

School Expansion Possibilities Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Room 8C

Members: John G, Shannon F, Tom J (left at 5:15), ~~Ken L, Kirstin K, Sheri W~~, Emily W, ~~Dan E~~, Girish J, Jeff E, Noah L and Lisa A (Leadership: Chair, with help from the BOD members and the Director)

Purpose: The purpose of the School Expansion Committee is to research possibilities for expansion. If the determination is made to expand, the committee will have to develop and implement a plan for expansion.

Remember: This is a BOD Committee, so we do have to abide by open meeting laws, therefore, agendas and meeting notes will be published. This Committee is open to the public.

1. Recap BOD Retreat to Discuss Expansion Plans (Tuesday, November 21)
 - a. Jeff will send the notes to everyone on the Expansion Team
 - b. A financial reason is one of the main reasons that we need to expand
 - c. Next year we will probably see a deficit if we do not increase revenues
 - d. How many students do we need to add to have a balanced budget?
 - i. 8-10 students per year
 - ii. Depends on the State funding and spending
 - iii. There is no end to the growth cycle for Charter Schools unless the Legislature changes their funding in a permanent way
2. Review and discuss enrollment, staff, and financial scenarios
 - a. We looked at the MSA Growth Options (from about 3-4 years ago)
 - b. But this document needs to be updated for building options, including the addition of Buildings of C and D
 - c. All of the options in this document were based on slow growth, not to determine whether we need to build a building or not?
 - d. Questions about Option One
 - i. The added students were not all in one grade so that we did not have to add more teachers
 - e. What are the scenarios that we will need to look at to update this document?
 - i. Baseline
 - ii. Option 1: What would be comfortable growth without a new location?
 - iii. Option 2: Transition: Max out this building/location, so that we have a built-in population to fill in the new building. What is the maximum capacity of this building? 200 more students - mostly because every teacher's prep could possibly be another class.
 - iv. Option 3: Increase it by a certain number the first year in the new building

- v. Ideally when we expand, we should have 6 sections of 20 students in each grade in the MS. For example, there would be 120 8th graders, but then only plan for 100 9th graders to remain.
 - 1. How many square feet do we need per student? A builder needs to answer the question.
 - 2. What is the best viewpoint from the teacher's side
 - 3. What size of waiting list do we want? We want one, it should not be zero.
 - 4. How can you split the grades between two different locations?
 - a. One location is probably best
 - vi. Outside of District 833 costs options?
3. Discuss next steps. Develop timeline for the rest of the school year
- a. Talk to Brokers in January, including the JB Vang Realty at the next Expansion Meeting. This should include the Building Company members.
 - b. John will share the information from the Staff Meeting with this group
 - c. John will start to look at the numbers and scenarios with Judith and have them for the next meeting
 - i. 10 years out
 - ii. Use the numbers from the earlier expansion to help us figure out how to expand the student population.
 - d. The High School Student Survey will go out in February after the meeting with the brokers.
 - e. Look at the dates for the Staff meetings and then plan what to do at those meetings.
 - f. Discuss the lease of Buildings C and D at the next meeting

The next meeting Tuesday, January 28 at 4:30 in room 8C