



*** MINUTES ***

DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 20, 2016

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

District Office – Room 123C

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Fager	Wendy Sue Johnson	Joe Luginbill	Tim Nordin
Mark Goings	Ashley Kosharek	Philip Lyons	Ryan Weichelt
Caro Johnson			

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

David FitzGerald	Carrie Ronnander	Jason Schlafer	Janet Seymour
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RESOURCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Abby Johnson	Tim Leibham	Larry Sommerfeld
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GUESTS PRESENT:

Julian Emerson

.I. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Wendy Sue Johnson

.II. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2016

Jennifer Fager moved to accept the minutes of September 15, 2016. Second by Phil Lyons. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

.III. Short-Term Recommendations for Roosevelt

Flexible Boundaries

Abby handed out a sheet on all schools that showed how many sections each school is. It is a sheet that was presented to the school board the previous Monday night.

- Roosevelt is a (2) section school.
- Current enrollment at Roosevelt is 295 and capacity is 316.
- Roosevelt is looking good with enrollment numbers because they were able to shift some of those families towards Sherman Elementary.
- Currently there are (3) sections in 3rd Grade at Roosevelt which will go back to a (2) section for grades 4 and 5 due to classroom capacity.
- Those who opt to go to Sherman Elementary, will get changed to the Sherman attendance area.
- By capturing the young 4 and 5 year olds and redistricting the family to Sherman Elementary, we are in fact slowly creating a flexible boundary.
- Roosevelt can maintain (2) sections just by targeting the kindergarten students.

The principal was very happy with how things worked in the process of contacting kindergarten families with options to go to Sherman. Families appreciated the way the process was handled. If anything, the process could begin earlier, such as after the first of the year or late fall to contact the families instead of in the spring when teacher scheduling is underway. This would be a solution for short-term and long-term crowding at Roosevelt.

It is recommended to suggest to the board to continue the process of flexible boundaries for Roosevelt Elementary to help maintain a two (2) section school. An earlier start time, such as November of the previous school year was suggested as an adequate timeline to begin contacting parents of children entering kindergarten.

Just a reminder that the handout is based on the class size numbers and not the same as the handout that Larry provides of the building capacity range numbers.

The asterisk (*) on the handout means those are SAGE/AGR schools. Previously they were held at a 1:18 or 2:30 ratio, however now that there are Instructional Coaches helping out, we are not held to the classroom size of 18 and it allows for more flexibility.

One Way Street on 8th

- Such a narrow street
- Ask the City if they can consider
- Safety reasons for students
- Easier bussing

No formal or new recommendation at this point. The Short-Term recommendation has not changed from last spring.

.IV. Long-Term Recommendations for Roosevelt

Option 1: Cost ineffective

Option 2: Keeping Roosevelt where it is and work with the City to get more space

Option 3: Build at a new site (Jeffers Road site has been sold)

I hope the committee looks at where is the best place for an Elementary vs. where the best place to replace Roosevelt that is slightly different. This is our one chance. If building a new school because of growth patterns make sense in that area at a slightly different location, it will make more sense in the long run, I say we should do it. If ultimately the best site for our Roosevelt school is the current site, I am for that.

Option 2 & 3 most favorable.

Option 2: (preferred option from the last meeting)

- Neighborhood school
- Most students walk

- Expanding Downtown Development
- No disruption of students or staff during construction, only playground.
- Option 1 would have to be done in phases and piece together old and new.
- Option 1 would be cheaper, however, there will likely be increased maintenance on the older section of the building, displacement of staff and students and would we get our return on investment?

This is a long-term option 5-7 years. It appears there is more growth happening on the south side, however, that is only because the north side and east side is landlocked, bumping up against Chippewa Falls and Altoona.

The last Applied Population Study was done in 2015. Tim will check to see if there are any new developments happening.

- Locust Lane, Sam Davey, and Longfellow currently has classroom space available.
- Wendy Sue walked the committee through the steps of the Guiding Principles and applying them to option 2.
- Joe asked that nothing be voted on prior to the referendum as this is long-term planning.
- Could consider making Roosevelt into a Magnet School.
- Buying the houses on site is not required, but would be a bonus.
- The city would like to see the school stay on the same site.
- Continue to use the flexible boundaries process and see where it leads us down the road.
- Best practice with having a new facility is having better layout usage of breakout classrooms that can be monitored from the main classroom.
- Perhaps work with Ben Dallman to get information to how many kids walk, are bussed, and are picked up.
- By building a new school on a new site, it would require more bussing and therefore increase costs.
- Prefer to have 10 acres for the school. Roosevelt now sits on 8.8 acres.
- By creating the new school as a two story, we could save on green space if we cannot acquire more property.
- Gym, cafeteria, kitchen and office area would be sized for a 4 section and the rest of classrooms for 3 section.
- After reviewing the Guiding Principles, it seems that option 2 is favored the most.

*Motion by Caro Johnson, second by Ryan Weichelt, to recommend bringing to the School Board option #2 as the most favorable long-term recommendation, which is to rebuild a new Roosevelt Elementary School on the same site.
Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.*

*Phil Lyons moved to table the motion until next month after the referendum. Motion was second by Tim Nordin.
Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.*

.V. Other Space Issues District Wide

Some elementary schools have converted their computer labs into classrooms.
Does the recommendation focus on kindergarten similar to Roosevelt?
Use flexible boundaries for Flynn & Meadowview.
The timeline for having the option for the flexible boundaries ready is by early next year.

.VI. Potential Areas to Re-Evaluate Boundaries

Disparity between North High School and Memorial High School
Both schools run the same program
Demographic disparity

.VII. Other

.VIII. Agenda for Next Meeting

Revisit the disparity of North vs Memorial in enrollment (?)
Roosevelt Recommendation to the Board
Larry's update spreadsheet on building capacity
Space available at buildings

.IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

November 17, 2016
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
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