

Nov. 28, 2017 - Meeting Minutes
Facilities Planning Committee
District Services Center
7106 South Ave., Middleton, WI 53562

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:31 P.M.

The 13th meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by co-chair Luke Francois.

Committee members present: Paul Braun, Heidi Casey, Luke Francois, Jack Hemb, Bob Hesselbein, Seth Johnson, Ryan Kallies, Farhan Khatri, Sara Ludtke, Alejandro Martinez, Mark Opitz, Dorothy Paler, Abbie Rodriguez, Bill Vogel.

Not present: Luke Fuszard, Mike Gall, Sam Wilson.

2. WELCOME

Co-chair Luke Francois reminded members that he and co-chair Bob Hesselbein presented information about the FPC's October meeting to the Board of Education on Nov. 6. He also briefly went over what will be covered at tonight's meeting.

Francois noted the Board received the same presentation the FPC heard in October. The Board later voted to unanimously remove Option 4 – a new middle school at the Pope Farm site – and Option 5 – a new high school building at the Parmenter site – from future consideration.

3. UPDATE APL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Assistant Superintendent Sherri Cyra shared updated information on enrollment projections from UW-Madison's Applied Population Lab. APL shared projections through 2027-28, but indicated there is less certainty about the numbers after 2022-23.

She noted APL typically provides three models for enrollment growth but based on the District's continued growth over the past few years APL is recommending using its 2-year model going forward. Cyra also shared that over the past 13 years the average annual growth for the District has been around 2 percent.

Based on 2 percent growth annually, Cyra said the District would be about 66 students under its current capacity in 2018-18 at the elementary level and almost 300 students over capacity by 2022-23 and nearly 600 students over capacity by 2027-28. The middle schools would be more than 200 students over current capacity by 2022-23, while the high schools would be more than 500 students over capacity by that same time.

4. OPTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Francois reminded members that the option refinement phase was expected to run until the end of January based on the original timeline and the FPC's work wasn't expected to be finished until May. He also noted community workshops will take place in late January or early February and a survey of the community is still planned for March or April.

Jackie Gilles and Chris Michaud of Eppstein Uhen Architects then went through the site size and recommended size for each District elementary and middle school. Gilles noted the recommendation is that elementary schools have 10 acres plus 1 acre for every 100 students, while middle schools need 20 acres plus 1 acre for every 100 students. Michaud noted that sites that don't have enough space typically have problems with parking, traffic flow and not enough outdoor play space.

Gilles also noted the District wants elementary schools not to exceed 525 students and the middle schools not to exceed 1,200 students.

Park and West Middleton are the elementary schools will room to expand on their current sites, along with Glacier Creek Middle School. The other schools either have site issues or are close to the maximum the District wants for capacity at elementary or middle schools.

Michaud then also briefly went over the options being considered, their impact on capacity and the preliminary cost of each option.

5. BRAINSTORMING

Based on the updated enrollment projections, members were encouraged to think of other possible options. Some ideas included:

- Building two elementary schools and bringing fifth-graders back to the middle schools.
- Building a new middle school with capacity for 900 students.
- Converting MHS to a school for students in grades 10-12 and building a new school for students in grades 8-9.
- Increasing capacity at Glacier Creek to 1,500 students.
- Building a new school for students in grades 5-6 and converting Glacier Creek to a 7-8 building. Kromrey would keep its current 5-8 configuration.

Members also discussed the phasing of options and how the community would react to the costs of any building projects.

6. CONCLUSION

Francois and Hesselbein noted they will present new ideas to the Board of Education at its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 11. The next FPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.