

Meeting: Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee Meeting

Date: March 27, 2025

Time: 4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angie Funk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley O’Brien	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caro Johnson*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Koller	<input type="checkbox"/> Kate Day
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Sideri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margot Dahling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Goings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Petrie
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weichelt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yiliu Yang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Resource Members				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Koller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Nestor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Committee Chair **Notes:** Mike Johnson announced that Marisa has left the district after seven years of service and has moved to RCU. He appreciated her work with the committee.

The regular meeting of the Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee was called to order by Caro Johnson at 4:31p.m. on March 27, 2025. Quorum was met.

- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - The minutes from February 20, 2025, were reviewed.

Mark Goings made a motion to approve the February 20, 2025, Demo & Trends Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Katie Sideri. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- **Continue Elementary Discussion**
 - Kim initiated a review of the problem statement and key indicators, focusing on equitable space distribution and meeting the demand for Montessori programming.
 - Kim presented the current enrollment status of the schools. The committee discussed the need to even out the enrollment across schools, targeting 80% capacity based on principal feedback.
 - Kim checked in with the committee about the facility update needs outlined in the bios for each school.
 - Kim provided an update on the Dual Immersion program, confirming that it will continue as one section per grade at the elementary level and will be housed at South Middle School for middle school extension.
 - Kim and the committee explored the possibility of repurposing Northstar into a large elementary school, including the need for capital investment and the potential impact on middle school enrollment.
 - Kim and the committee discussed absorbing Longfellow students into nearby schools. They considered repurposing Longfellow for Montessori or other district needs. Mark raised the question of whether Montessori could be expanded into two buildings instead of one, considering the need for larger classroom spaces and the impact on other elementary buildings.
 - Ashley and Caro discussed the need to project future enrollment declines realistically, considering factors such as new builds and neighborhood changes.

Action Items

- Explore further options for Longfellow.
- Check with Teaching and Learning about adding fifth grade to middle school.
- Gather information on construction in the Longfellow area.
- Look at middle school enrollment projections, as well as projected enrollment declines over the next five years.

Wrap-up Meeting

- Next meeting April 24, 2025

Ashley O’Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Koller. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:56p.m.