



New Braunfels Independent School District

2017 Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 31, 2017

LOCATION: NBISD Boardroom, 430 W. Mill St.

Present:

Dana Castilleja, Joe Castilleja, Brandon Dietert, Jennifer Faulkner, Keith Fontenot, Shaun Gibson, Ashli Goodspeed, Gina Jones, Christie Lawson, Sandy Littlejohn, Shelly Malatek, and Danielle Taylor.

Absent:

Heather Andrus, J Lee Deardorff, Leigh Ann Dees, Kimberley Dunbar, Kristen Fain, Keith Fontenot, Bryon Gardner, Brian Gibson, Elaine Lang, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Elizabeth Mullins, Faride Nasser, George Ortiz, Jason Ragsdale, Valerie Rodriguez, Wes Stamps, Jim Streety, Molly Waldrip, Brad Wehring and Bryan Woods.

NBISD Staff and Board Members in Attendance: Vickie Pursch, Kathy Kenney, Sherry Harrison, Kara Bock, Randy Moczygamba, Rebecca Villarreal, Steve Brown and Jerry Clark

Member Resignations: Kathy Stockstill (as of June 13, 2017); Brandon Mills (as of June 13, 2017); Stephanie Ferguson (as of Aug. 21, 2017); and Christie Lawson (as of Aug. 31, 2017)

Called to order at 6:04 p.m.

The Superintendent gave an overview of the current enrollment with the data that posted earlier that day. This includes addition of the two new elementary schools and reconfiguration of Lone Star as the district's pre-k campus.

He stressed on the pattern of growth in the last 10-15 years. The numbers show growth at all campus levels. NBISD still has an adequate amount of functional capacity at the elementary schools with the most growth occurring this year on the west side of IH-35.

The functional capacity of NBMS is 1,250 students and max capacity of 1,350 before we will have to install portables. The current science labs at the school can be converted into lab-in-room science classrooms. We currently have 1,144 students enrolled. This number equates to more than 7-percent increase.

Oak Run MS is at 927 students and is currently down less than 1 percent from last year's first week enrollment numbers. These numbers are not something we get concerned with since you can have a large class leave (8th to 9th) and have small class move in (new 6th graders).

The Superintendent will be revising the data on the diagonal charts that show the cohorts of students by grades in order to better see when we will need to prepare for a larger class of 6th graders and 9th and 10th graders.

We anticipate seeing growth in enrollment until the end of October. Our official enrollment date that is called "snapshot" is captured the last Friday in October of each school year. After the snapshot date, we usually see a steady decline until the end of the school year.

NBISD enrollment as of Aug. 31, 2017 is at 8,823. We are up 277 students or 3.24%. This figure is 1% higher than we grew last year at this time.

The elementary growth is also a factor we will explore to see where the students came from.

At the high school level, we are looking at an average growth of 3.54% a year. In the formulas for NBHS, we have calculated 10 years out with the enrollment at that same rate. By 2020 we will have 2,009 at the main campus and a total of 2,762 in grades 9-12. In 2022 we will have 2,080 at the main campus and a total of 2,961 students in grades 9-12. We will exceed the target enrollment number of 3,000 by 2023. The functional capacity at NBHS main campus without portables is 2,000.

There was a discussion about the grade configuration at the secondary level continuing to have a Ninth Grade Center. After seeing the results from our community survey, having a separate NGC was not supported as much as the traditional 9-12 grade configuration at a high school campus.

The Superintendent wants to call attention as to what happens when NBMS meets capacity. Do we add a wing next to the current NBMS building to expand the school as a middle school? Do we start the next phase to open as a second high school? Do we build a new middle school and not add on the to current school as a 2nd high school since it can hold up to 1250 students without adding anything on to the site on day one?

It was also mentioned that some of our older campuses will need to be looked at closer to see whether or not to update, repurpose or demolish in the future.

Board Vice President Sherry Harrison ended the meeting by asking for ideas to help in improve attendance at the FPC meetings. One committee member suggested setting a consistent date of the month rather than moving the meeting around.

The group put in their votes for the day of the week and agreed to keep the meeting from 6-8 p.m.

The majority of those in attendance voted for Tuesday as the best day of the week. The 2nd Tuesday of the month was also seen to be clear the rest of the year from holiday closures and board meetings.

Another suggestion was to publish the meeting agenda before the meeting to increase participation, so everyone knows what will be discussed.

The next meeting will be in the NBISD Boardroom from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017. We will begin the meeting with no more than a 30-minute recap of the past meetings for those that could not attend previous meetings.

Priority is looking at secondary campuses to include how many we need and where.

Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Rebecca Villarreal, NBISD Director of Communications