

Des Moines Public Schools
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

October 4, 2012 at 5:30 PM
Operations Center – 1917 Dean Avenue

Members Present:

Marvin Alexander
Meredith Mauro
Kris Cooper
Ed Linebach
Susie Rider

Members Absent:

Brian Clark
Joel Doyle
Jeffrey Hall
Paul Krause
Kent Mauck
Twyla Woods

DMPS Staff Present:

Bill Good
Tim Schott
Connie Baker

Agendas were distributed and Bill presented a power point of the community survey results that included the surveys taken at the community meetings held at the high schools in Sept. The committee reviewed the results of the district online community survey. 320 parents responded, representing 41 district schools; of the total responses 62.2% agree a feeder pattern system makes sense. Grandfathering had a 77.4% in agreement response. The survey results will be presented at the board meeting on October 16, 2012.

The committee agreed that along with the FAQ (frequently asked questions) needs to be updated and the explanation/response should also be inserted as well as the supportive comments.

Upcoming board information recommendations from the committee:

- Expand (extend?) grandfathering option
- Tweak Meredith/Callanan boundary to reduce total students potentially attending Meredith. Also should impact demographics of Callanan.
- Update FAQ with comments
- Attendance areas next steps: elementary schools, schools of choice (including Goodrell)

A discussion regarding the % of middle schools with students attending inside/outside their current boundaries, and how changes will affect the numbers – continue to monitor. Also noted were the restrictions on open enrollment (OE) 'out' of a school area, versus OE 'in' to a school – and that the same (wording) criteria should be used in both considerations. The committee asked the question 'what makes Goodrell different from Brody or other middle schools?', Tim Schott feels that Goodrell is now more similar to the other middle schools and less unique in what is offered. Also regarding middle schools, the question arose on how IB feeder patterns affect middle schools – it was determined that more data is needed.

With input from the community regarding Callanan, the committee agreed to re-evaluate the proposed boundary and make a revised recommendation.

Tim Schott will look at the possibility of developing a matrix that would monitor the impact on students such as, 9th grade dropout rates.

The committee reviewed the next round of potential statewide penny projects and was asked if there were any changes.

- Move forward with planning for 2014-2015 during the summer 2013. These projects could include A/C for Kurtz, McKee and Moore. Additional floor at Central Campus. Replacing mobiles at River Woods. North Athletic wing upgrades. ADA upgrades. Changes to secondary schools to accommodate Van Meter potential change. This will require additional bonding authority.
- Potential projects for 2015-2016 planning would take place in summer of 2014. Determine where we would best add classrooms. Could include centralized stadium, new school in the SE, expanded classrooms at Merrill, Moulton HVAC upgrade, Van Meter changes. Smouse upgrades. Another floor at Central Campus. East HS window replacement and I.A. changes. Basic need will be to determine where additional classroom space is needed. This will require additional bonding authority.

The Facility Advisory Committee determined to reconvene in the spring of 2013 continuing with the process of recommendations regarding schools of choice (Goodrell Middle School) and a study of the elementary schools and possible future implementation.

The school district continues to be very appreciative of the dedication of the committee and their specific interests in students first.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Baker