

Slate Valley Modified Unified Union School District
Innovation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Fair Haven Union High School
ARSU Conference Room
5:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Attending: Peter Clarke, Brooke Olsen-Farrell, Walter Ripley, Chris Cole, Bonnie Lenihan, Linda Peltier, Casey O'Meara, Joshua Hardt, Kris Benway, Mark Grossarth, Mike Bache, Cheryl Scarzello, Mike Fallis, Rick Wilson, Kris Benway, Angela Charron

Call to Order: Mike Bache, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Peter Clarke recommends two changes to the agenda. 1. Discuss and determine whether we are talking about a 6, 7 & 8 Combination for Middle School or a Grade 7 & 8 configuration. Linda Peltier made a motion to approve the agenda with recommendations for rearranging agenda as described; this was seconded by Chris Cole.

Approval of Minutes ~ October 30, 2018: Rick Wilson asked for clarification of language on page 3, number 4 under Scope and Goals. He suggested a language change from Partnership to "potential collaboration". Brooke Olsen-Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/30/18 with the recommended language change above, this was seconded by Josh Hardt; there were two abstentions; motion carried by committee.

New Business:

a. Draft 1 of Project Scope and Goals ~ Review, Revise and Approve

We reviewed Scope and Goals one at a time, Committee agreed with #1 and all three bullets; A great deal of discussion ensued around this goal. At approximately 7:20 pm Josh Hardt made a motion to amend the motion to approve discussion of grades 6, 7 & 8 and 7 & 8 to only considering Grades 7 & 8 moving forward; this was seconded by Kris Benway. Goal #2 was approved as is. Goal #3 there was a recommendation to change Community Partnership to "Potential Collaboration"; Goal # 3 was approved with the above recommendation, goal # 3 was approved. In discussion of Goal #4, there was a recommendation to add a 4th bullet that reads: "Enhance Core Program to include STEM, PBL's, Experiential Outdoor Education; goal #4 approved with above addition. Under Goal #5 of Scope and Goals, there was a recommendation to change the word addresses to "Prioritizes"... also add "and engaged community members throughout the process." Also it was suggested to add a third bullet which will read..."Long-term Facilities/Fiscal Plan"; Goal #5 approved with recommendations of language above.

Proposed Project Scope and Goals were revised and approved by Committee.

Rick Wilson made a motion to approve drafts A & B with recommended changes, this was seconded carried by the full committee.

b. Design Principles ~ Review, Revise and Approve

Discussion ensued all design Principles were approved as presented.

There was some discussion around letter d, and how to balance community use of our school buildings with security concerns. The discussion concluded that we would have to build in programmatic access with intentionality, all the while considering security. There was further discussion if we would be looking at other architects and the decision was to stay with Black River Design as we have been very happy with his work with the high school renovation project.

- c. Community Outreach: Strategies for Sharing Project Scope, Goals, and Design
Principles: Survey, hold community meetings, Lyon's Club, Rotary, Senior Centers, Public Libraries, many other options were considered.
- d. Project Materials ~ Review and Discussion
 - i. Enrollment Patterns: Peter Clarke had the committee members refer to section #2 of their Innovation binders specifically at the trends of the Enrollment. Peter pointed out that the data trends show us that there is indication over the next 15-20 years that our enrollment will continue to decrease. So as we move forward to discuss this project with our community we have to market the fact we still need to provide the best education and one that makes it attractive for our student' to want to stay. We need to find ways to attract more tuition students rather than having them transfer to other school through School Choice.
 - ii. Current Faculty Usage: Peter and Brooke described even with the relocation of ARSU Office to the FHUHS campus, still approximately 50% of classrooms remain empty daily at FHUHS. This is one reason it makes sense to look at FHUHS as a possible site for the combined Middle School.
 - iii. Strategic Plan ~ Identify Implications/Facility Needs:
We did not get to this item, it will be carried forward to the agenda for the meeting of 11/27/18 meeting. Also on the next agenda will be the tour of FHUHS to look at A third item on that agenda would be to look at survey results. (Thanks to Walter Ripley for agreeing to work on this with Peter Clarke.)
 - iv. Handouts
- e. Community Input: None

Adjourn: Kris Benway made a motion to adjourn @ 7:25 p.m., this was seconded by Angela Charron.

Next SV Innovation Committee Mtg. - Nov. 27, 2018 - FHUHS ARSU Conference Room - 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lenihan