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**DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

May 19, 2016

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Room 123B – District Building

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mike Falch                      Joe Luginbill                      Stephanie Regenauer  
David FitzGerald

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Charles Vue                      Mark Goings                      Wendy Sue Johnson

**RESOURCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Abby Johnson                      Heidi White

**GUEST PRESENT:**

Pete Riley

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**.I. Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**.II. Approval of the April 13, 2016 Minutes**

*Joe Luginbill moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mike Falch.  
Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.*

**.III. Committee Members/Meeting Dates**

The first item on the agenda was to set a regular meeting date and time. The committee members that were there decided on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm. The committee discussed that a time change may be necessary once new members are in place.

Joe reported that there were a number of applicants to serve on the committee. Names will be brought to the next meeting.

An equity committee was discussed again at this meeting. This committee has done work in regards to North and Memorial, but the board is looking at this being a separate committee. The policy and governance committee is looking at this in the near future.

It was announced that Mike Falch was stepping down from the committee. Abby presented him with a certificate of appreciation for years of service on this committee. He will be missed.

**.IV. Update on Roosevelt**

Abby provided an update about Roosevelt Elementary School. She indicated that we had enough families willing to move to Sherman Elementary School next year to keep the kindergarten class at 2 sections. These families will become Sherman families permanently. They will go to Delong and on to North as planned.

HSR an architect firm hired by the district is conducting a study on Roosevelt and will provide a report to the board to tell us the best thing to do with that building. We expect that report at the end of August. The committee discussed land concerns at the location. The committee is interested in asking the City to make 8<sup>th</sup> street a one way street for student safety. The committee is wondering how to do this, Joe moved that Buildings and Grounds Department check into this, Mike seconded this motion. Abby will connect with Larry to see what the steps would be to request this.

**.V. Prairie Ridge**

There was an update on Prairie Ridge. Heidi indicated that this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that they have encountered space issues. In 2016 Student Transit was very helpful in getting kids or adding routes in order to assist with the space issue. Heidi indicated that the afternoon program has been at or with 1 opening this year. Currently for 16-17 enrollments, the community sites are at 504 students, in 15-16 community sites were 520. At Prairie Ridge, their enrollment is currently down in comparison to May of 2015. Heidi believes this is due to the district requiring online enrollment. There was some conversation about who is requiring online enrollment. It was shared that the district is requiring online enrollment, but that families with barriers to online enrollment are being assisted as needed.

The only issue Heidi is aware of for 16-17 currently is that could happen would be the make-up of the 123 Head Start students. If there are fewer 4 year olds, then they enroll more 3 year olds, but 3 year olds can have a max of 15 students in a class. That can cause space issues because they have smaller class sizes. Heidi is considering re-purposing the Family Service Room into a classroom. This would displace five employees, the food pantry, intake room, and intensive SPED room. These spaces could be moved to a smaller room. For the 17-18 year, the district is applying for a duration extension grant. If awarded, the district would need to extend the hours for forty-nine students and that would cause the need for more space. The grant is a one-time grant for 49 students and the district should have an answer by November 2016.

The committee asked if the district can refer students to community sites? They also asked if enrollment could be closed at Prairie Ridge. Heidi indicated that the district could refer students to community sites but the question would be what site do you refer the student to? Heidi's question was how to handle if the new student is a head start student. That student can't be sent to a community site. If a student is a special education student they need to be at Prairie Ridge as well.

The committee discussed how Prairie Ridge would fall into the referendum. Abby indicated that as far as she knew that it would be included for ADA compliance and safe and secure entrances. Little Red was briefly discussed as how that would be used if there are new performance guidelines for Head Start. The committee asked if Little Red was listed in the board information for referendum.

The committee also discussed what is happening with Head Start. Since 1970 Head Start is a program for 3 and 4 year olds. The group learned that ECASD has 21 community EC4T sites and the parent has choice of community site, most times the family chooses the community site because they offer wrap around daycare. The committee learned about funding for community sites. Heidi will watch enrollment on the three and four year olds because a four year old can't be denied education.

#### **.VI. Other**

Pete Riley shared information about McKinley. He has been there for 20 years and they offer a credit component and a competency component. The credit component program is usually for kids with behavioral issues that aren't successful in a traditional educational setting. These students are usually ages 17-21. The competency component has about 175 students enrolled that drop in for approximately 2 hours per day. The question is how does the district serve these kids better? McKinley does a good job helping kids with social/emotional issues. They currently don't have an area for privacy and that creates challenges for staff there. They need space for counseling as well as a space for kids to calm down.

The competency program deals with social/emotional issues. The kitchen area is used to prepare meals which is great for building relationships. The kitchen hasn't been updated since Pete has been at McKinley. The concerns are as follows: private space, better learning environment (noise issue), aesthetics aren't up to par, building looks old. The positives are that they like the location because it is on the bus line and kids stay at school because there isn't anywhere else to go. We discussed if there are other spaces in the community that we could partner with. Currently there is 1 principal and 1 counselor that service McKinley. We talked about referendum and what if any costs were identified for McKinley. Abby shared she believes there was some ADA compliance as well as safe and secure entrances noted for McKinley. At McKinley they are finding that there are more grandparents than parents involved in education. Some of their students endure a lot of chaos so they need a nice learning environment to help them be successful. Pete will work with Larry on some options for the future. They will bring additional information to another meeting.

**.VII. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Some future agenda items include: Pete to come back with ideas for McKinley, ask Larry to provide information on referendum items for McKinley and Prairie Ridge.

**.VIII. Adjourn**

It was motioned at 5:23 p.m. to adjourn by Mike Falch and seconded by Joe Luginbill.

**Next Meeting Date**

June 16, 2016  
Room 123B – Administration Building  
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.