

Des Moines Public Schools
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

January 19 at 6:00 PM

Operations Center, 1917 Dean Avenue

Members

Present:

Marvin Alexander
Brian Clark
Joel Doyle
Ed Linebach
Lowell Long
Kent Mauck
Meredith Mauro
Susie Rider

Members Absent:

Kris Cooper
Burch LaPrade
Paul Krause
Twyla Woods

DMPS Staff Present:

Bill Good
Bryce Amos
Connie Baker

Bill Good started the first meeting with introductions by the committee and staff. A power point presentation was given which is also included in the committee member's binder for review.

The school district is very thankful for the time each committee member will be devoting to this committee and with respect to member's time, every effort will be made to keep meetings moving. If members are aware of others whom they feel would be a good fit for this committee, please feel free to invite them to the next meeting.

Bill presented information about the increase of students in the ELL programs, the Preschool program, the possible programming changes at Moulton which has low enrollment for middle school students. Bryce Amos shared more information on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and which schools are working on certification. Goals and expectations of the committee: the review of district boundaries, expanding facilities, establishing goals for future projects; the changing demographics; how we might better balance enrollment between school buildings; better align feeder systems; should students attend schools closest to the homes, should every school have an ELL program – what costs are associated with this; should choice school boundaries be expanded; the impact or value of providing a pure feeder system?

Binders were distributed to those present at the beginning of the meeting. An overview of each section was discussed. Various boundary maps of the district were available to view.

The committee discussed who is willing to serve as chairman for the committee. After brief discussions, Brian Clark nominated Marvin Alexander and Meredith Mauro as co-chairs, seconded by Susie Rider, all were in agreement.

The next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for February 9th, 6:00 p.m. at Central Academy.

Requested information and assignments:

1. Process for outlying school districts with students near Hoover and North to release student boundaries to DMPS (Bryce Amos)
2. Busing for ELL – students living in home boundary but bused elsewhere (Bill Good)
3. IB Program – Bryce Amos following up with David Johns for the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Baker