

**Minutes of the Special Board Committee Tier Two Facilities Meeting
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois
May 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present

Amy Armstrong, Laura Berg, Jamar Brown, Steve Carter, Brad Diel, Clarissa Fourman, Craig Hays, Chris Kloeppel, Will Kyles, Tim McMahon, Luz Murillo, Alan Nudo, R. Dee Shonkwiler, Laura Weis, Jewell White

Public Comment

There were no public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Communications/Correspondence

All communications and correspondence can be found on the Tier Two Facilities website:
<http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/community>

Guiding Principles

Facilitator Steve Carter reviewed the draft of the Guiding Principles document.

This document will be helpful to those looking at the final plan in the future to understand the assumptions the Committee were working with when developing the plan. Committee members should give input to Steve Carter or Judy Wiegand so the document can be finalized.

Facilities Discussion (Continued): South Side, Central and Centennial

The link to the Powerpoint is:

[http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/Champaign%20Unit%204%20Tier%20II Presentation 20160526 Print.pdf](http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/Champaign%20Unit%204%20Tier%20II%20Presentation%20160526%20Print.pdf)

This information has already been presented but was provided as a reference to the Committee as they continued their facilities discussion.

Thoughts and Comments from Committee Members

South Side:

Two options were presented for South Side – renovate and add an addition or tear down and rebuild.

- Both options are for 310 students. South Side will remain a two strand building regardless of the option chosen.
- Would have the ability to add on in the future.
- Bus drop off in the back is doable for accessibility.
- The goal would be for the building to function in the same way if it were remodeled or rebuilt.
- Costs listed are all inclusive.
- Staff is pleased that the building is staying at its present site and size.
- Staff would like bus and parent drop off in different places.
- Staff is concerned about accessibility and access.
- Faculty/Staff and the Committee are in agreement that the building should be rebuilt since costs are very similar. Some of the architectural features and materials from the current building should be incorporated into the new building - bring the old into the new.
- Feedback is needed from the South Side neighbors.
- The link to a summary of faculty and staff comments:
[http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/DH%20and%20IPA%20Notes April%202016.pdf](http://facilityplanning.champaignschools.org/sites/planning/files/DH%20and%20IPA%20Notes%20April%202016.pdf)

Centennial:

- Cannot go to 1900 students at this time – Option B1 and B2 are off the table. The building would be set up for an easy expansion in the future, if needed.
 - The gym could be built so it could become a field house at a later time.

Central:

- Interstate Drive is off the table.
- Would like to honor the Burnham property in some other way besides a parking lot.
- The committee is split whether to rebuild or remodel.
- How does the community feel about the current Central building? Polling needs to be done.
- Administration is waiting to get Faculty/Staff input until the options are narrowed down. An email survey could be done during the summer.
- Would like to preserve and renovate the current building.
- Building new is better than a remodel.
- Likes the idea of a new building at the YMCA site. It could be built without disruption to the school.
- The building is important to the community and alumni.
- Centennial costs more to maintain than Central.
- Equity is not in the number.
- The Board will need to address the historical buildings in the Central neighborhood. This is not a committee decision.
- Option A1 and A2 will go to the Board of Education.

Other Thoughts from Committee Members

- After the finance discussion issues can be revisited.
- A study session or joint meeting with City and the School District is needed.
- Committee Members will bring a summary of their choices to the next meeting.
- There needs to be a referendum discussion.
- If we did all projects what would it look like?
 - 145 million referendum – what would that look like?
 - 120 million referendum – what would that look like?
- A list of what the Committee has already agreed on would be helpful.
- Prioritize and come up with a long term plan.
- Be sure to do what is best for the students no matter what is done.

Public Comment

Daniel McCollum – was pleased with defeat of last referendum and feels the next one needs to be done right. The existing Central building is a valuable asset and he feels a referendum will not pass if the building is demolished. He is also concerned about tearing down South Side. “The sky does have a limit.”

Antje Kolodziej – has lived two blocks from Central High School since 1973 and has lived with the students and parking. The temperament of neighborhood should be considered. She was involved in preserving the historic streetlights in the neighborhood which took a great deal of work. She looked at previous letters to the Editor in the News-Gazette and did not see anything that would support demolition of the current Central building. There are feasible plans to remodel/renovate.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.