



District-Wide PAC Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, November 20, 2018; 12:00 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Shon Hocker (Superintendent), Mrs. Stacy Kilwein (representing Partners in Parenting), Mrs. Ruth Berglund (representing Dickinson High School PAC), Mrs. Jessica Cron (representing Prairie Rose Elementary PAC), Mrs. Nicole Wald (representing Berg Elementary PAC), Mrs. Alicia Saienga (representing Heart River Elementary PAC), and Mrs. Julie Heidecker (representing Roosevelt Elementary PAC). Also present was Mrs. Twila Petersen.

Call to Order – Superintendent Hocker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda Items – There were no requests for additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of the October 10, 2018, Meeting Minutes - The October 10, 2018, meeting minutes were distributed to the committee members.

Business Topics

November 19 School Board Meeting and Workshop Agendas – Superintendent Hocker distributed copies of the agenda from last night's Board meeting and workshop. He explained at the Board meeting, Dickinson High School Principal Hoherz provided a presentation, including a PowerPoint, regarding focus group workshops that have been taking place at the high school. The discussion at the high school workshops addressed the high school capacity and facility concerns. From those workshops discussions, and reviewing the costs to build versus remodel, the focus groups felt it would be better to build a new high school instead of remodel the current facility. The current facility would be utilized during the new construction process. The community supports the high school remaining on the same area that it is currently located. Several options for the facility were provided at the Board meeting with the new facility having a Fairway Street main access.

Dr. Hocker explained the construction would affect the softball diamonds. Another temporary location would be found for softball with the intent of creating new diamonds, possibly with turf, in the future.

The school board approved the hire of a Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) for the high school project, elementary school, and bond referendum. The CMAR award went to JE Dunn, a local firm. Dr. Hocker explained the process for a bond proposal that will go to the community for approval.

During last night's workshop, Dr. Hocker explained there was discussion regarding busing. The administration will be researching ways to make the busing more efficient. Additionally, areas that will be looked at include the start and ending school times, rural route busing, restriction zone, walking zone perimeter around schools, the amount of time students are waiting to get on the bus, the amount of time students are riding the bus, busing after RASP is closed, along with many other areas.

Traffic Congestion at Dickinson Middle School – Superintendent Hocker reported that he and Assistant Superintendent Harris did follow up on this question from last month’s meeting. They both went to the middle school and observed. There are approximately 800 students at the middle school. Of those 800, about 500 ride the bus. This leaves 300 that have other options of transportation. There are parents coming and going to pick up their child. Mr. Harris was unable to attend today’s meeting and will provide more information at the December meeting.

AdvancED Engagement Review November 4-7 – Dr. Hocker distributed copies of the exit PowerPoint that was presented by the AdvancED engagement review team prior to their departure on November 7. He explained a detailed report is anticipated within the next 30 days. Within the handout was information regarding the key findings from the learning environment. There were many areas that received acknowledgement for doing well. An area that was noted the District could do better was in the digital learning environment. Superintendent Hocker noted there is technology in the classroom but it is sometimes not utilized at its highest capacity.

Within the handout, there were areas that the District was rated. Those areas receiving a three or higher are considered good.

Rumors – There were no items for discussion on this topic.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.