

MINUTES/NOTES

Meeting: Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee Meeting

Date: October 19, 2023 **Time:** 4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. **Location:** Teams

🗆 Adeeb Jaaber	🛛 Caro Johnson	Colleen O'Leary	🛛 Joe Koller	🛛 Katie Sideri
🛛 Margot Dahling	Mark Goings	🛛 Nic Ashman	Pey Carter	🛛 Ryan Petrie
🛛 Ryan Weichelt	🛛 Travis Hedtke	🗌 Yiliu Yang		
Non-Voting Resource Members				
🛛 Abby Johnson	□ Jeff Nestor	🛛 Mike Johnson		
* Committee Chain				

* Committee Chair

The regular meeting of the Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee was called to order by Joe Koller at 4:32p.m. on October 19, 2023. Quorum was met.

Notes: Marisa Pomplun **Guests:** Pam Hermodson

- Public Comment
 - No Public Comment today
- Approval of Previous Minutes
 - The minutes from May 11, 2023 were reviewed.

Caro Johnson made a motion to approve the May 11, 2023 Demo & Trends Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Katie Sideri. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Choose Committee Chair
 - Margot shared with the committee what her experience was in the past as a committee chair.
 - The committee went around and introduced themselves and said why they are excited to be on the committee.

Katie Sideri made a motion to elect Caro Johnson the committee chair. Caro accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Travis Hedtke. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Discuss Upcoming Meetings
 - Abby shared what has historically been done for meetings and asked the committee what they would prefer. The committee decided to continue to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month from 4:30-6:00pm.
- History/Principles of Demo & Trends
 - Abby read through the Guiding Principles of the committee and asked the committee if they had any questions about the Principles. She also shared a little about what Demo & Trends does.
- Current Recommendations to the Board
 - There was a recommendation to the School Board to have an Alternative Education program in the Arlington Wing at Memorial High School. The Board said that they did not need to approve this change and they thanked the committee for their work. This plan has been put on hold due to staffing concerns.

• PK-5 Space Update

- Briefly, Abby touched on capacities evening out at the high schools! This was a long running plan that Demo & Trends worked on and it is finally evening out! Great work to the committee!
- Putnam Heights Elementary referendum addition is current underway. This will help alleviate high capacity elementary schools on the south side of town.
- The committee reviewed the enrollments and capacities district wide and wondered if we should do another APL Study as the last one was completed during COVID so the numbers seem off.
- The group talked about growing the Eau Claire Virtual School.
- There was an ask to look at the expansion of Montessori. The committee would like to know more about who attends Montessori and what does the waiting list look like and how do you get accepted to Montessori. Wondering about the pipeline of Montessori teachers.

Action Items

- Reach out to APL to see how long a study would take to complete
- Bring current APL study to next meeting
- Reviewing previous boundary changes to see if we are able to make changes as a committee.
- Review ECASD virtual school students that are not participating that could go back to their neighborhood schools.
- Get advertising information for virtual school
- Review Montessori data
- Wrap-up Meeting
 - Next meeting November 16, 2023
 - Montessori
 - Future meetings virtual school and south side boundaries

Katie Sideri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Margot Dahling. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:46p.m.