

## FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 3, 2013

Members in attendance: Kristine Chalifoux, Lynn Stuckey, Matt Foster, Mark Ritz, Elizabeth Stegmaier, Joan Dykstra, Matt Foster, Tom Lockman and Avona Greene

- Matt Foster discussed the purpose of the committee-to provide information and guidance for Board of Education to make sound Facility decisions.
- Members introduced themselves
- Dr. Zola presented three options for additional Kindergarten classrooms
  1. Add portable classroom
  2. Open school on Kirby as a 12<sup>th</sup> elementary school
  3. Begin to grow a program in the south wing of the Kirby School
- Members discussed pros and cons of the three options:

<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>
• Portables-temporary solution	Portables - not a good long term solution, small size, HVAC
• Kirby School-Not in bad condition	Kirby School-Needs a facelift-no funds for this
• Kirby School -District already owns building	Kirby School-High traffic in front of school
•	Concern about Kindergarten students not being part of a school if placed @ Kirby
- Committee discussed whether Kirby School should be sold; apartments to the east are aging and could be renovated. A member mentioned the drawbacks of selling Lottie Switzer to Judah Christian. Keeping Kirby School as a back-up for K-1 growth was also discussed.
- Recent demographic study shows substantial growth in 20 years.
- Mark Ritz, from BLDD Architects, discussed QLEO. They have begun an assessment of the two high schools, three middle schools, Dr. Howard, South Side and Kirby School. They plan to offer multiple options for each site. They will assess the educational adequacies of the buildings, providing a score for each school. They will assess the cost to maintain the buildings as they are for the next 20 years; including energy, maintenance and roof replacement costs. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, BLDD will meet with administration and the facility committee to brainstorm and set an educational standard for all schools. The schedule for the day follows:
  1. 8-10 AM - Bring us up to date on planning work completed to date. This would include reviewing the recommendations of DeJong-Richter, enrollment projections, etc. (primarily administration)
  2. 10AM - Noon - Development of the Educational Standard for Elementary, Middle, and High schools. (primarily administration)
  3. Noon-2 PM Brainstorming Session (administration and facility committee)
  4. 2-4 PM Develop list of possible scenarios for each school (primarily BLDD)
  5. 4-5 PM BLDD presents ideas to administration and facilities committee
- BLDD will look at a many or as few scenarios as the district wants them to.
- QLEO will not look at possible future uses for buildings no longer being used by district.

- A committee member mentioned it would be a public relations nightmare to re-do the work that DeJong-Richter just completed.
- Bill Gates Foundation repurposes old schools for community revitalization.
  
- Committee needs to prioritize most urgent needs
  1. High school site needs to be presented to Board in December
  2. Kindergarten classrooms
  3. Transportation – acquire LS Building and renovate
- Developer has a template for a rubric to identify facility needs
- Committee’s goal is to be objective, emotion can’t be involved in decisions
- Committee needs to review Dejong-Richter’s site data
- Developer needs to explain process
- Capital Improvement Plan needs to be updated
- Decisions need to be made about the use of Marquette, Curriculum Center, Central
- Matt will send out information from developer before the next meeting on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Mellon Building North Conference Room