

Corning Painted Post

AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACILITIES ADVISORY TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 4, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Winfield Elementary School

MINUTES

PRESENT: M. Ginalski, J. Delorme, A. Danquah, B. Cameron, J. Reilly, S. Romans, P. Webster, T. Tunney, J. Tobia, M. Whittenhall, M. Roe, B. Pierce, M. Franklin, R. Gillespie, A. Knowles-Skowvron, K. Monastra, J. Meteer, S. Bathrick, J. Castiglione, K. Keeney

ARCHITECTS: C. Woodcock, J. Robins, R. Gosden, Rusty Smith

ABSENT: V. Zingler, N. Jakobson, K Wilson-Houck

RECORDER: K. Dutcher

VISITORS: There were two visitors in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Facilitator, Anthony Gyetua-Danquah. Mr. Danquah welcomed the group and reviewed the Agenda for the evening.

The November 20th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus as written.

Mr. Charles Woodcock from Hunt Engineers reviewed his notes, which were provided to the group, relative to a meeting he had with Thomas Tunney, Principal, and the staff at Winfield Elementary School. Some highlights included current enrollment numbers, main office, health office, faculty/staff room, classroom, special education, art and music and library issues. He also discussed general building and site issues, as well as needs.

Principal Tom Tunney briefly reviewed the floor plan of Winfield Elementary School prior to the group tour. Following the tour, the group reconvened to discuss the positive and negatives of the building:

Positives

Clean/Well maintained
Room for growth
Not overcrowded
Capacity for more students
Adequate size of common areas
Mechanical Systems in good shape
A lot of green space
Potential property acquisition
Parking adequate
Location – near highway
Above flood plain

Negatives

Inadequate handling units
Inadequate small group instructional space
Lack of storage space
Numerous exits (unsafe)
Limited technology capacity
No separate parent drop off

Mr. Charles Woodcock and Mr. Jeff Robbins from Hunt Engineers, reviewed the building floor plans of Kent Phillips Elementary School, which showed the current floor plan, what a building plan would look like in order to just meet the state standards, and what was needed for current educational needs and beyond.

It was noted that in order to bring the building up to “just meeting” the state standards, it would require: adding one classroom, increasing the size of the two kindergarten classrooms, adding two additional special education classrooms by reconfiguring the school’s existing rooms thereby creating a dedicated art and music room.

In order to meet the educational goals, seven additional classrooms would be needed. Additional renovations would be needed to add storage and create dedicated space for physical and occupational therapy, as well as separate art and music rooms.

Mr. Ginalski introduced Dr. Jerome McKibbin from McKibbin Demographics. Dr. McKibbin had conducted a demographic study of the District in 2003 and he provided the group with an update to that prior report. Highlights included:

- The District’s fertility rates over the life of the forecasts are below replacement levels.
- Most in-migration to the District occurs in the 0-10 and 24-40 age groups.
- The 18 to 24 year old population continues to leave the District, going to college or moving to other urban areas.
- The primary factor causing the District’s enrollment to decline is the continued and growing rate of out-migration in the 18-24 year old age group and the slowing in-migration of younger families.
- Changes in year-to-year enrollment largely will be due to smaller cohorts entering and moving through the system in conjunction with larger cohorts leaving the system.
- As in-migration of young families continues and smaller grade cohorts enter into the school system, total enrollment will continue to decline. However, enrollment will decrease at a slower rate than during the last several years of the forecasts, particularly after 2014.
- As the District continues to have less new home construction, the rate and magnitude of existing home sales will become the increasingly dominant factor affecting the amount of population and enrollment change.
- Total enrollment is forecasted to decrease by 292 students, or -5.5%, between 2008-2009 and 2013-2014. Total enrollment will decline by 59 students, or -1.2%, from 2013-2014 and 2018-2019.

Mr. Bill Cameron, Public Information Coordinator, announced that the Demographic Study can be found on the District’s website, www.corningareaschools.com/facilities. He also announced that he will be convening a sub-committee of Facilities Advisory Team members to help develop a survey that will be distributed to the community in January.

Mr. Danquah noted that the Team will continue with the Demographic Report follow-up discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, December 11, 2008 at Hugh Gregg Elementary.