

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove Board of Education, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Grade Configuration for Grades 4K-6 in the Monona Grove School District, held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in the Nichols Building, District Office Board Room, Starting at 6:07 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Breunig-Clark, Susan Fox, Kristin Frederickson, Craig Gerlach, Jennifer Jindrich, Lisa Jones, Emily Klinger, Vicki Kieler, Jeff Knight, Jill List, Jason McCutchin (arrived 7:00 P.M.), Jennifer Pickel, Ann Schroeder, Lisa Stangler, Renee Tennant,

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I. Opening of Meeting – 6:07 P.M.

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

Craig Gerlach stated in response to a question at the last meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee does need to meet open meeting law requirements when meetings are scheduled. He further stated if an item is not on the agenda, it may not be discussed and all meetings of the Committee must have documented agendas and minutes.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2009, Meeting

Jennifer Jindrich moved that the meeting minutes of February 24, 2009, be approved. Jill List seconded. Susan Fox suggested a friendly amendment to include in Agenda Item VII. Discuss Applied Population Projections, that wording be included in the first sentence stating "...population projection scenarios as produced by the Applied Population Lab.....". The friendly amendment was approved by Ms. Jindrich and Ms. List and a vote on the motion to approve the minutes as amended, carried.

IV. Discuss Rubric Criteria

Craig distributed a handout entitled, "Step 1 – Criteria Ranking" that he would like Committee members to complete and hand in the sheets before they leave tonight's meeting. He stated this exercise will help him in determining which of the following priorities are most important to the Committee: programming/experience; elementary transitions; cost; busing; community acceptance; class sizes; school size; and neighborhood schools. The worksheets will be tabulated and reviewed at the next meeting.

Craig also distributed a rubric worksheet using the above stated criteria. Discussion was held on all criteria areas listed. The first criteria programming/experience will be divided into two categories: building consistency and similar programming. Discussion was held on the rubrics and recommended changes to the document. Craig stated he would make the recommended changes and send the document via email for Committee members to review.

Building capacity of Glacial Drumlin School was discussed. Craig stated he talked with Steve Kuhnen of Bray Associate Architects, who designed the building. Mr. Kuhnen stated the building was built with a capacity of 850.

V. Review and Define All Options

Craig distributed two additional handouts: Solutions Previously Eliminated and Solutions Still Under Consideration. It was noted that Solution No. 18 – elementary boundaries district-wide rather than community wide – should be removed from the Solutions Previously Eliminated and shown on the Solutions Still Under Consideration list.

VI. Discuss Status of Committee and Future Direction

At the next meeting of the Committee the list of solutions, both still available and those removed, will be rated using the rubric sheet.

Jeff Knight asked when the Sub Committee should have their presentation completed that will be shown at the public hearings. Discussion was held and meetings with the public could be held as early as May. The deadline to report to the Board in June will be discussed later to see if the Committee is ready to present their recommendations.

VII. Review Committee Meeting Schedule & Define Agenda

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 6:00 P.M., at the Nichols Building in the District Office Board Room.

It was reported that members of the Committee who are available will tour the elementary buildings in both Monona and Cottage Grove on Thursday, March 5, 2009. Those interested in attending were asked to meet at Maywood School at 8:30 a.m.

A schedule of meeting dates for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays will be distributed at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Jill List moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jason McCutchin seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.