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Long Range Facilities Planning Committee Prepares to Make Recommendations to Board

Monona, WI – The Monona Grove Long Range Facilities Planning Committee is working to summarize their findings and analyze District needs as they near the final stages of Phase I of the facilities assessment process. The committee has been educated on everything from modern learning environments, building capacity for educational programming, enrollment projections, grade level configurations, school funding vehicles, recreational and co-curricular programs, to the condition of District facilities, land and properties.

Consultants, CG Schmidt Construction and Epstein Uhen Architects, began the meeting by presenting an overview of the facility planning process and the Districtwide Facilities Study. The facility planning process works through four steps: Evaluate, Envision, Explore and Execute. Currently, the District is completing the "Evaluate" phase through the work conducted by the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee. The Districtwide Facilities Study will be used by the District as they move forward to the next steps of facility planning. It is a comprehensive study that includes building capacity and utilization, ADA compliance, and building inspection reports. The study contains all of the information gathered over the past several months.

Following the presentation, the committee used a discussion-based model to work through the information. Five groups discussed the various topics that are being considered by the committee: Building Capacity and Utilization, Grade Level Configurations, Athletics and Co-Curriculars, Capital

Maintenance, and District Owned Property. Concerns and recommendations were voiced by each member of the committee in their assigned discussion groups. Some recommendations included: assign a team of experts to further explore grade level configurations including the academic, financial and social impact to the District; develop a philosophy for building capacity and utilization; evaluate and prioritize short-term and long-term capital maintenance needs; and meet with municipalities to understand potential uses for District properties. Final recommendations to the Board of Education will be made in each of the five categories, and an overall approach to facility planning will be recommended. The Long Range Facilities Planning Committee will present their final findings to the Board of Education on June 24, 2015. For more information regarding the facility planning process, please go to www.mononagrove.org.

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