



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
March 21, 2022 Via Zoom
At 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dirk Danker, Dane Rankin, Catherine Ward, Darryl Baker, Paul Moore, Chris Rockey, Mark Jolicoeur, Nathaniel Snyderdacker, Jeanne Keane, Dr. Felicia Starks, Lou Anne Johannesson

Absent: Nancy Ross Dribin, Holly Spurlock, Dr. Griff Powell

Also present: Jack Johannesson, Vice President & Project Manager, Windfree Solar / Mark Berger, Seven Generations Ahead

Chairman Danker called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

The FAC committee unanimously approved the minutes from February 15, 2022.

3. Solar Presentation

Jack Johannesson gave a presentation on solar possibilities for the District's buildings, including, roof quality of all facilities, pricing, rebates available & return on investment. The following are questions proposed by Keane, and the answers he provided:

1) What is D97's overall goal?

- How many sites do you want to have solar projects installed? All? Some? Which?
- What project size/energy offset are you looking for at each site? Maximum? 100% target?
- What is your goal in regards to timeline? Beginning the first one? Ending the last one?
- Does D97 want to own and operate the projects or have them be paid for, owned, and maintained by a third party?
- Any other goals or specific reasons for the projects?

2) Is the roof repair schedule as stated? Do the roofs that need fixing in 3-6 years have plans to get that done in that time frame?

- Look to establish for a timeline for solar projects at each school.

3) Lincoln and Beye school, what it would look like to have D97 own the projects.

4) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

- The third party pays for, owns, and maintains the system.
- 3 parties are D97, the installer, and the financier/project owner.
- D97 pays an agreed upon rate for the kWh of solar energy that each school uses.
- Any energy that the school uses outside of the solar energy, would be pulled from the grid at D97's current energy rate.
- Tax credits and state incentives would belong to the financing party.
- PPA allows for the projects to happen with no out-of-pocket construction costs to D97.
- PPA also allows for the projects to not have to have a formal public bid process. In Summer of 2021, the La Grange public school district installed solar PV projects at 4 schools using this method. They are a great example of how to get this done.

5) D97 currently has very low energy rates.

- The PPA agreement would hopefully be for a lower rate than the current energy rate that D97 pays, however, D97's current rate is ~\$0.03/kWh which is already very low. The PPA agreement would help hedge against escalating utility rates, however, the initial savings would be minimal due to the great deal D97 has on energy now.

4. Longfellow Boiler Replacement

This item will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

5. Mann Kitchen

Keane reported that for the past few years, the Oak Park Health Department has cited several issues with the kitchen at Mann. She asked STR and Bulley and Andrews to come up with concepts and quotes. The committee discussed two designs at length but asked Keanne to bring back more information at the next meeting before making a formal recommendation.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 8:12 pm.