

**Facilities Master Planning
Community Meeting
September 13, 2016
West High School**

Joe Donovan, Facilitator
Nick Kent, Architect

A presentation was given by District administrators and Nick Kent, certified education planner and architect, from Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA). Questions were asked by participants about air conditioning in schools, enrollment numbers, class sizes vs. room sizes, concerns regarding the Early Learning Center, boundaries vs. building, municipalities included in the District, poverty, social services and flexible learning spaces.

Community members were asked to discuss and respond to four questions during the engagement session on notecards. Facilitator Joe Donovan asked participants to share what was discussed at their tables.

1. Now that you have learned about the district's facility challenges, about modern school design, and about the board's efforts to address facility challenges, we have a very general question: What do you think?

- Concerns regarding enrollment numbers.
- Kids being challenged enough.
- Equity across the District.
- Flexible spaces provide more efficient delivery, may or may not impact number of teachers.
- How is poverty considered in master plan?

2. As board members continue their facility-related work, what do you want the board to keep in mind?

- Space needs need to consider delivery of food services.
- Facility master plan needs to consider transportation issues.
- Is an additional high school on the East side considered?
- City buses need to be available for students to move between high schools for classes.
- There needs to be opportunities for kids to participate in classes remotely.
- Investing in the schools we have will be more beneficial than building a new one.
- Building security is important
- School perceptions are important.
- Student athletics and success play a role in school perceptions.
- Need more emphasis on the arts.
- Previous referenda should have considered more investment in extracurricular facilities, not just academics.

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3. Earlier tonight we discussed flexible, effective modern classrooms and learning spaces. What do you think?

- Like the third space/flexible space.
- Technology and available Internet speed needs to be addressed.
- Equity across schools important.
- Important to have wi-fi access after school for students and the community.
- The vision is great, but lack of funding from Madison an issue.

4. Finally, school board members have made clear that they are interested in your thoughts and feedback. What additional information would you like to provide them? What have we missed?

- The Jefferson Adopters have seen great success. Lots of investment of time and resource making a difference for students. We need to replicate. Business willing to partner.
- When planning for the future, keep diversity in mind, no two kids learn the same.
- Learning is effective when students have an opportunity to work in small groups, problem solve together.
- Task Force needs to look at big picture, where are the growth opportunities in Green Bay area.
- Collaborative spaces are good, but students also need private spaces for those who need a quiet environment.
- Boundary changes are difficult, parents threaten to leave.