

# Long Range Facilities Planning Meeting

April 8, 2019

## MINUTES

Those in attendance: William Hall, Darcie, Moseley, Aaron O'Toole, John DiPlacido, Gary Winschel, Nate Spiker, Rick Lansberry, Luigi Pasquale, Merry Bollheimer, and Linda Sitter.

Superintendent Hall opened the meeting by providing a list of discussion items.

1. Millcreek Learning Center - The Committee recommended checking with the Asbury Woods Partnership to see if the Partnership would like to lease the building. Outside of that option, the Committee recommended raising the building and maintaining the property.
2. The Committee also suggested the formation of specific long range strategic options for the School Board's consideration. The Committee understands the desire of some members of the community to keep all schools open.
3. The Committee recommended addressing as many of the issues through the borrowing of approximately \$40 million as was discussed at previous meetings. Mr. O'Toole explained that the District could afford the yearly costs of a \$40 million dollar bond (loan), assuming that the School Board would raise taxes to the index for the 2019-2020 school year.
4. This borrowing would also include the costs associated with the upcoming Erie County Technical School (ECTS) construction project, meaning that the costs for ECTS (\$5-\$10 million) would leave the District with \$30-\$35 million for our projects.
5. The Committee specifically discussed the considerable long term building needs at McDowell and MIHS, which are estimated at \$30-\$35 million over the next 8 years. Once the School Board makes a decision on potential closures of Chestnut Hill and/or Westlake, the Committee recommended an intensive review of those two buildings (along with the Millcreek Education Center).
6. It was reviewed and recommended that options be presented to the School Board for consideration at the meeting in June.

The next meeting will be held May 6, 2019, at noon at the Millcreek Education Center.