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Facilities Advisory Committee Considering Options

The Monona Grove School District Facilities Advisory Committee met for the fourth time on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, to develop facilities recommendations for the Board of Education. The Committee has begun evaluating various facilities options, all of which include a combination of new construction, remodeling of existing schools and the reconfiguration of grade levels.

“Throughout this process, the commitment and engagement of our Facilities Advisory Committee members has been impressive,” said Monona Grove School District Superintendent Dan Olson. “The FAC members have been very thoughtful in evaluating our options from a variety of different perspectives.”

Monona Grove School District enrollment is projected to increase by 1,900 students over the next 20 years (excludes open enrollment and off-site 4K students). Preliminary facilities options have therefore focused on creating enough space through both new construction and building remodeling to accommodate projected enrollment growth.

At the same time, preliminary facilities options seek to better align the District’s grade configuration. Currently, Cottage Grove students complete Grade 5 through Grade 8 at Glacial Drumlin School. Monona students, on the other hand, remain at Winnequah School through Grade 5 and do not transition to Glacial Drumlin School until Grade 6. Under two facilities options being evaluated, Grade 6 becomes the common, district-wide transition point to Glacial Drumlin School.

Facilities options also recognize the need to maintain the District’s existing school infrastructure by investing in priority capital maintenance projects.

“We have several good options on the table,” said Committee-member Jo Miller. “But we want to make sure we’re doing our due diligence. We want to take our time to make sure we get our recommendations right. That’s going to take more study and more discussion.”

The Facilities Advisory Committee meets next on January 9, 2018. More on the facilities planning process and Facilities Advisory Committee, including the details on each facilities options discussed to date, can be found on the District’s website. <http://www.mononagrove.org/welcome/facilities-planning.cfm>