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MINNESOTA TO: Superintendent Debra Bowers
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 COLORADO DATE: October 27, 2009
 COMM. NO: 092038

SUBJECT: Independent School District #283 – St. Louis Park Schools
 October 7, 2009 Advisory Committee #1 Meeting Minutes

Attendants:

Superintendent Debra Bowers, Independent School District #283
 Bob Laney, Independent School District #283
 Frieda Bailey
 John Blackburn
 Jason Boll
 Les Bork
 Michelle Bryant
 Amy Burns
 Linda Ell-Egermeir
 Chris Holden
 Ken Huiras
 Paul Jennings
 Frank Johnson
 Kevin Jones
 Gerry Lukaska
 Corey Maslowski
 Rob Metz
 Shelley Nielsen
 Mike Nordean
 Clarence Pollock
 Tami Reynolds
 Andra Roethler
 Linda Saveraid
 Marty Stillman
 Linnea Swenson-Tellekson
 Matthew Fuelling, Wold Architects and Engineers
 Paul Aplikowski, Wold Architects and Engineers
 Scott McQueen, Wold Architects and Engineers
 Lynae Schoen, Wold Architects and Engineers

Discussion Topics:

1. The overall goal for the group is to address “What is best for students, staff, and community”. The Superintendent described the parent meeting highlights to the group.



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2. Wold briefly described Volume I of the Facility Study and noted that it has been on the District web site since the Wednesday after the April School Board Meeting. The volume merely defines problem and measures the scope.
3. Wold stated that this group is being included in developing Volume II of the Facility Study.
4. Wold stated that the Strategic Plan Committee is underway and that this group is to dovetail into the focus of the new strategic plan being developed.
5. After the first meeting, work will begin on developing options for consideration.
6. The Superintendent presented protocols for the group.
7. The upcoming meeting schedule was outlined to the group.
 - a. October 21, 2009
 - b. November 18, 2009
 - c. December 2, 2009
10. The following items will be on the agenda for the October 21, 2009 meeting.
 - a. Any inquiries into Volume I will be addressed.
 - b. General thoughts on the forward process will be presented.
 - c. Development of sub-committee.
11. The following items will be on the agenda for the November 18, 2009 meeting.
 - a. Begin developing options for consideration.
12. The following items will be on the agenda for the December 2, 2009 meeting.
 - a. Goal for the meeting is to have options narrowed down to 1-2 scenarios.
 - b. All the options will need to be double checked against District policies for the timeline of implementation.
13. Wold requested to hear what people are saying from the public.
 - a. Likely to close one (1) school.
 - b. "Hobart is full, Hobart is safe."
 - c. "Hobart is closing."
 - d. Skepticism that any input will be listened to, this has developed from past staff feelings.
 - e. Numbers in Volume I are "unrealistic."
 - f. Teachers feel that this is a "done deal."
14. **Question:** Does starting to develop options at the November 18, 2009 meeting seem like enough time?
 - a. Wold stated that the Group is not charged with starting from scratch, but will help advise on the report being developed.
15. **Question:** Will public input on multiple options be done in 15 days?
 - a. No, adequate time for input will be allotted. Wold stated that the greatest effort required in this process is defining the problem and getting everybody on same page. Options development will follow the definition.
16. **Question:** Wold asked the first thing that comes to mind about "SLP Facilities"?
 - a. Old
 - b. Buildings no longer just K-12
17. **Question:** Wold asked what comes to mind about reorganization/utilization?
 - a. Fate of everything else – not buildings.
 - b. Worries about class/demographic divisions.
18. Wold stated that the Public presentation is a chance for this group to hear the public inquiry first hand.



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19. The group was reminded that loss has already happened in reduced programs.
20. The homework for the group is to become familiar with Volume I.

cc: Attendants

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