

Facilities Advisory Committee

Meeting 01 – Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Luther Elementary

Director of Business Services Jason Demerath welcomed all and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

District Leadership - Brent Torrenga, Jennifer Walden, LeighAnn Scheuerell, Rachel Snethen, Dick Schultz, and Mark Chaney.

Resource Team Present - Jason Demerath (Director of Business Services), D.J. Scullin (Director of Technology), Josh Carter (Director of Buildings and Grounds), Marissa Weidenfeller (Comm. & Community Engagement Specialist), Debbie Kopps (Administrative Assistant to Supt./BOE), Dan Chovanec (CGS - Project Lead), Sarah Dunn (Communications Lead), Mario Millonzi (Upper 90 Energy), Nicholas Kent (Architect Lead), Devin Kack (PRA - Design). Not present: Nicole Dryden (PRA - Planning) and Brian Medina (MEP Engineering).

FAC Members Present -

Rob Abbott

Matt Banaszynski

Dawn Blackwell

Dave Geiger

Dan Halvorsen

Nick Hamele

Madelyn Hansen

Carla Haubenschild

Lisa Hollenberger

Ryan Huber

Kory Knickrehm

John Kutz

Nicole Leibman

Steve Mahoney

Collin Maas

Jordan Nelson

Alicia Norris

Adam Paul

Chris Reed

Maribel Reu

Cody Rutter

Nicole Schafer

Andy Selle

Jill VanderMause

Tom Williamson

Vern Zech

Not present: Dr. Lynn Brown, Sawyer Brandenburg, Robyn Newcomb, and Amy Oakley

Comments regarding current state of the District:

- Bones of the buildings are good
- Anxious to see how spaces can revamped to match how today's education is delivered
- Very good programming compared to other school districts

- Outdoor facilities (fields, tennis courts, press boxes) need attention and upgrading
- Alternative energies are a plus
- Space is well utilized but have some older buildings
- Dutifully maintained our buildings and revamped spaces to make things work
- Have completed some safety and security projects but may need more in addition to upgrading learning environments
- Need to determine what is behind the walls and address any issues
- Buildings need some updating but have a great foundation
- Concerned over parking areas
- Have good things but have things needing improvement
- Anxious to grow in areas of meeting student needs
- Never enough space
- Great opportunity to increase the use of technology, upgrade safety, and lower energy consumption
- Adequate but the District and community deserves more

Committee Charter - Board President Mark Chaney reviewed the [charge and charter of the committee](#).

Selection of Co-Chairs - Kory Knickrehm and Nicole Leibman volunteered to be co-chairs.

Review of FAC Meeting Structure and Topics – Nicholas Kent outlined the [topics and structure of the meetings](#).

Review of Progress to Date – Mr. Kent outlined the detailed study that was conducted over the past year and a half. The study is on-line at www.fortschools.org.

Learning Environments – Mr. Kent presented [Introduction to Collaborative Learning Environments](#).

Tour – Committee members toured Luther Elementary School.

Next Meeting will be held October 22, 2019 at Fort Atkinson Middle School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.