

FACILITIES ADVISORY TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, April 2, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
West High School

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** M. Ginalski, J. Delorme, A. Danquah, B. Cameron, J. Reilly, S. Romans, P. Webster, T. Decker, R. Kimble, T. Tunney, , M. Whittenhall, B. Pierce, M. Roe, K. Wilson-Houck, K. Monastra, V. Zingler, M. Franklin, , S. Bathrick, R. Gillespie, R. Gosden, K. Keeney, R. McMaster, J. Robbins, R. Smith, C. Woodcock

**ABSENT:** N. Jakobson, A. Knowles, K. Murdock, J. Tobia, J. Castiglione, J. Meteer

**RECORDER:** K. Dutcher

**VISITORS:** There were several visitors in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Facilitator, Mr. Anthony Danquah. He reviewed the objective: *to discuss the issue regarding the best possible location for middle school students after considering the information presented by the architects.* The minutes from the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by consensus as written.

Mr. Charles Woodcock reviewed the Educational Program Meeting Report of West High School. Mr. Woodcock met with the Principal and staff relative to the needs of the building and program areas. One committee member commented on the issue of only having one entrance and exit to the building site.

Mr. Jake Sheehan and Mr. Joe Reilly led the tour of West High School.

Mr. Bill Cameron provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of facilities survey. He also provided the Committee with a complete copy of the survey responses for their review.

Mr. Jeff Robbins presented the program studies for East and West High Schools as they exist now, how they would look with a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wing added, as well as how they would look with a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wing added.

The group discussed at length their reaction to the footprints of the added wings. Some of the reactions were that it would be a difficult sell to the community having 6<sup>th</sup> graders in with high school students; concern over the cost of new construction to add the wings versus just building a new middle school; 30 rooms for each grade level might not be enough if you take into consideration foreign language and other specials, etc.; space looks cramped with the addition of the wing. A reaction also was that the community might be more willing, at this time, to accept one middle school and one high school.

The group reviewed the remaining meeting dates and agreed that the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting would be held at the Administration Office at 6:00 p.m.; April 30<sup>th</sup> would be an added meeting date and will be held at East High School at 6:00 p.m. (reached consensus), and the Bus Garage will host the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Mr. Mike Ginalski noted that at the next meeting he, along with Mrs. Janelle Mateer, would provide and explain the matrix for the decision making process in moving ahead with a final plan.

In summary, the Committee agreed that prior to moving forward, they would like more information. Specifically to,

1. look at numbers regarding the cost of renovating Northside Blodgett and Corning Free Academy Middle Schools housing two grade levels; and,
2. look at architectural plans for one middle school and one high school.

Next meeting will take place on April 23, 2009 at the Administration Building beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.