

Slate Valley Innovation Committee Meeting
February 27, 2019
FHUHS/ARSU Office
5:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Attending: Brooke Olsen-Farrell, Peter Clarke, Chris Cole, Walter Ripley, Julie Finnegan, Linda Peltier, Amy Munger, Kris Benway, Peter Stone, Mark Grossarth, Cheryl Scarzello, Jason Rasco, Bonnie Lenihan, Casey O'Meara

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Peter Clarke.

Approval of Agenda: Peter Stone made a motion to approve the agenda and Amy Munger seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2018: Peter Stone made a motion to approve the Educational Specifications. Peter shared Draft 3, (Peter changed back to discussion of draft #2) of the working document. He indicated that the Introduction was not changed; the Goals and Vision, etc. remain the same.

Paragraph #1 Core Facility - No Changes

Page 4 keep as written.

Bonnie Lenihan arrived at 5:45 p.m. and began recording minutes.

On page 2 of the draft, Amy Munger made a recommendation to add to the third paragraph to explain how the committee had arrived at the rationale to place the proposed middle school on the FHUHS grounds-explain that it provides a centralized location among many other factors considered by the Innovation Committees. Provide the readers/audience with Justification Discussions that took place to determine the proposed location.

The committee was then asked to focus on the Core Facility Specifications for Middle School. On page 13, under the section of Core Infrastructure, the team wanted to remind all that the existing kitchen at FHUHS would need a significant upgrade.

Under the high priority list on same page the committee noted that we would need to add additional field space to the list. Under the high priority list strike the (Grade 4-8) from line 1 with the Cognitive Impairment Classroom Area: (6-8 students).

Committee suggested heading change to top of page 14, from Priority to Additional Core Considerations.

Under section 5 on this same page, first sentence; strike "which, to be determined"

Under first bullet strike at Castleton Elementary School add at FHGS

Under bullet two strike at Fair Haven Grade School and add Castleton Elementary School

Under bullet #4, Strike second word, to read One Cognitive Impairment program (6-8 students) at High School

On page 15, last sentence Paragraph on, Change Orwell Elementary School to Orwell Village School.

Next Peter reviewed the analysis of a two pod system versus a three pod system, discussion ensued. The three pod team structure would require the hiring of additional staff and more square footage in the build. Superintendent Farrell suggested that as we had originally discussed the Middle School plan, there was to have been a projected \$1,000,000 in savings with the two team model. The two team model takes approximately 23.2 FTE's, while the 3 team model would require minimally the hiring of another 6 FTE's or approximately \$500,000.00.

Brooke said that to the extent we can we are trying to manage any staff reductions through natural attrition with staff that are planning to retire.

Discussion ensued around the need for Middle School Music. The central question was "are we going to offer General Music?". General Music at Grades 7 & 8 is not required by the Education Quality Standards.

The Bond Vote would likely be postponed until September 2019.

On page 22, Peter will add a statement to A. Instructional Model ("Projected Staffing Estimates are for Architectural purposes only.")

Superintendent Farrell asked that the rest of the revisions be made as she would like this Innovation Committee work explained to the larger Innovation Steering Committee on March 13, 2019. The presentation to the entire Slate Valley School Board would be shared at the 3/25/19 Board Meeting. Casey O'Meara has also been working on a Visual Presentation for the Board and eventually the Community on the Innovation Project, which we would like to plan for the first part of April.

Amy Munger proposed that we adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., this was seconded by Peter Stone.

Next meeting of the Slate Valley Innovation Committee - March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Lenihan