



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE

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Facility Advisory Committee

Minutes - Thursday, April 20, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Hogan Administrative Center

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1. **Welcome and Introductions** - Dr. Joe Schroeder facilitated the meeting. Introductions were made by committee members. The administrative team was introduced as present.
2. **Committee overview and grounding** - FAC tasks, meeting schedule and topics, and guidance was shared with the FAC.
3. **Establish roles and norms** - The FAC established roles at each table and discussed and developed norms for the committee. Question and response cards and the website were shared. An [FAQ](#) was provided in response and made available to all members and the community.
4. **Facilities history and overview** - Joe Ledvina, Director of Facilities, gave an overview of factors that impact student learning in school district facilities, how facilities are guided by school board and administrative policy, community usage statistics, facility inventory, 2008 capital referendum projects, community partnerships, recent major additions, the capital maintenance and improvement process, summary of annual and total maintenance needs, and decision making criteria.
5. **Enrollment history and projections** - Dr. Aaron Engel, Superintendent, gave an overview of the school district's enrollment history going back to 2005, a summary of enrollment projections from the 2020 Population Study by the UW Applied Population Lab, and building capacities.
6. **Table Team Discussion** - The FAC members engaged in table discussions and share outs based on what they had heard so far.
7. **District financial overview** - Patty Sprang, Executive Director of Business Services, gave an overview of school district finances including a history of the revenue limit, the basic funding equation, impacts on the revenue limit, revenue limit increases in Wisconsin over time and its comparison to inflation, the intersection of revenue limit calculation and declining enrollment, the distribution of expenditures, state equalization aid and its relationships to property values and membership, and the history of operational referenda in La Crosse.
8. **Review survey draft** - Bill Foster of School Perceptions, provided an initial draft of a survey question that would be sent to the community to gather feedback on a variety of parameters that could assist in option development for FAC recommendations.
9. **Table team discussions / Full group check-in** - Tables had discussions and reported out to the whole group.
10. **Next meeting** - the topics and date of the next meeting were shared.
11. **Committee feedback** - FAC members were encouraged to fill out feedback forms on the first meeting. The information is summarized [here](#).
12. **Adjourn** - at 8:30 p.m.