



21st Century Schools Facilities Team Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Kettering Elementary Media Center

Chairperson: Tony Spisak

Present: Tony Spisak, Mike McCusker, Gil Adams, Nick Thornton, Angela Black, Russ Bonsall, Lynn Carpenter (for David Carpenter), Jeannine Day, Helen Glandon, Barbara Hastings, Kristi Hicks, Rebecca Karpiuk, Gary Martin, Carol Middel, Jen Munson, Don Nicholson, Jon Riebe, Ed Turner, Dwayne Walker

1. Welcome – Approved Minutes

Tony Spisak welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet. He indicated that the minutes from the previous meeting were e-mailed to the team and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were none. Any members that were not in attendance at the last meeting introduced themselves to the group.

2. Update from the Instruction Committee

Paul Salah, Senior Executive Director of Instruction, Stephanie Miller, Principal of Taft-Galloway Elementary, and Amy Thorner, teacher at Taft-Galloway Elementary, attended the meeting to give the team an update on the activities of the Instruction Team.

Paul explained that the Instruction Team investigated the most prevalent grade configurations in the State. The most prevalent is the K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 configuration, which the District currently utilizes. The second most prevalent is the K-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12 configuration.

The team visited several districts that use this configuration, including Livonia, Novi, Saline, and Dexter. Paul, Stephanie, and Amy described the visits and highlighted a variety of benefits that the K-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12 configuration would offer. Paul asked the Facilities Team to investigate if the District's buildings can handle the recommended K-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12 configuration. Some of the other districts had repurposed buildings upon implementation of this configuration.

3. Share Homework Results

Mike McCusker presented the revised results of the homework showing the rankings of the building structures as determined by the group.

4. Current District Configuration

Tony and Mike presented slides showing the configurations used in Saline, Novi, Livonia, and Wayne-Westland.

5. Potential Grade Configurations

Tony and Mike explained that if the District chooses to implement the recommended K-4 configuration, assuming 28 students per classroom, operating 8 elementary buildings would result in 104% utilization. With 10 buildings, we would have 83% utilization, which allows for flexibility in the future.

The District could be split into two quadrants with (5) K-4 buildings, (1) 5-6 building, (1) 7-8 building, and (1) 9-12 building in each quadrant. The team came to a consensus that this configuration would be the best solution from a facilities standpoint.

6. Round Table: Thoughts and Questions

The group discussed several questions and comments. Tony indicated that he needed to make changes in the special education room requirements and will provide the team with revisions to the documents in the binder at an upcoming meeting.

7. Conclusion

The team requested that a detailed building analysis be developed, with input from the survey data and school district internal and external experts. This building by building assessment will be brought to the team for discussion at the next meeting. The team will review the results of the analysis with the intent to pass on building level assessment data to the Enrollment Committee.

8. Next Meeting – October 7, 2009, 6:00 PM, Taft Elementary