

DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

The District Leadership Team (DLT) met on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. at O'Neill Middle School.

Call to Order

Kirat Doshi called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m.

Present

Co-Chair Kirat Doshi, Todd Drafall, Faith Behr, Darren Hughes, Katie Hurckes, Melissa Jerves, Ami Johanson, Jason Lynde, Lisa Niforatos, Katie Novosel, Kevin Russell, Justin Sisul, Craig Young and Jayne Yudzentis.

Absent

Tracy Weiner, Erin Menet, Jason Suchy.

Approval of Minutes

Jayne Yudzentis moved and Katie Hurckes seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Process/Superintendent's Recommendation

Dr. Russell shared that community engagement was a primary goal in reviewing the RFQs submitted by strategic planning consultants. Dr. Russell recommended Dr. Bob Madonia of RJM Consulting. Dr. Madonia has experience in strategic planning in a variety of districts, large and small, affluent and low income. Community engagement is a central part of his process. Dr. Madonia attended the meeting through Zoom and outlined the specifics of the strategic planning process. The process begins with the Board and administrative team determining focus areas of study during a two-hour workshop. Feedback is then collected from all stakeholders through a survey. The District would assemble a planning committee of community members, parents, teachers, administrators and board members to gather for two days to identify goals. Board members and administrators would be trained to lead the group discussions and collect data. After the planning committee develops goals, the administrative team would write action plans and Dr. Madonia would assemble them into a brochure.

The team discussed possible timeframes for completing the strategic planning process. The administration will discuss and provide a final recommendation to the Board at the March meeting.

Summary of Facility Visioning Sessions

Dr. Russell reported that the staff and community visioning sessions held on January 30 were very well attended. The groups provided feedback on the following areas:

- Main entrances and offices
- Middle school parking/traffic
- Middle school libraries
- Middle school gyms
- Middle school science labs
- FACS and food service
- Renovated classrooms

Dr. Russell noted that there was significant consensus between the staff and community visioning groups. Rough conceptual designs are ready and will be reviewed by staff groups before being presented to the Board.

March 2023 Progress Update

Goal 1: Justin Sisul reported that the Curriculum Council has focused on parent education opportunities, with a goal of developing a place where parents can find resources to help support their students' learning. A draft redesign of the curriculum and instruction pages on the District website will be shared with the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council and the redesign will be launched by August 2023 at the latest.

Goal 2:

The Superintendent's Community Advisory Council was reconvened and has provided feedback on the format of the format of the facility visioning sessions, as well as school safety/security procedures and student behavior policies. The Council will meet again in March.

Goal 3:

After the passage of the \$179 million bond referendum in November 2022, the District issued \$140 million in bonds to spend on facility projects in the next three years. Over the winter break, the middle schools were scanned and surveyed to begin plans. Visioning sessions regarding potential building improvements were held with staff and community and will be used to develop the project guiding principles and plans. Administrators meet weekly with the architect and construction manager to discuss design parameters and budget alignment.

Summer 2023 facility work includes:

- Items not completed in 2022 due to supply chain and labor issues

- Fire alarm at Henry Puffer and Highland
- Masonry at Henry Puffer, Highland and El Sierra
- Asbestos abatement with flooring replacement at Henry Puffer intermediate classrooms
- Playground work at eight schools

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Adjourn

Katie Hurckes moved and Darren Hughes seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.