

School Expansion Possibilities Committee

October 29, 2020

4:30 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91852802651?pwd=K3JMYkNTOUxRWlIDeDRBWjdxcWtzZz09>

Meeting ID: 955 1363 4848

Passcode: 705358

In Attendance (underlined): Jennifer Yiangou, Holly Rome, Krishna Vishnubhatla, Alex Santos, Dan Ellingson, John Gawarecki, Robin Solid, Ken LaCasse, Noah Langseth, Satya Veluri, Lilian Vu, Aron Hellner, Annette Smith, Annie Cardenas, Wendell Sletten

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In previous committee meetings, it was determined that MSA will expand.

Agenda:

1. Review information about the committee on the website

Name of Committee	Chair & Board Member (BM) Representative	Meeting Day	Meeting Time	Focus or Standing
(Click For More Details)				
School Expansion	Chair: Dan Ellingson (Board Vice Chair)	Last Thursday each month	4:30-5:30PM	Focus

[https://www.mnmsa.org/bod/school-expansion-possibilities/School Expansion Possibilities Committee](https://www.mnmsa.org/bod/school-expansion-possibilities/School%20Expansion%20Possibilities%20Committee)

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Leadership: Officer of the Board, with help from the Director

Works with/gets information from: BOD, Finance Committee, teachers, parents, community members and the Building Company.

People on the committee: The committee includes the Director, an elected Officer of the Board, any interested representatives from the BOD, teachers, parents and students.

Meetings - when/how often held: Once a month on a Thursday afternoon 4:30-5:30PM.

Chair's responsibilities: The Chair needs to plan, run and report the findings of the committee.

Committee members' responsibilities: Members need to attend meetings and volunteer for specific tasks as needed.

Members: Vary according to need and availability. All are welcome to contribute to this exciting expansion.

Updated meeting times and approved the data.

2. Review and refine a "wish list" for the new site.

For each item on the wish list answer:

- What do you like about your space?
- What do you dislike about your space?
- What would enhance your space better accommodate my curricular needs?

1. Include items from each academic department - Academics Committee
2. Lunchroom
3. Gymnasium/auditorium - Aron & Wendell
4. Drop off areas
5. Parking lots
6. Technology (global)
7. Each Academic department
8. Administrative offices - John
9. Meets CDC/MDH requirements.
10. Facility needs - multileveled or 1 level - Jennifer
11. Security
12. Air quality
13. Gathering spaces - collaborative spaces
14. Robotics/STEM lab
15. School store
16. Art gallery -
17. Location

Updated individual sheets of the Wish lists for selected areas spreadsheet.

Members can access the document to update the [spreadsheet](#)

3. Develop buckets for our wish list with Priorities:

Deferred to Dec 3 meeting - plan is to have staff feedback from Nov 18th Staff meeting and Nov 24th student advisory feedback. John to work with staff to obtain necessary information prior to the Dec 3rd meeting.

4. Survey students for their perspective.

Survey during Nov 24 Advisory
Staff survey on Nov 18.

5. Determine how many students we will build for when mature.

6th - 8 sections = 160 - 200 students
7th - 8 sections = 160 - 200 students
8th - 8 sections = 160 - 200 students
9th - 6 sections = 120 - 150 students
10th - 6 sections = 120 - 150 students
11th - 6 sections = 120 - 150 students
12th - 6 sections = 120 - 150 students
Total = 48 sections 960 - 1200 students

So the plan is to roughly double the size of the student body

6. Other? - How do we decide whether to buy opportunities as they arise?

7. Future meeting dates: December 3, January 7, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27. All meetings start at 4:40 pm utilizing the same Zoom link as this meeting's link.

Backward planning for a specific move in date.

Schedule for the year:

Visits to other schools

Develop "wish list"

Determine if we want to go with all three scenarios

Review financial model / options

Choose development partner - Dec/Jan

Obtain feedback from staff, parents, students, and community

Confirm design brief for expansion