

**Meeting:** Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee

**Date:** February 21, 2019

**Time:** 4:30 – 6:00 pm

**Location:** Administration Building, Room 123C

**Attendees:**

<b>Committee Members:</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Arnold	<input type="checkbox"/> Nic Ashman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Clements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margot Dahling	<input type="checkbox"/> Marquita Davis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David FitzGerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Goings	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liwei (Amanda) Guo	<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Hartman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caro Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Kampf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Lee	<input type="checkbox"/> Phil Lyons*	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Nicolet
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Nordin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peggy O’Halloran	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoe Roberts	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weichelt	
<b>Resource (non-voting) Members:</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Koller	<input type="checkbox"/> Abby Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Sommerfeld	<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi White	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Schmitt
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hardebeck	<input type="checkbox"/> Marisa Anton			

\*Chair

**Notes:** Karen Larson

The meeting was called to order by Tim Nordin at 4:35 pm.

**1. Public Comment**

- Ben Holmen – Made an observation that it seems that the Committee is working on two basic assumptions. Assumption 1: North and South boundaries can be dealt with separately. Assumption 2: that the schools that need to be addressed need to be done so with money. Would like to make the recommendation that the issues are resolved district-wide. That would go a long way in pulling our district together. Would like to see the Committee draw boundary lines without regard to where students would go to high school.

**2. Approval of Minutes from 1/17/19**

- Caro Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/17/19 with the one correction discussed. Caitlin Lee seconded the motion. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**3. Update on Listening Sessions – Kim Koller**

- Structure: General overview, specific topic, questions
- The listening sessions so far have included one focused on Roosevelt, one on elementary boundaries, and one presentation in Spanish.
- Caro suggested holding one more session at a larger venue to address district-wide questions.
- Administrators have been at the meetings and have been facilitating conversations and recording questions. We are taking those and the questions from the exit slips and adding that information to the FAQ.
- Peggy asked if we could have a count of how many people asked the same questions.
- If an attendee at a session had a suggestion, those were put on a different spreadsheet and will be shared with the Board. Those are not part of the FAQ.

- 4K
  - Kim has had conversations with Jim Fey at Student Transit about the possibility of having 4K at the elementary schools.
  - There is a need for at least 9 additional classrooms for 4K. This would not solve the issue if/when 4K programming turns into all day.
  - Mark would like to know from Heidi White if there is an advantage to having all 4K classrooms at one site vs. having them at various schools.
  - Josh feels that a 4K facility should be implemented on an existing site for cost reasons. He also feels that it would be beneficial to have the additional facility located on the opposite side of town from Prairie Ridge.
  - Larry Sommerfeld discussed the facility needs of a building for 4K students vs. elementary students.
  - Tim and Caro spoke with a community member who had an idea to build a new bigger Roosevelt, but also have the capacity to house 4K programming at the school. Larry said there is enough property where Roosevelt is located to build a four-section school.
  - There is no down side to continuing to have 4K at community sites, however, Head Start students cannot attend 4K at a community site.
  - There is not currently room at the elementary schools for 4K.
  - The option that seems to be the best fit right now would include upgrading Roosevelt, building a new 4K site, and expanding south side schools. That would be at a cost of approximately \$70 million which would not include the upgrades needed at South. This would mean the mil rate we would be asking for would be over \$2 vs. the \$.95 that was passed during the last referendum.
  - Prairie Ridge can be expanded, however there would need to be work done with the green space and there are issues with the bedrock on the property.
- The listening session at North had a more vocal crowd. The five schools other than Roosevelt and Locust Lane expressed concerns about their voices not being heard because the discussion seemed to center mostly around Roosevelt.

#### ACTION ITEM(S)

- Karen will create a document that shows the themes of the questions.

#### 4. Next Steps – Kim Koller

- Will need to have an answer for Dual Immersion. Not sure when the Board will be voting on this.
- Original plan was to present information to the Board in early April, but not sure if we will be able to do that given the timeline for the decision on Dual Immersion.
- Peggy expressed a concern about presenting options to the community that may go away depending on the outcome of Dual Immersion.
- Josh suggested showing a map of the entire district and touching on what all the challenges are district-wide. Let the community know that we are aware of issues, but they may not be addressed with what we are trying to accomplish. Educate the community.
  - Add visual/color to show priority of issues (i.e. red=critical, blue=low priority, etc.).
- Mark asked if the Board has an idea of when we would need to go to referendum. This might help us develop a better timeline. The District debt falls off in 2021, so that may be a good time to go to referendum.
- Make sure it's clear about how the committee came to its decision, and that the Committee is acting in the best interest of the students in our District.
- Tim suggested relooking at the numbers for Roosevelt and Sherman under the 7 Schools with Dual Immersion to better balance the numbers.

Tim Nordin made a motion to recommend having a Board member present at every committee meeting. Caro Johnson seconded the motion. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

- Karen will redraw the 7 Schools with Dual Immersion map based on the recommendation from Tim.

**5. Future Agenda Items**

- N/A

Caro Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Margot Dahling. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08. pm.