

Meeting: Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee Meeting

Date: December 21, 2023 **Time:** 4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. **Location:** Teams

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adeen Jaaber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caro Johnson*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colleen O’Leary	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Koller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Sideri
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margot Dahling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Goings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nic Ashman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Petrie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weichelt
<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Hedtke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yiliu Yang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Resource Members				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abby Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Nestor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Committee Chair

The regular meeting of the Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee was called to order by Caro Johnson at 4:31p.m. on December 21, 2023. Quorum was met.

Notes: Marisa Pomplun

Guests: Pam Hermodson

- **Public Comment**
 - No Public Comment today
- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - The minutes from November 16, 2023 were reviewed.

Margot Dahling made a motion to approve the November 16, 2023 Demo & Trends Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Katie Sideri. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- **2022 Referendum Update**
 - Abby and Jeff shared an update on the 2022 referendum. Abby reviewed the facility study and was done for the District for the next 10 years. She reviewed the question that the team and School Board choose to be on the ballot. The question touched 11 of our 20 buildings.
 - Jeff when through the largest projects including Putnam Heights, North, Memorial, and South going in depth on each project. He shared the exciting new about South and being able to complete more projects than expected!
 - There were items shared that were left out of the referendum for specific reasons.
- **Montessori Discussion**
 - The group reviewed information about what it would look like to expand the Montessori program. There were estimates shared for potential options. They saw different items to consider when making any decisions. It is important that the committee take into account the culture of a building before making any decisions.
 - Is it possible to move the boundaries on the south side to accommodate more space? Would we be able to add a couple sections of Montessori to Longfellow because there is additional space? Montessori classrooms look different than a traditional classroom. It takes 3 normal size classrooms to make 2 Montessori classrooms.
 - Is it possible to look into repurposing a current building that is not performing as efficiently as others? Is there space in the Arlington Wing at MHS to repurpose classrooms? What rules and regulations need to be considered with having 4K at a High School location?
 - The School Board charged Montessori with growing diversity. The half day model makes it tricky because of transportation and childcare. Is it possible for all day 4K?

Action Items

- What does it take to put 4K into MHS?
 - What buildings could be repurposed and what would it take to create Montessori?
 - What does it look like to play on the south side with boundaries to create space?
 - Elementary projections
 - What does staffing look like to move kids off the wait list?
 - How much diversity is on the wait list?
 - Can we see what buildings the wait list kids would attend? Both before and after the lottery.
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- **Wrap-up Meeting**
 - Next meeting January 18, 2024
 - Future meetings – Montessori, virtual school, and south side boundaries

Katie Sideri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Goings. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:59p.m.