



*** MINUTES ***

DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 16, 2017
4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
District Office – Room 123C

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Fager	Wendy Sue Johnson	Joe Luginbill
David FitzGerald	Tim Nordin	Ryan Weichelt

RESOURCE MEMBERS RESENT:

Abby Johnson	Larry Sommerfeld	Heidi White
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GUESTS PRESENT

Jim Fey	Jim Schmitt	Chris Hambuch-Boyle
		Lauren w/Leader Telegram

.I. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Wendy Sue Johnson.

.II. Approval of Previous Month Minutes

*David FitzGerald moved to accept the minutes of January 12, 2017.
Second by Wendy Sue Johnson. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.*

.III. Revisit Committee Recommendation from 2015 to move to BOE

Recommendation not to allow open enrollment request for a specific high school. The recommendation is to allow open enrollment to the district and then the district follows a practice for placement of students. A summary of the key points discussed is below:

Team recommends to leave out alternative school requests as part of recommendation to the Board.

Too many students overall at Memorial HS compared to North HS

1. Applies to open enrollment to High School
Placed at NHS Only
Currently happening depending on when they are coming in
The question was asked, is it better to attend North HS or not come at all?
2. How do we make decision? What is incremental cost? Open enrollment in vs open enrollment out?
3. Clarify Board of Education will consider is this ok with the committee?
Current vs previous committee

4. Difficult to understand problem since both schools currently have equal open enrollment student counts.
5. Why did the previous committee spend so much time on the recommendation? Does this committee want to honor the work of the previous committee?
6. There was a little discussion about the timing of the recommendation and how siblings and current middle school students at South should be handled.

After the discussion items listed above, the committee decided it was ok to ask the Board to revisit the recommendation from 2015, which was to place open enrolled students at North High School.

IV. Shared Principal Responses

Haven't moved boundaries in several years. The last time we believe was when a neighborhood from Robbins moved to Flynn in conjunction with a school closing.

Abby had asked the following principals to share their space concerns:

Flynn indicated they are ok with classroom space, but that resource rooms, special ed rooms, and other specialty areas are of concern

Lakeshore indicated since moving to AGR model they have gained 2 classrooms and it is working ok at the current time

Meadowview indicated they are experiencing significant space issues

Manz indicated they are experiencing significant space issues

Shaw Town currently attends Sherman

Looked at map to brainstorm possible solutions:

1. Could we solve Manz/Meadowview with move to Robbins?
 - Already bussing students to Manz/MV
 - Should we address Meadowview first since there are more rural areas?
 - Capture subdivisions
 - Hwy 93- Stonebrook Ct. – focused neighborhood
 - Meadowview takes 4 buses majority North of II
 - It takes 35-40 kids almost 1 hour
2. Along 93 populated routes
 - Stable routes
 - Very stable schools
3. New kids populating sparse areas can add miles to a route for kids
 - Try to strive for less than 1-hour bus rides
4. Lakeshore 70 students re-generate staff
 - Add/remove routes – looking at several routes at once
5. Need boundary files, last time was probably 15 years ago
6. Look at whole map when moving kids
7. One line isn't the problem the whole picture is
8. Short term solution and long term plan
 - Shift population – growth how does that affect our solutions?

9. Bigger picture than just individual school issues
 - North next to Chippewa Falls
 - South, how do we make sense of it?
10. How do we look forward? Do we need additional schools?
11. Referendum at Delong, Putnam, Robbins, Sherman was to create space instead of a new school

V. Capacity Discussion

Maximum enrollment guidelines

K-3 – 25

4-5 – 29

1. Manz has 18 classrooms, this does not include computer lab or resource room
2. Roosevelt – discussion about mobile classroom
3. How many classrooms is capacity?
 - Specialist needs?
4. More people in buildings today than previously
5. Really looking at re-district in a strategic/meaningful way
6. What should numbers be?
 - What is real (user) capacity?
7. Space is available across all levels, why are we making due?
8. What are good functioning numbers?
9. Much more collaboration process
 - Include parents
 - Provide opportunity to succeed
10. Population may be strong for Data
 - 10-year only projections
11. How do you come up the solution for flexibility too?
12. Do we adjust capacity numbers for 65%-80%?
13. Capacity schools with wide swings by grade level
14. Flynn/Manz boundary small area hard to look for relief
 - Move 1 neighborhood to Putnam may gain 5-10 students
15. Bussing kids from Southside to Northside would be costly and parent don't appreciate
16. Look for a 3 to 5-year plan-no long term solution
17. Some families may move just to stay with school
18. How does supply and demand play into this?
19. Meadowview furthest South school
 - Look at land mass south of 94 that could be developed
 - How does zoning affect recommendation?
20. Should school geographic location define attendance?
21. Two high schools exactly the same-staff the same
 - Offer building difference-kids go to CVTC/UWEC
22. LEAP committee -magnet school, etc.
23. Long-Term Fluid Boundaries?
 - How would they work
 - Once kid enters school stays for career
 - What are great impacts
24. Look at housing pattern each year
 - Do we try and change each year?
 - What do taxpayers think of this? Are we being fiscally responsible?

25. What if we didn't rebuild Roosevelt and rebuild somewhere else on the South side for Flynn, Manz and Meadowview?

There were a lot of items discussed, the committee will need to review the guiding principles to see what the next steps are for this work.

A committee member asked if Montessori, the middle schools and the high schools capacity could also be listed on the working document with capacity numbers listed on it.

VI. Agenda for Next Meeting

Discuss capacity numbers for Montessori, MS and HS

Discuss board decision on recommendation

Discuss boundary and timeline for recommendation to the Board

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:

Will be rescheduled due to Abby being in Madison