

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Grade Configuration for Grades 4K-8 in the Monona Grove School District, held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, Nichols Building, District Office Board Room, starting at 6:05 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Breunig-Clark, Kristin Frederickson, Craig Gerlach, Jennifer Jindrich, Emily Klinger, Vicki Kieler, Jeff Knight, Jill List (ar. 6:10), Jason McCutchin, Jennifer Pickel, Ann Schroeder, Lisa Stangler, Renee Tennant

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Fox, Lisa Jones

I. Opening of Meeting – Craig Gerlach, Chair

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2009, Meeting

Ann Schroeder moved approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2009, committee meeting. Renee Tennant seconded.

Margaret Breunig-Clark moved to amend the minutes. Jennifer Pickel seconded and the motion carried to amend the minutes as stated. (Jill List abstained – ar. 6:10)

IV. Review Committee Charge

A copy of the committee charge that was approved this past fall was handed out. The committee reviewed the charge. The discussion included a reminder that the School Board will be analyzing this committee's recommendation.

V. Review & Define Procedures

The next step to move this committee's work forward will involve developing a rubric which would allow the committee to look at all the scenarios objectively. Those scenarios that have been deleted and the current scenarios will be included.

The minutes from each meeting will be set forth as documented from the meeting as a draft until committee approval.

VI. Discuss Building Capacity

The capacity analysis handout was distributed. Craig Gerlach reminded the committee that capacity fluctuates each year. The discussion also included some specifics about each building and their common and classroom space. Not all space is actually being used as designed.

Open enrollment numbers will be watched closely.

VII. Discuss Applied Population Projections

Many ideas about each of the building population projection scenarios, produced by Applied Population Labs, were discussed including pros and cons about each scenario. It was clear there was a concern about the numbers and that a bias toward the different configurations was created with each scenario.

Jennifer Pickel moved that we use the projected 4 model average applied populations. Jill List seconded. Discussion was held. Motion was defeated.

Jason McCutchin moved to use the kindergarten projections model. Jill List seconded. Discussion was held. Motion was defeated.

Jill List moved to use the 4 model average. Jennifer Pickel seconded. Discussion was held. Jill List agreed to pull her motion and Jennifer Pickel agreed to pull her second from the table.

Kristin Frederickson moved to use the 5 year trend. Margaret Breunig-Clark seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Review and Define Options

Craig Gerlach distributed a handout that listed the scenarios that he modified.

IX. Discuss Status of Committee and Future Direction

The following list was recalled by the committee to be part of the criteria for the rubric: transportation, programming, educational purpose, # of bldg transitions, neighborhood schools, uniting both communities, building grade configuration, transitions district wide, class size and school size.

X. Review Committee Meeting Schedule & Define Agenda (Future Meetings Scheduled: March 3 & 17, 2009)

Committee members are encouraged to tour the buildings while children are in the buildings.

By the June meeting, according to the charge, this committee is to bring a recommendation to the Board.

XI. Adjournment

Jason McCutchin motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Jennifer Pickel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.