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Facilities Planning Committee Aug. 28, 2017 Meeting Summary

Call to Order

The eighth meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by co-chair Luke Francois.

Committee members present: Paul Braun, Heidi Casey, Luke Francois, Jack Hemb, Bob Hesselbein, Ryan Kallies, Farhan Khatri, Sara Ludtke, Mark Opitz, Abbie Rodriguez, Bill Vogel, Sam Wilson.

Not present: Kendra Cleary, Luke Fuszard, Mike Gall, Seth Johnson, Alejandro Martinez, Dorothy Palar.

Welcome and Review

Luke Francois informed the members that Laura Albert and Karin Zuegge have resigned due to work commitments. The FPC decided it was not necessary to add members to the committee to replace those who have left. Francois briefly reviewed the five guiding principles that should be used to evaluate their work. He also shared the updated meeting schedule.

“This is a big year,” he said. “We have gone through the learning and now we have to come up with the best recommendations for the Board.”

He shared a document that covered the remaining options for the FPC to consider after narrowing down the original 70 options in June. Superintendent George Mavroulis said there were multiple meetings over summer between administration and members of Eppstein Uhen Architects and J.H. Findorff & Son to refine what the options might look like. He said the concepts will be shown at the FPC meeting in September with costs available at the meeting in October.

Members of the facilities planning core team also met twice with City of Middleton officials this summer about a possible second campus west of MHS and CSCS. The District is working on what the high school vision should be and trying to determine what kinds of courses and programs, along with partnerships, would be available in a new facility.

Mavroulis also hopes as many FPC members as possible can attend the workshops at Kromrey and Glacier Creek later this fall. A format has not been determined but he believes it is important for participants to be able to ask questions and talk with FPC members.

“You have a lot of credibility with community members,” he said. “They want to hear from you.”

Sustainability report-presentation

Director of Business Services Lori Ames presented on the Executive Leadership Summit on Sustainability that District officials and staff hosted this summer, while Eppstein Uhen Architect’s Jackie Gilles and Ben Austin of J.H. Findorff & Son shared a sustainability presentation. The

presentations were repeated during the Board of Education regular meeting later on Monday night.

Ames noted the District has saved nearly \$4 million in cost avoidance since implementing its energy savings program in 2004. She said four schools, including Kromrey this past year, have received U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Award, while the District was honored in 2016.

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"Sustainability efforts fit in with District goals for students and staff," she said. "This is the foundation for how we make decisions. We don't just talk about it, this is how we live and breath."

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She shared how the Green Schools National Network identified 10 schools and 10 districts, including MCPASD, nationwide to be involved in this program and that most selected were charter schools with a focus on the environment. The District believes sustainability efforts decrease operational costs, improve health and well-being of all, close the achievement gap and help meet the goal of having students graduate who are college, career and service ready. Ames said.

Harvard's Leith Sharp and Jennifer Seydel, the executive director of the GSNN, co-facilitated the summit held at Kromrey. Administrators, teachers, students, city officials and representatives of the Middleton Chamber of Commerce all attended and the focus was on how the District can show others how they can do this as well.

Three projects were identified at the summit, including: updating strategy map to include guiding principles based on sustainability and equity; increasing student voice; and developing and implementing a system that radically increases the healthy flow of purpose-driven ideas.

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Gilles and Austin talked about what rating systems the District might want to use in any new construction. There are five programs -- Energy Star, LEED, Green Globes, Living Building Challenge and WELL Building -- available. They reviewed the origins of each program and the number of organizations enrolled in each. The oldest and most popular are Energy Star, LEED and Green Globes.

It was noted the District uses the Energy Star program in all of its schools and everyone is above 90 with the highest at 99. Buildings get recognized with a score above 75. LEED is more design-focused and a third party is not used to inspect the building. Green Globes focuses more on energy, is more building-based and a third party does inspect during the design process, Gilles said.

Austin said the Living Building Challenge has "Pretty far-reaching goals" and is tough to achieve. He noted it was developed because by people who didn't think LEED went far enough. There are three types of certification and most schools that are certified are smaller buildings or areas within a school such as STEM wing or library-media center.

WELL Building focuses on occupant as well as the building. Its sole mission is to improve human health. It uses an on-site certification process and Austin and Gilles weren't aware of any schools that currently have WELL certifications.

Gilles also noted there are two incentives available with the Focus on Energy Design Assistance Program, with the larger based on construction. An example would be putting in geothermal.

It was also noted that LEED costs 6 cents per square foot for certification, while WELL is more than 25 cents a square foot.

FPC members asked if it was possible to pick the best parts from multiple options. Superintendent George Mavroutis said the District does not believe it is necessary to stay in one silo and encouraged them to find out what parts of sustainability really resonate with them. Co-chair Bob Hesselbein also

noted some of the certification requirements are beyond the scope of the FPC because they are curriculum-focused.

The committee then spent 10-15 minutes discussing the pros and cons of any one program and the financial impact going with one might have on any new construction.

Closing

Co-chair Bob Hesselbein reminded the FPC that the sustainability options the will be considering are already embedded in what the District is doing. He also reviewed the timeline and noted the next meeting is scheduled to take 2 hour and 30 minutes as the members will be hearing about preliminary options and possibly narrowing down the list.

Monday's video: <https://youtu.be/TBkVNGBaRig>