

For Immediate Release

Friday, February 9, 2018

Contact: Rick Waski

rickwaski@monroe.k12.wi.us

(608) 328-7135

District Facilities Committee Forms and Tours Monroe Middle School

Monroe, WI – The District Facilities Committee (DFC) alongside representatives from CG Schmidt Construction (CGS) and Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA) began their work of exploring the District’s short and long-term capital improvements needs at their first meeting held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Monroe Middle School. The DFC is comprised of members of the community, parents, business leaders, school board, and key city officials. This 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 serving as an informational liaison to the community throughout the planning process.

The DFC kicked off this process with the understanding that they will identify potential facility solutions to present to the community for feedback and narrowed through community engagement sessions with the final options being tested via a community survey in late spring. The DFC is scheduled to meet twice a month from now through May.

Representatives from CGS and PRA reviewed the Facilities Master Plan and the Master Planning Timeline with the DFC. Both CGS and PRA have spent months identifying the general condition of all District’s buildings, maintenance needs, operating systems, ADA accessibility, safety and security, educational adequacy, while also evaluating building capacities for today’s flexible learning environments. The Facilities Master Plan categorizes all deferred maintenance needs such as roof repair/replacement, flooring, asbestos abatement and more, by urgent in nature, or scheduled to be completed within 2-5 years, 6-10 years, or 10 plus years.



The remainder of the meeting was spent touring the Monroe Middle School, learning about its history and needs as it relates to maintenance, learning environments, site challenges, and community use. Monroe Middle School was built in 1939 and houses grades 6-8. Superintendent Rick Waski said, “it’s important for the DFC to physically tour the facilities we are discussing so they can gain a deeper understanding of the deferred maintenance needs, security challenges and the building limitations for today’s modern learning environments. Time spent touring all five schools will help the committee make informed recommendations to the community of Monroe.”

The School District is continuing to call for volunteers from the community to join the DFC which will have their next meeting on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30pm. 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.

##