

Memo: February 9, 2016

To: Shorewood School Board

From: Ad Hoc Long Term Building Committee

Re: Committee Update – Status of Work

Background

On April 11th, 2015, our Ad Hoc Building Committee was charged by the School Board with:

1. Building a plan that ensures Shorewood School District facilities and grounds:
 - Reflect the quality of education in the district
 - Ensure teachers, administrators and staff have the physical environment to support 21st century educational practices
 - Demonstrate the aesthetic qualities first envisioned when built
2. Ensuring funding for ongoing facility maintenance and improvements.

Members of the original committee included:

- David Cobb – Community Member, Parent of Alumni
- Kathryn Kamm - AIA, Community Member, Current Parent
- Ruth McGuire – Community Member, Alumni
- Patrick Miller – Administrative Liaison
- Rob Reinoffer – Board Liaison
- Tony Seidita – Facilities Liaison, Alumni
- Cliff Tisser, P.E. – Community Member, Parent of Alumni

In October 2015, Rob Reinoffer resigned from the School Board and from the committee. Bryan Davis was added to the committee as the District Administrator. The committee has met twice since then to discuss how to move forward to fulfill the original charge from the Board.

Proposal

The committee is proposing a comprehensive assessment of our facilities to be completed in the Spring of 2016, following the Shorewood School Summit visioning event on February 27th. With the help of an architect, the comprehensive facility assessment will document the district's facilities both quantitatively (buildings, floors, square footage, etc.) and qualitatively (lifespan of mechanical systems, technology, finishes and materials, etc.). This information, together with input from staff, students, parents, and community members gathered at the visioning event, will generate a working document

that will allow the district to budget for both ongoing maintenance and renovations to potentially accommodate growth. The assessment and plan will also ensure alignment with current and future instructional needs as well as preserve the distinct aesthetic character originally conceived in the design of the buildings.

We are recommending the District Administrator create a Request for Proposals to solicit an architectural firm that will generate the assessment. Members of the Ad-Hoc Building Committee will serve as the interview committee and make a recommendation to the District Administrator on which firm should conduct the facilities study. Eppstein-Uhen Architects completed our last comprehensive facility assessment in 2006. It is considered good practice to update a facility assessment every 8 – 10 years.

In addition to our comprehensive facility assessment focusing on maintenance and developing contemporary learning spaces, we are proposing an enrollment study to analyze student population trends along with a financial analysis that will outline our funding means. The UW-Madison Applied Population Lab can do the enrollment study and the Shorewood Schools Business Office will coordinate the financial assessment through PMA Financial.

The cost of the facilities assessment will be budgeted for in the 2016-2017 district budget. The committee welcomes your feedback on this plan in order to move the assessment process forward.