



Facilities Planning Committee Feb. 1, 2017 Meeting Summary

Call to Order

The sixth meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee was called to order 6:30 p.m. by co-chairs Luke Francois and Bob Hesselbein in the West Middleton Elementary School Library Media Center.

Members present: Laura Albert, Heidi Casey, Kendra Cleary, Bill Deno, Luke Francois, Luke Fuszard, Mike Gall, Bob Hesselbein, Ryan Kallies, Farhan Khatri, Sara Ludtke, Mark Opitz, Dorothy Paler, Abby Rodriguez, Monica Schommer, Bill Vogel, Sam Wilson, Karin Zuegge.

Not present: Paul Braun, Jack Hemb, Alejandro Martinez, Angela Mann, Steve Plank.

Others in attendance included Superintendent George Mavroulis, Assistant Superintendent Sherri Cyra, Director of Business Services Lori Ames, Communications Director Perry Hibner, West Middleton principal Katrina Krych, West Middleton Director of Special Education Cindy Malcheski, Board member Bob Green, Gurdip Brar, Andy Lyons.

Opening

Luke Francois had members get in one of the three groups they were in last meeting. Each member received a list of the ideas that were developed at the January meeting and asked to pick one that resonated with them and discuss with a partner at their table.

George Mavroulis said interviews with architectural firms will take place next week. Four firms are being interviewed. An architect will be selected, and will plan to attend the FPC meeting in March. He also reported District officials have had a couple of closed sessions with City of Middleton representatives about expansion of the current site or nearby Middleton High School.

Tour of West Middleton Elementary School

Members were given a 30-minute tour of the school led by Katrina Krych and Cindy Malcheski. Krych said the school has zero classrooms available this year, and will be adding a class or two next year. "We are pretty much maximizing every area we can," she said.

She pointed out some challenges with the LMC, which is wide open and can't be blocked off. "This is the heart of the school. There are times this can become a spectacle. It's not the easiest space to teach in."

Members visited the kindergarten rooms, which were added about a decade ago and are bigger than rest of the classrooms. They also visited some of the student service areas, which may have to turn into classrooms next year, resulting in those staff members needing to be relocated. Krych also said the gymnasium isn't large enough to handle an all-school assembly, while the cafeteria area is pretty small as well.

Small Group Work & Shareout

Members were assigned to one of three groups and asked to look at ideas developed at the last meeting and begin coming up with possible solutions at the elementary, middle and high school levels. District officials Lori Ames and Sherri Cyra, along with Park principal Monica Schommer, asked as facilitators for each group, while a member was assigned to record ideas.

Luke Francois asked each group to think big and bold when considering options. The groups spent the next 45 minutes looking at each level, while George Mavroulis floated around among the groups to answer questions.

The groups then shared out their ideas across all three levels. Among the ideas proposed:

- Relocate West Middleton due to road and space concerns.
- Redraw boundaries at the elementary and middle school levels.
- Make elementary facilities equitable, including Park students needing their own space to eat, Sauk Trail's kitchen needing updating and West Middleton's small parking lot.
- Grade reconfiguration possible, but reluctance to change 5-8 because so new.
- Turn MHS-CSCS into campus, with renovation or new buildings.
- Build at least one elementary school at Pope Farm Conservancy.
- Addition to Park to address growing enrollment over the next 15 years.
- Expansion at Glacier Creek.
- Build new high school but make it big enough so it can be two separate high schools on one site, similar to West Bend East and West.

The sheets they developed will be shared with Cheryl Janssen, who will compile a list for the FPC and Board of Education.

One member noted the referendum in 2012 benefited almost everyone in the District, but particularly City of Middleton residents with the rebuild of Kromrey. Any future referendums will likely mainly benefit the western part of the District and the member suggested need to remind city voters that facilities already built are being utilized properly. There was also a suggestion to send some students in neighborhoods now attending Sunset Ridge or West Middleton to city elementary schools.

Finally, Bob Green noted that the Board will consider boundary changes but would prefer to wait until after any referendum.

Wrap Up-Next Steps

The committee decided its next meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 starting at 6:30 p.m., will take place at Sauk Trail Elementary School.

Luke Francois said because of a scheduling conflict with Superintendent George Mavroulis the April meeting will likely move to April 3 from April 6.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.