

# MINUTES/NOTES

**Meeting: Family Advisory Council**

**Date: 10/4/2022**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Location: Administration Building – Board Room 137**

**Attendees:**

Audrey - Make sure she's receiving emails  
Juergen - Make sure we're using the most up to date email list  
Jenna - Memorial  
Jason - ECVS  
Rob - Northstar/North?  
Audrey - Flynn now South  
Erica - Davey  
Juergen - Montessori  
Anna Foiles - Montessori  
Holly Jacobson - Lakeshore and DeLong  
Phil Lyons  
Mike Johnson  
Abby Johnson  
Lori Bica  
Jamie Kampf - Putnam  
Leslie - Northwoods

**Meeting began at 7:04 p.m.**

Jenna and Rob announced that nominations and selection of this year's Co-Chairs/Chair/Vice Chair and Secretary will occur at the November 1 meeting in order to have enough time tonight for the Referendum presentation.

**News from Mike**

Mike and Abby have traveled around the area and done outreach over the last few weeks educating about the referendum; presenting from the inside out - staff first, then out to public; slides have been updated and they are looking for feedback from FAC to improve presentation; they take the information and share with the Referendum Team that meets weekly.

**ECASD Referendum FAC Presentation**

1. Fast Facts
2. How a Dollar is Spent in ECASD
  1. 1 cent out of every dollar toward capital improvements
3. A Shared Funding Responsibility
  1. District - State - Community (Referenda)
4. Past ECASD Referenda
  1. 2011 Capital Ref
  2. 2016 Operational Ref
5. 22 ECASD Schools and Buildings
  1. average age of buildings is 60 years old
6. Why is a capital ref needed?

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1. Address aging infrastructure
2. Improve learning environment
3. Reinvestment in buildings
7. Facility Priorities - Levels 1, 2, 3 2022-2032
  1. \$128 million - deferred maintenance
8. November 2022 Capital Ref Question
  1. Discussed strategies to formation of question
9. \$98.6 Million Includes (Abby took over discussion of 4 major projects)
  1. Elementary schools - space is a priority
  2. Issue: population of the south side of town while bulk of available seats on north side
  3. repurposing existing buildings in good condition
  4. reference to Demo and Trends work
  5. Putnam Heights \$6.9M
    1. smallest project
    2. plan at initial construction was to easily add to the building
    3. 2011 covered deferred maintenance
    4. Jamie - bball court relocation and parking concerns; Abby/Mike - being considered by ref team
6. Memorial HS \$19.7M
  1. HS's are hubs of communities so focus on them for keeping up to date
  2. \$3M toward new roofing
  3. synthetic turf fields would allow on-site games
  4. EC only district in BRC without turf field on site
  5. goal is to have competitions at home (add lights, grandstands, etc. - outside budget - look into private partnerships or future phases)
  6. investments already made in preparation for future phases - turf curbing
7. North HS \$20.9M
  1. turf
  2. 8-classroom addition 200 seats to create parity with Memorial
    1. create same opportunity to all kids and provide access - purpose of redraw of boundary lines
  3. cafeteria remodel affects weight room so that's why addition near the Doghouse
8. South MS \$42.7M
  1. Staff provided follow up on same updates that Delong received from 2016 Ref
  2. need for natural light
  3. need for real walls
  4. majority is maint and infrastructure improvements
  5. cost to rebuild well over 42.7M
9. Baird Tax Calculation
  1. figuring out how much debt to issue
  2. community survey - \$0.40 per \$1,000
10. What happens if referendum passes?
  1. develop team to finalize construction plans
  2. architects and engineers would create the bid documents
  3. bidding process occurs
  4. bond issuance
  5. construction begins and must finish within three years of issuance (IRS rules)

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11. What happens if the referendum fails?
  1. more information would follow as the Board continues to discuss this issue
  2. current proposal could be modified to address growth where it is occurring and other major renovations
  3. with North and Putnam Heights over capacity, there could be boundary changes prior to 2024
  4. higher than average class sizes in our overcrowded schools
  5. returning to voters in the future with a new capital ref question
  6. considering alternative scheduling options for NHS
  7. general maintenance will continue to be deferred, which results in more costly repairs later
  8. utilizing significant operational funds for urgent capital improvement which will impact our student programming
12. How ECASD getting word out
  1. website
  2. videos
  3. flyer
  4. community info sessions
  5. email address
10. Questions
  1. where does tech fit in?
    1. contracted services
    2. supplies
    3. equipment
  2. community conversations are important
    1. DPI exec director speaking at Northstar
    2. long-term change legislatively
    3. grants available for diversity, equity, inclusion, mental health

Rob distributed the flyer from Support Eau Claire Public Schools and announced that SECPS is always looking for volunteers and donations to help in its advocacy endeavors.

**Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.**