

Slate Valley Unified Union School District
Innovation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Fair Haven Union High School
ARSU Conference Room
5:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Attending: Peter Clark, Chris Cole, Cheryl Scarzello, Kris Benway, Peter Stone, Rick Wilson, Walter Ripley, Angela Charron, Jillian Towle, Amy Munger, Linda Peltier, Bonnie Lenihan and Abby Wald (Guest) Jason Rasco

Call to Order: Angela Charron called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Amy Munger made motion to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes - February 27, 2019: Peter Stone made a motion to approve the February 27, 2019 with the corrections noted by Walter Ripley; this motion was seconded by Amy Munger; motion carried by Board. There was one abstention.

The changes to minutes on page 1 Under Approval of Minutes-should reflect: Peter Stone made a motion to approve the Educational Specifications. Also correct document same section to say "of the working document, not damage. On page 2, 2nd paragraph, change extend to extent.

New Business:

- a. Review/Revise Draft 3B - Working Paper: Educational Specifications: Peter Clark renamed Draft 3B to Draft 4 after we addressed the following work which was not completed on 2/27/19. (See attached draft 4, Peter to send to Bonnie to attach, has not done so yet).
 - i. Rationale for Location/Siting of Middle School (page 17); significant discussion ensued about how the additional information of how the Location and Proposed Site were arrived at. Committee decided to use word adjoining. There was also discussion about the fact that we wanted this new Middle School to be a building that fosters within our students' greater environmental awareness. The committee also discussed adding to the Educational Specifications a brief synopsis of how the Innovation Committee's arrived at the proposed grade level of 7 & 8 for the new Middle School. See language in draft #4. Next Peter led the committee in discussion of the benefits of a two pod teaching team vs. a three pod teaching team. One of the biggest implications of a three pod team means hiring a minimum of 6 additional staff, which equated to roughly \$500,000.00 minimally, because we would also likely be adding square footage. It was discussed that it might be better to add the square footage now even if we decided to go with a two pod system. One of the goals was to make this a Middle School that might attract new students to attend.
 - ii. Upgrade Program Comparison (page 22)-Committee updated this section see draft #4.
 - iii. Removal of alternate mock schedule for 2 team model-the schedules have been placed in the appendix of the report. There will be shared spaces such as the cafeteria area and the Performing Arts Auditorium, though creative scheduling will be done to allow use at different times, for example we envision the kitchen being in the middle and then a smaller cafeteria on one side would be for HS, and then on the opposite side would be a cafeteria for the MS.
- b. Planning: Board Presentation - Interim Report
 - i. Goals and Focus of Presentation- Peter reviewed his slide presentation; the committee reminded him a date change was needed to reflect March 25, 2019 presentation to the Board.

- c. Planning: Community Engagement - Plan for April Parent and Citizen Forums; Discussion ensued about the presentations to the community and how best to reach the most people. It was determined to reach out to different community groups in April to have an evening forum and a weekend one. Also Brooke has asked each Principal to discuss this during their monthly Parent Advisory committee meetings. We discussed the fact that we did send a survey out to community stakeholders when we initially began the process. The Innovation Committee discussed presenting a similar presentation to the community as to the Board with a time for questions and answers at the end.
 - i. Dates: TBA
 - ii. Review Meeting Agenda and Slide Presentation

Community Input: Survey, Question and Answer format after Innovation Committee Presentation. The dates and places will be determined.

Adjourn: Linda Peltier made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., this was seconded by Peter Stone.

Next Slate Valley Innovation Committee Mtg. - March 27, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.