

BUILDING FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

The Building Facilities Committee met at Fontana Elementary School on September 28, 2011 @ 7pm.

The meeting opened with introductions as some of the committee members were not present at the first meeting. Bobby Johnson, head of maintenance for Prairie View School District spoke regarding the needs of Fontana school. He advised that most of the building was of single wall construction with single pane windows. He also led us in a walk around inspection of the outside of the facility as well as several rooms within the school including the cafeteria, technology lab, library, a classroom and the music room/storm shelter. Items specifically mentioned were:

- ~Power supply issues in many areas which makes it difficult to run more than two computers at a time.
- ~New roof and new gym floor installed due to storm damage.
- ~Heat pumps installed in 1986 are inefficient and have short life span. These are replaced with window units as they quit working.
- ~Several class rooms in need of floor tile replacement which is hindered by the fact that the old tile is asbestos and must be professionally removed.
- ~Half of the school has no air conditioning at all.
- ~Four acres of land available with room to build a new school.
- ~The library and cafeteria were built in 1996.
- ~Well water supplies the facility which causes equipment wear due to no softening system.
- ~T12 light fixtures in most areas instead of the more efficient T8.
- ~Gym stage has to be used for pull out groups. When the gym is also being used for PE this causes distraction and interruption in the classroom setting.

We proceeded to the regular meeting where transportation director, Phil Mathews explained the distribution of students as well as the district boundaries for the three elementary schools. Around 2002 re-districting was done which is why all Miami county students, Tanglewood students, out of state and out of district students attend Fontana Elementary. This was done due to space restrictions at LaCygne Elementary. The approximate number of students who would be in the Fontana district of old is approximately 45. The total number of students attending Fontana currently is 89.

A question was raised regarding time spent on the bus. Phil told us that the earliest pickup time was 6:45am and most students spent at least 45 minutes on the bus. When asked his personal opinion, Phil felt that if Fontana was not here that the district would lose students to Osawatomie and Paola. In later discussions regarding the effect on transportation should Fontana not be there, he stated that it would be hard to say what effects this might have on transportation costs.

Phil & Chris reported that they are still awaiting growth area information from both Linn and Miami counties and will get this information to the committee as soon as they get it.

Chris also said he would forward the architects finding regarding Fontana school tomorrow.

We moved to the Energy Cost by School report which shows that Fontana operates at substantially lower costs than the rest of the schools. Chris made two points regarding these figures. The first is that Fontana does not cool their entire floor space whereas the other schools do. The second factor is that Fontana is on KCPL electric whereas Parker and Prairie View are not. He expressed concerns at this time that due to the lack of A/C in some areas and the use of noisy window units in some of the classrooms, that the learning environment was not the best.

We moved to the Cost per Pupil report. Discussion at this point moved into several different areas including statements that the current square footage in Fontana was inadequate, demolition factors are not figured into the cost of \$5mill to build a new school and a Teacher's Lounge is actually a Workroom where they should have access to the tools they need such as a die cutter, a laminator or a copy machine. Danny Bosley also commented that our buildings were clean and well maintained.

Bobby explained that many improvements have been put on the back burner waiting for a decision on a new school.

Co-chair, Rick James, conducted the meeting from this point. He has developed a time line for the upcoming weeks with guidelines on what we might want to accomplish each week. At this meeting we decided to establish a list of pros and cons for remodeling and for building a new school. We discussed pros and cons of rebuilding in other areas and the repercussions if Fontana was closed completely.

Remodeling Fontana-2.5 million estimated cost

Pros

- *Structurally sound
- *Maintain student population

Cons

- *Where will the students be placed
- *2.5 mil for 20yrs of life
- *Limited space and population growth
- *Poor water quality

Building a new school at Fontana-5 million estimated cost

Pros

- *Bigger facility
- *Maintaining and adding students
- *50-60 yr lifespan
- *More bang for your buck
- *Better technology and learning environment
- *One chance for this great bond rate

Cons

- *Student transportation cost same
- *Folks won't like property tax increase

Possible locations of a new facility with pros and cons

Fontana-Pros were that it can be built on the other side of the tracks, it might promote student growth and there would be no land purchase necessary. Cons are that we are building for around 45 kids, the poor water quality and what would be done with the old building.

Hedge Lane-Pros are on the right side of the tracks, visibility, student population growth and possibly a better water supply. Cons are that land would have to be purchased and expense of utilities.

Prairie View-Pros were that teachers would have better access to resources, visibility and future growth. Cons were that land might have to be purchased, higher utilities, loss of student population to other areas such as Paola and Osawatomie.

69 Highway corridor-Pros were future growth of student population through adding out of state and out of district students, growth area might be better than on Hedge Lane. A con was that there is no sewer system.

Closing Fontana permanently

- *Possible job loss
- *Possible loss of student population
- *Possible overcrowding of the other schools
- *What if area starts to grow in the future
- *What will be done with the building

Our next meeting will be a Parker Elementary on October 5 @ 7pm. We will tour this school and hear of their immediate and future needs. Chris will speak with Paola Jayhawk-Linn School Districts to discuss what repercussions they suffered after closing some elementary schools. He will also determine the closest rural water district to Fontana and obtain growth area information from Linn and Miami counties. He will forward us the architect findings on Fontana tomorrow.

Our meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnna Ross, Secretary