



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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Facilities Advisory Committee
August 7, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The Facilities Committee of the Board of Education of District 97 met at Holmes School for a construction site walk through at 6pm
In attendance: Paul May, Dirk Danker, Dane Rankin, Catherine Ward, Darryl Baker, Jeanne Keane, Dr. Carol Kelley, Paul Starck-King, Bob Spatz & Lou Anne Johannesson

Also in attendance: Jennifer Costanzo, Erin Burk and Ken Shiokawa / STR Partners, Jason Stonchus / Bulley & Andrews, Peter Kuhn

1. Holmes: The project is on schedule to have construction completed in time for the 1st day of school, August 22nd. Fencing will be removed to reveal entry sidewalks. Interiors and fittings will be completed. The exterior section on the north end will be completed by 8/24, the Friday after the opening of school.

Keane reported that a neighbor, who resides to the west of the school, has requested a new, decorative fence at the property line costed in excess of \$36,000. The fence would need to run the length of the Holmes property, behind five Houses. The District has already committed to \$20,000 for tree replacement on the property. May asked if the current chain link fence is near the end of its life. Keane said that yes, it should be replaced. *FAC recommended replacing the current fence with a comparable one, and to invite the neighbor to pay the difference if they choose to.*

Costanzo reported that some neighbors have complained that the HVAC tower on the top of the building is a different color than the original rendering shows. The color was supposed to match the brick exterior. She explained that the color was unavailable. A light grey was used. It was explained that the grey blends into the sky. FAC agreed that it was pleasing. *FAC recommended to not add the expense of changing the color and recommended that the renderings for Longfellow & Lincoln show the lighter color.*

2. The minutes from July were unanimously approved.

3. Longfellow & Lincoln Expansion-Costanzo and Keane presented three exterior options for each to FAC based on the options that were approved by the BOE in July.

- ❖ Longfellow: The committee recommended option 3 (see attached) as the preferred option.
- ❖ Lincoln: The committee would like to see another option on the exterior façade of Lincoln that would combine options 1 & 3. STR will send out drawings to consider via email prior to the September FAC meeting. (Prior to this discussion member Ward exited. This was a unanimous decision by the remaining members and was affirmed via email by member Ward

4. OPPD IGAs: Starck-King described on-going discussions regarding Longfellow and Lincoln. The Park District will be expanding its Carroll Center at the same time as the Lincoln expansion. He reported that the majority of the playground would be needed for staging in the early stages of the project while school is still in session. The committee, Bulley, and Andrews looked at the site maps and decided that the area to the south of the playground, the cul-de-sac street and the parking lot are all viable solutions to closing the playground. Starck-King will follow up with the Park District. At Longfellow, there is a discussion to move the walking path. Updates will be available in September.

5. Hephzibah: Starck-King reported that he will be working to redesign the agreement for usage with Hephzibah. The Park District should have priority over them. He will also be looking at their use of lunchrooms and gyms to store their equipment and supplies during the school day.

6. Mann Boiler: Keane reported that the boilers throughout the District have not been properly maintained. She explained that the Mann boiler is in desperate need of replacement prior to winter. She will be using a Maintenance Service Agreement moving forward. *FAC recommended the replacement of the boiler at a cost of \$300,000.*

7. Adjournment: 9:12 PM