

Minutes

Present: Peter Clarke, Consultant; Board Members: Jackie Folsom, Jill Wilson, Jack Hoffman, Chris Tormey, Patrick Healy, Scott Harris; Student Board Members: Sally Weinstein, Jakob Dufresne; Administrators: Mark Mooney, TUS Principal, David Schilling, Cabot Principal, Pat Knoerl, Curriculum Director, Nancy Thomas, Superintendent

Peter started with discussion regarding transportation possibilities and costs for the possibility of combining students for a single school entity. The committee discussed the option of the combined schools' k - 5 students and either middle school OR high school attending school at the current Twinfield building. In this scenario either all of the middle or high school would attend school at the Cabot campus. The estimate for the additional transportation costs for this scenario was made at approximately \$63,000 given the current bus routes. Other better routes and schedules might be designed with the addition of one bus and looking at specific student home locations.

Peter then led discussion regarding how space could be used for either middle or high school at the Cabot campus using the existing buildings. Given the facility assessment the committee assumed eliminating three of the satellite buildings. Could three or four grades be housed and provide additional benefit for the combined configurations? The committee discussed the benefits and challenges of each, noting the current benefits of CSPAC and current science rooms. The needed improvements for the buildings were discussed. Patrick noted that all facility needs should be clarified as part of this process in order to lay out the vision for the future.

Jackie suggested the need for financial analysis for tax implications. Peter is working on a model that he will share at a future meeting. He also suggested the schools identify the future building needs and projected costs for both schools. This information will be needed for future merger discussions.

The next meeting will include the Danville Board representatives and will be held on March 30, 6:00 - 8:00 at Cabot's Library.

Nancy Thomas,

Notetaker

