Jan. 23. Cheryl Janssen will take the ideas and compile them to be analyzed at the next meeting. Francois also reminded the members the list will be in the shared folder and they can continue to add to it.

Wrap Up-Next Steps

The committee decided its next meeting, which is scheduled for Feb. 4 starting at 6:30 p.m., will take place at West Middleton Elementary School.

Luke Francois and Bob Green requested that the next meeting also include time to further discuss the property at Pope Farms Conservancy and possible options for its usage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.