

Minutes  
Long Term Facilities Planning Committee Meeting  
September 30, 2013

Superintendent D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with the following in attendance.

Richard D'Agostino	<del>*Mark Carruolo</del>	Mary Townsend
Dennis Mullen	Catherine Bonang	David Testa
Robert Bushell	<del>Ed Racca</del>	Nancy Plumb
Amie Galipeau	<del>Jacqueline Harris-Connor</del>	Patty Nazareth
William McCaffrey	Lynn Dambruch	Stephanie Van Patten

\*Arrived at 4:10 pm

**Action Item:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion 2013-23:** Moved by Dennis Mullen, seconded by Robert Bushell, to approve the September 30, 2013 minutes.

Motion passes ( 11 Ayes) (1 Abstention-Amie Galipeau)

**Superintendent Remarks:**

Dr. D'Agostino asked that the committee, as they did when touring Veterans High School, please refrain from asking questions of Principal Cote during the tour. The committee will return to the library for a question and answer session with Mrs. Cote. Cathy Bonang shared copies of the rubric with committee members.

**New Business:**

Principal Marie Cote guided the committee throughout the building, many of the classrooms to include the labs, courtyards and gymnasiums. The committee did not go outside to tour the grounds or athletic fields but Mrs. Cote elaborated on the Pilgrim property. At one point during the tour, the committee did step outside and viewed an expansive grassy area at the backside of Pilgrim.

Upon conclusion of the tour committee members and Mrs. Cote returned to the library.

Question: Do the windows (in library---top windows) open?

Answer: Yes. Using a window pole they slide open.

Question: Do the windows have screens.

Answer: Yes

Question: How many classrooms?

Answer: About 75

Discussion from committee members as to how many classrooms at Veterans High School. Mr. Mullen said there are approximately 77 classrooms at Veterans. Mr. Mullen said they (Pilgrim & Veterans) are very close in classroom numbers, the difference is the number of students attending the schools.

Question: How many students can the cafeteria seat? Veterans can seat 380

Answer: Pilgrim, like Veterans, has four lunches and can easily accommodate their students too.

Question: How many can the auditorium seat.

Answer: Around 800. Mr. Testa said he saw a fire code sign for maximum capacity in the auditorium to read 940. Mrs. Cote said to seat the whole population of the school would be tight.

Question: Do the bleachers collapse?

Answer: Yes

Question: If you could ask for 3 improvements for Pilgrim, what do you feel is the most important to be done...what would your priorities be?

Answer: Ceiling tiles, locker rooms, fertilizer for the fields, getting small bleachers for the back. Mrs. Cote said she believes if you have nice things and it looks nice, kids will want to keep it nice. Pilgrim High School, she stated, does a lot of fund raising and uses those funds for improvements to the school. The courtyards are kept up by staff and students and Mrs. Cote is seeking to work with a boy scouts troop for clean-up support. Fund raising monies have gone to improvements in the auditorium and we (Pilgrim staff) are currently in the process of transforming one of the tech ed classrooms into a classroom for theater/the arts. Mrs. Cote said she is anxiously waiting to learn if Pilgrim will be the recipient of a Champlin Grant, of which the funds will be used for the theater/arts room.

Mrs. Cote said Pilgrim has numerous Smartboards located throughout the departments as well as quite a few projectors.

Question: Does the score clock work?

Answer: Yes. Both score clocks are fully functional. The field score clock, which is used for soccer is also used for baseball.

Question: If Veterans were to close and half its' population came to Pilgrim, are there enough lockers?

Answer: Yes. We can accommodate 1500.

Question: How many teachers have participated in RITTI (RI Teachers and Technology Initiative)

Answer: Over the past 5 or 6 years, we (Pilgrim) have at least 7 or 8 teachers participate each year.

Stephanie Van Patten commented on the large population of special needs care at Pilgrim. Mr. Testa asked if Veterans High School could accommodate this population.

Dr. D'Agostino said that Veterans provides resource, the special education population is actually split between Pilgrim and Toll Gate, with a margin of 60 (Pilgrim) 20 (Toll Gate). He said that this came about 3 years ago with the increase need in the Toll Gate area.

Mrs. Cote said everything here (Pilgrim) is handicapped accessible.

Upon conclusion, the committee thanked Principal Cote for her time.

The committee agreed, with a show of hands, to tour Toll Gate High School on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. The committee will park in the back and go through the back entrance. Upon completion of the Toll Gate tour, Dennis Mullen will provide a 15 - 20 minute presentation with a model for splitting the community.

**Motion 2013-24:** Moved by Nancy Plumb, seconded by Stephanie Van Patten to adjourn

Motion passes (13-0)

Meeting adjourned at 5: 45 pm