

Math & Science Academy Expansion Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

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Committee members: **Jeff Eng** (chair), **Diane Thiags**, **Jennifer Yiangou**, **Mary Yapp**, **Annette Smith**, Leigh Ann Ahmad, **Dan Ellingson**, Noah Langseth, Stephanie Luedtke, **Randy Vetsch**, **Dr. Kate Hinton** (those present are bolded)

Additional attendees: **Jackson Maddux (MSA parent)**

1. Update on expansion discussions

Presentation of initial Cuningham drawings and budget for a split campus in which MSA and WLA switch locations

Option 5A requires moderate remodel of the current WLA site (including construction of a second gym with 5 additional classrooms for about \$5 million) and a heavy remodel of MSA's current site at a total cost of approximately \$35 million

Option 5B requires a moderate remodel of the current WLA site (including construction of a second gym for about \$3 million) and a moderate remodel of MSA's current site at a total cost of approximately \$17 million

Challenges for both options include city approval, traffic patterns, fire truck access, green space, and parking

Need for further budget documentation

Discussed phased expansion as a part of all options

Need to continue research on other sites – NTH continues to scan available real estate since the market seems to change rapidly

2. Discuss other options to expansion of physical space

Topics for further discussion at future expansion committee meetings: grants, corporate partnerships, and other fundraising

3. Discuss collection of data

Create document for committee members to begin collecting and organizing data and asking critical questions pertaining to future decision-making

Create document of agreed upon facts

Correct previous misstatements and dissemination of incorrect information – future decisions cannot be based on what people believe they have heard rather than the information that MSA and the board collects and verifies

4. Discuss next steps

Create document for committee members to share ideas on other fundraising options

Create document for committee members to share ideas regarding current expansion options

Develop timeline for future work