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DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 3, 2015

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

DISTRICT OFFICE – ROOM 123B

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Falch	Wendy Sue Johnson	Ben Nemitz
David FitzGerald	Joe Luginbill	Stephanie Regenauer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Goings	Charles Vue
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RESOURCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Abby Johnson	Jim Schmitt	Larry Sommerfeld	Heidi White
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GUESTS PRESENT:

Dani Claesges	Liz, Reporter from the Leader Telegram
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- .I. **Meeting Called to Order – Mike Falch**
Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

- .II. **Member Introductions**
Introductions were made with all the returning committee members and the new committee members; Abby Johnson, Joe Luginbill and Stephanie Regenauer. Charles Vue was absent. Mike Falch welcomed two guests, Dani Claesges, Homeless Program Coordinator, and Liz Dohms, Reporter with the Leader Telegram.

- .III. **Dani Claesges – ECASD Homeless Program**
Dani Claesges, Homeless Program Coordinator for the Eau Claire Area School District gave a presentation on homelessness within our school district. Back in 1999, Pete Riley, ECASD Homeless Liaison, received funding from DPI’s Homeless grant through the Federal Government. Over the years the funds began fading away and in 2014 all funding was lost. Dani started her position as a Homeless Program Coordinator part-time back in 2006 where she worked out of her home for lack of space in ECASD buildings. Today Dani works full time out of the Family Services Department at the District Office. Last year alone, she served 321 homeless ECASD students. Dani is a great resource for students/families needing transportation to get to school and helping provide clothing, such as outerwear, socks, underwear and shoes. She is sending the message that “School is Important” for all students. Her job is to know the resources available in the area to help answer questions and direct people for help. Her biggest challenge is the

unpredictability of the needs that each family will have. Referrals come to her from school social workers, counselors, principals, teachers, shelters, churches and the enrollment registrar of the school district. She indicated that every school district in the United States now have a homeless liaison as the need is so great. Today the program is run by a district budget, donations, and many volunteers. Dani sits on many committees such as Youth Coalition, C.O.C., Restorative Justice and Ames Court, to name a few. She manages donations coming in and going out, the CVTC Service Learning Program and many volunteers. The Homeless Program has proven invaluable to our school district.

.IV. **School Board Charge**

Mike read the School Board Charge to everyone as follows: "The purpose of this Committee shall be to provide at least annual recommendations to the full Board regarding demographic trends, boundary issues, capacity updates, and other relevant data. This Council shall include two Board members and others as determined by the Board of Education."

.V. **Agenda for Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015 in room 123B

- Update from Tim Leibham on student numbers, open enrollment and Larry Sommerfeld on building capacity.
- Prairie Ridge capacity.
- Roosevelt overcrowding.

.VI. **Other**

A handout of the Guiding Principles was distributed to each person.

There was a discussion on how the Demographics & Facility Planning Committee is not the place to address equity issues. Another committee should be handling those.

.VII. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.