



2016 School Study Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Harvey Education Center, Board Room

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Ted Berryhill, Jessica Curtis, Jon Droscha, Steve Duane, Liz Evans, Laura Fenger, Josh Galloway, Emily Kress, Amy McVaugh, Kerry Minshall, Christopher Mumby, Mitch Perrault, Mike Prelesnik, Jerry Schaffer, Sandy Smalley, Joe Strach, Chris Waltz, Russ Whipple, Tim Williams, and Chris Wright

Late Arriving: Sally Trout and Tim Ayers

Absent: Brian Bushey, Erik Cargill, Lance Delbridge, Matt Hall, David Haywood, and Mike Thompson

Also present: Ron Drzewicki, Mike Kenney, Steve Merriman, and Ted Moore.

Call To Order

Initial discussion by Committee Chair, Chris Waltz. Topic of meeting format and agenda format. Stressed that items 1-4 of the agenda will remain in place for every meeting. Stressed the importance of our job as the committee is to decide what the problems are and what we would propose to fix the problems. Nothing has been predetermined and there is no premeditated goal for this committee. Limited discussion about discussion in and out of the meetings. Stressed the importance for all full committee communication to occur during the meeting so that accurate minutes of the meetings may be documented, to ensure transparency, and by allowing the public an opportunity to see all discussion. Opened the floor for discussion and hearing none this indicated consent. Concern was brought up with allowing school district employees the right to vote on the committee. After brief discussion, it was decided by a 13 to 2 vote in favor of voting rights, that the school employees are also resident, taxpayers, and parents of the same community and therefore should be able to vote.

Chairperson informed the committee that secretary elect, Shelly Fanson was absent from this meeting and therefore, Christopher Mumby and Liz Evans would be taking the minutes for tonight's meeting.

Public Comment

There was one person from the public who declined this opportunity.

Approval of Minutes

There was a change to the minutes from the previous meeting. Only that Tim Ayers nominated Emily Kress and Jon Droscha nominated Sally Trout.

Request/Clarification Forms

Each meeting there will be a spreadsheet delivered to all committee members with all of the requests that have been turned into for further information. The topics, once discussed will be greyed out to indicate so.

Committee Name

It was addressed to the committee that there should be a formal name for this group of persons. Two suggestions were made. First, School Study Committee and Second was Facilities Repair and Improvement Study Committee. Short discussion was had, and then Russ Whipple moved to have School Study Committee be the name. It was then seconded by Jon Droscha. With 13 yes votes, it carried. School Study Committee is the name of this committee as voted by the committee.

Facilities Steering Committee History

The committee received a detailed overview of what went into the decision making process of the Bond Proposal for 2016. There were a few questions, but it was then accepted by the committee as information only.

Dinner Break 5:56 p.m.

Called back to order at 6:12 p.m.

Enrollment

Ron Drzewicki, presented on the number of children in the school and on School of Choice. There was a note created that went along with the numbers in the slideshow, that 2008 was when Cedar Street Elementary School was repurposed as the Harvey Educational Center, and also that in 2012 was when Dart Container purchased Solo. This correlated with decline in 2008 as well as the increase in 2012. Discussion surrounding School of Choice. Mason only open School of Choice for 15 days and is very limited with the number of children that they allow. Mason Public Schools has 19 more children that leave the district for School of Choice elsewhere than come into the district. School of Choice numbers do not include children attending private schools.

“Top 5” Needs

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| Group 1: | 1. | Parking, Traffic, and Safety |
| | 2. | Space – STEM, Robotics, other specialized programming |
| | 3. | Infrastructure – not up to code |
| | 4. | Overcrowding at the elementary level |
| | 5. | insufficient for staff, teachers, etc – (sq.ft) |
| Group 2: | 1. | Facilities audit items |
| | 2. | Drop off/pick up - all schools |
| | 3. | Transportation – Buses and Bus Garage |
| | 4. | Technology Infrastructure |
| Group 3: | 1. | Overcrowding |
| | 2. | Facilities Audit Items |
| | a. | “RED” items a must, “Yellow” and “Green” items yes with the input of needs from the School District Employees. |
| | b. | Bus Garage |
| | c. | Technology |
| | d. | Security – Entrances, Parking, etc |
| | 3. | Buses |
| | 4. | Sinking Fund Insufficient to Handle Needs of the District. |

As committee how do we address them?

Long discussion about how to move forward as a committee.

Future Meeting Dates

Future Meeting dates will be done with a Doodle Survey

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.