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Facility Advisory Committee's Report on Bond and School Closure Recommendations

What is the FAC?

The Facility Advisory Committee (FAC) is a 20 member committee made up of Clover Park School District citizens and staff members. The FAC prepared a Capital Facility Report in 2001 that led to bond proposals in February 2002 and 2003. Even though the majority of voters supported both bond proposals, they failed to achieve the super majority requirement of a 60 percent "yes" vote.

What were the expectations for the work of the FAC this year?

The FAC initial meeting this school year was on October 28, 2004. At that meeting, the superintendent's work plan laid out two expectations for the work of the FAC. First, the FAC was "to update necessary infrastructure documents and plan for a future capital bond proposition" and secondly, "to study, analyze and consider potential consolidation of school facilities." Upon completion of the FAC's work, the committee was to report its recommendations to the superintendent and school board.

What factors did the FAC consider in preparing their recommendations?

During the eight months in which the FAC worked, a number of factors were considered in relationship to facility needs and school consolidation. The committee studied enrollment projections and demographic

data, evaluated school capacity and utilization, developed educational model standards, evaluated building conditions, reviewed deferred maintenance data, estimated costs and funding impacts and developed an implementation planning matrix.

What were the capital bond recommendations?

The FAC recommended a capital bond of \$49.9 million be presented to Clover Park School District voters. Revenue from the bonds would go towards and include rebuilding:

- Lakeview Elementary School (optimizing the partnership opportunity between the district and the Boys and Girls Club expansion on the Lakeview site);
- Huddloff Middle School; and
- Addressing the district's most critical deferred maintenance needs.

What were the recommendations in terms of school consolidations?

The committee recommended the following closures:

- Lake City Elementary School and optimize available space at Lake Louise and Idlewild Elementary Schools;
- Custer Elementary School and redistribute students to Oakbrook and Dower Elementary Schools;
- Rebuild Lakeview Elementary School and consider optimizing

facility use at Oakwood, Southgate and other schools; and

- Relocate AI High School under the consolidation plan.

Each elementary closure is estimated to save \$300,000 - \$400,000.

What timelines did the FAC recommend?

The FAC did not recommend any specific timelines for a bond proposal or for school closures.

What are the next steps?

The FAC reported its recommendations to the superintendent and the school board on May 23, 2005. The school board expressed its appreciation and gratitude to the FAC for its work and said the report will be discussed fully at the board's annual summer retreat scheduled for July 25 and 26. The superintendent directed her administrative staff to prepare an analysis of the FAC recommendations and develop an administrative report. The administrative report will comply with board policy 6206 - the closure of facilities. The written analysis will include the following issues:

- A. Projected or actual enrollment;
- B. The effect that the disposition or closure shall have on other facilities and on the district's educational program offering;

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- C. Student and staff displacement, including transportation costs to new facilities and staff reassignment;
- D. Potential for renovation;
- E. Financial considerations in terms of such factors as staff costs, operating and maintenance cost, the potential revenue from sale or lease of property, the cost of closure and transferring operations elsewhere;
- F. Safety, health and fire regulations; and
- G. Whether or not the facility may effectively be used for other purposes.

What is the timeline regarding potential school closures?

If the superintendent recommends a school closure, a draft written analysis will occur. Following the draft written analysis, a 90-day period will be provided to conduct one or more hearings to receive testimony on any issues related to the closure of a school. Comments received from interested parties shall be used for advisory purposes only.

The final determination of whether a facility shall be closed or remain open shall be made by the board.

What is the administrative recommendation regarding a bond?

The administration will analyze the FAC's recommendation and prepare its recommendation to the school board. The actual bond proposal or timeline for such a bond has not been developed at this time.

How should I direct my questions?

Questions and or comments regarding the bond and school closures should be directed to the Community Relations Office: 10903 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA 98499. Please e-mail supt.@cloverpark.k12.wa.us or telephone (253) 583-5040.