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Long Range Facilities Committee Tours Glacial Drumlin Middle School

Monona, WI – The Long Range Facilities Committee continued their work to assess District needs at their meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. The committee toured Glacial Drumlin Middle School and learned of the building strengths and limitations from Principal Renee Tennant. Glacial Drumlin serves students in grades 5-8. The instructional philosophy of Glacial Drumlin is based on the middle school concept. Teachers use a block schedule and work within teams to better serve students in smaller groups across core subjects. The school was originally built in 2008 and continues to be well-maintained.

In addition to the tour, Eric Schmidt of CG Schmidt Construction presented to the committee on the facility condition assessment process. The CG Schmidt firm has evaluated the areas of improvement at each of the District's schools. Tuesday night's meeting focused on interior and exterior deficiencies such as roof, flooring, ceiling, parking lot, and site limitations. These concerns were then sorted based on how immediately the repairs are needed, ranging from "Urgent" to "2-5 Years" and "6-10 Years." Cost estimates will be calculated for each school and each time period. "We scoured every building to identify, document and categorize construction issues. Our goal is to create a comprehensive facility improvement plan that will provide the Board with direction for not only the short-term but also the long-term needs of the District," said Eric Schmidt.

Eppstein Uhen Architects, another District consultant, has also completed Building Capacity and Utilization studies for the Monona Grove Schools. All of these reports will be compiled into a single book for the Long Range Facilities Committee and the District as a whole. The committee will then use this information to make their recommendations to the Board of Education in June of 2015.

For more information regarding the facility planning process, please go to www.mononagrove.org.

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