



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) of the Board of Education of District 97 met on
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 Via Zoom and In Person
At 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dirk Danker, Darryl Baker, Paul Moore, Chris Rockey, Nathan Snyder, Nancy Ross Dribin, Holly Spurlock, Jeanne Keane, Dr. Ushma Shah

Also in attendance: Jennifer Costanzo - STR Partners, Peter Kuhn - Bulley & Andrews

Absent: Catherine Ward, Mark Jolicoeur, Dr. Felicia Starks

Vice Chairman Rockey called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

The FAC committee unanimously approved the minutes from December 19, 2022.

3. Update Committee Member Nominees

District will provide the board with a draft board committee nomination process in the 2/3/23 weekly update to the Board of Education. Once approved we will post to the website and send to all committee liaisons so that any interested nominees can apply. We will also provide information on the vacancies, term limits and what the expertise is of the current members.

4. Summer 2023 Bid Package #2 Presentation

Costanzo and Keane presented the potential scope for Summer 2023 Improvements bid package 2. Bid release 2 will consist of the following potential projects;

- Longfellow – facility maintenance improvements consisting of paving replacement, stair floor finishes, exterior and interior emergency lighting, interior LED lighting replacement, replacing antiquated electrical panelboards and enclosure and replace three multi-zone units and one condensing unit
 - We removed the scope consisting of paving replacement, exterior and interior emergency lighting and interior LED lighting replacement due to the cost of the switchgear needed to have electric reheat in the replacement multi zone units.
 - The district would like to test pilot this conversion to electric to gather data on a cost benefit analysis and carbon offset reduction.

A robust discussion was had in metrics and the carbon offset along with future proofing the building. We discussed the framework of value and principle behind the conversion along with the fact that the benefits can not be tangibly measured in a quantitative manner. Discussion was had on the probability of gas costs heavily rising in the future. Costanza and Snyder offered to assist in looking at metrics to measure the benefits. Keane will look at the EPA, Village of Oak Park and other entities for information in case studies of moving from gas to electric.

- Beye – doors of penthouse classroom on the third floor
- Brooks – Gender Neutral toilet rooms that a student group at Brooks requested resources to research solutions to create a more equitable and inclusive school facility in other locations than the nurse's office. D97 has secured a state grant to offset the majority of the costs.

4. Summer 2023 Bid Package #2 Recommendations

Total budget amount approved by BOE in 2019 was \$8,699,168 with Bid Package 1 coming in at \$6,781,622 and Phase 2 bid package coming in at \$1,917,845 for a total of \$8,875,702. The District also received a \$500,000 State Grant for the accessible toilet room renovations at Brooks and an additional \$50,000 School maintenance Project Grant.. Adding the delta between both bid project totals and approved budget including the project grants leaves us at \$373,466 under budget.

A motion was made by a FAC member that recommended that the District proceed for recommendation to the board the Summer 2023 phase 2 bid package as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

7. Open Discussion

None

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 7:48 pm.