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Monroe District Facilities Committee Tours Parkside Elementary

Monroe, WI – The District Facilities Committee (DFC) alongside representatives from CG Schmidt Construction (CGS) and Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA) met again from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. The DFC committee serves in an advisory capacity to the School Board to assist with the evaluation and prioritization of capital improvements at the District's schools, while also serving as an informational liaison to the community throughout the planning process.

At last night's meeting, Eric Schmidt from CGS reviewed the Facilities Condition Assessment outlined in the Facilities Master Plan for all five schools, while diving into a more detailed analysis for Parkside Elementary. Over the course of several months, the construction team combed through the interior and exterior of each school building and site to survey the overall cosmetic appearance; material defects; repair and maintenance needs; condition of all operating systems; ADA accessibility; site challenges; and safety and security. Costs were also assigned to each maintenance item and these repairs are categorized by urgent in nature, required within 2-5 years, 6-10 years, and in 10+ years.

There was also a separate roof replacement schedule and flooring analysis included in the report. The flooring analysis identifies by building each classroom or space, the square footage, the existing floor type, year installed, and the cost to replace with either Vinyl Composition Tile, Luxury Vinyl Tile, Carpet Tile and Rolled Carpet. Further exploration will be required before we can assign a timeline for flooring replacement. The master report compiles and summarizes all items generated in the District's capital maintenance budget, PRA's facility condition assessment, and the CGS facilities maintenance list.

Representatives from PRA and CGS also facilitated a discussion on criteria that is important to the DFC when evaluating the final options to propose to the school board. Some of the criteria for moving forward are: do the solutions address safety and security in all buildings, will they improve the learning environment (air quality and daylight), and will the urgent maintenance needs be addressed? This is just a sampling of the criteria that the options will need to meet in order for their recommendations to be presented to the school board.



The beginning of the meeting was spent touring Parkside Elementary School, learning about its history and needs as it relates to maintenance, learning environments, site challenges, and community use. Parkside Elementary School was built in 1986 and houses grades Pre-K through 5. Currently is at capacity with 351 students. Superintendent Rick Waski said, “This is another important step in understanding the needs of the school district facilities. The DFC is serving in a very important role for the district and we want to be sure that they are comfortable making recommendations to the school board. We also want to be certain they are discussing their involvement in the facility planning process with their friends and neighbors in the community of Monroe.”

The next meeting for the DFC will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln Elementary. Those interested in joining the DFC, or simply interested in learning more about the facilities planning process, should contact District Administrator Rick Waski via email at rickwaski@monroe.k12.wi.us.

An executive summary of the Facilities Master Planning Report will be found on the District’s website in the coming weeks at www.monroeschools.com.

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