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FACILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT FOR 2007 – 2008

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUNDARY
RECOMMENDATION FOR 2007-2008**

**ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS
2007-2010**

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The Facilities Committee reconvened on September 19, 2006 to continue its work on enrollment trends, facility usage and future facility needs. Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Walther co-chaired the committee meetings through the end of November, 2006

The Facilities committee is comprised of parent/community volunteers, administrators, teachers, support staff, and consultants who spend time each fall to study enrollment, census data, new housing trends, and current school space usage. The Facilities Committee then makes a yearly report to the Board of Education in January keeping the Board informed of pending facility needs for the coming school year along with forecasting enrollment trends. This past fall the committee also developed a Middle School Boundary recommendation for 2007-08 school year per Board request. Parent involvement on this issue was represented by the list of members.

Over the course of fall 2006 the Facilities Committee held open public meetings on 5 different occasions discussing current and projected enrollment, boundaries for the middle schools and flexible program space.. The committee reviewed the Glen Census Data for 2006 (Ehlers Report) and received a presentation from K12 Advanced Analytical Consultants discussing future enrollment trends and how they will impact current & expanded facilities. The committee spent considerable time looking at middle school boundary areas with specific attention given to (3) middle school boundary scenarios. The committee discussed a preferred Middle School Boundary recommendation using all the data included within this report at its last meeting in November and came to consensus on recommendations for the Board to consider.

The recommendations for the coming school year (07-08) will support Facility solutions utilizing current available classroom space with strong emphasis given to long term solutions. The following recommendations should be in place for start of school years 2007 – 2008 with parents informed of board decision as soon as possible.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUNDARY STUDY

The Facilities Committee spent time developing a list of potential boundary solutions for shifting 90 to 100 students from Attea Middle School to Springman Middle School beginning in school year 2007-08. The committee used the same evaluation criteria developed by the “Boundary Task Force” in 2001 at which time the entire district grade levels were studied. This criteria was adopted by the Board of Education at that time as being the most effective/impartial evaluation tool for setting school boundaries in a changing community.

Boundary Evaluation Criteria for Middle School Study 2006

- Children from all clusters are to be represented (where possible).
- Navy Children must attend closest school
- Schools to Remain Configured, K-2, 3-5, & 6-8
- Future Population Balance (yearly consideration)
- Minimize travel
- Natural Boundary Flow
- Does Not Split Neighborhoods
- ESL Balance
- Low Income Balance

The attached recommendations are for Board consideration/action for the coming school year. The Middle School principals have requested consideration on the recommendation for January 22, 2007 board meeting. The request is mentioned as being most helpful as the Middle Schools begin their classroom/course assignments for incoming 6th grade students in February for the following school year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS 2007 - 2008

Based on the current and future student projections for 2007-08 and 2008-09 we found the existing school classroom space district wide to be adequate partially due to lower student populations expected from “Naval Base Housing” during this time period. **However we approach this “adequate space” with caution!** Beginning in 2008 through 2010 there is every indication that a rapid growth period of students will occur due to “New Naval” housing being completed (refer to simulated growth forecast chart 2), young children from Glen development 0 -4 year olds beginning a constant stream of kindergarten/1st grade enrollments (refer to Ehlers report 2006 section #2) and the average growth across Glenview School District of 2.24% (refer to Track #13, 2006 study section #2).

The buildings additions for the intermediate schools will begin June 2007 and complete August 2008. These additions will add the equivalent of 26 additional classrooms at the three intermediate schools. This additional classroom & support space will support current student population growth (2008-2012). The Board is also considering lowering class size numbers from the current class size maximums. The additions will also support a moderate lower number. However, as this committee looked forward beyond 2010/12 there are indicators showing class size maximums could increase beyond the new class maximums being considered for school year 2007 & 2008.

Middle School Boundary Recommendation

After careful consideration and several committee meetings looking over 13 different possible solutions the Facilities Committee recommends the following boundary change to be in place for start of school year 2007-08 moving students that would attend William Attea Middle School to John Springman Middle School.

The Middle School Boundary shift will affect approximately 90 to 100 intermediate students over a period of 2-3 years depending on actual enrollment numbers for each year. This Boundary change will be for students that are currently in the William Attea Boundary area looking to shift incoming 5th , 4th and 3rd grades to Springman Middle School. The boundary area we recommend to shift is bordered by **Central Rd. to the south, Shermer Rd. to the west, Glenview Rd. to the north and Harlem Ave. to the east** (refer to **New Middle School boundary maps** 1/22/07 for Springman /Attea). The Facilities Committee further recommends that any students that are currently enrolled at Attea School living within the defined area (**Area # 3**) be allowed to remain at Attea School for their 7th and 8th grade experience. Any parent wishing to use the current student transfer procedure should continue to petition the superintendent

based on Board procedures for this process. Parents within the boundary change area should be notified in a timely manner concerning the Boundary change once the Board has made its decision (February 2007).

Pertinent Facts: The facilities committee looked at 13 different scenarios finding “Area # 3” meeting the board criteria in all areas affected by the study. Most importantly this recommendation minimizes cost/transportation and the number of students affected will meet the overall enrolment target of 90 to 100 students over a period of 2-3 years. Area # 3 will also change little in number of households increasing due to this area being completely built out. The attendance areas to the north, east and west continue to grow due to available property or large home lots could be subdivided in future years for multiple new home lots. ESL and Low Income areas for each cluster are not affected by this boundary recommendation due to the fact that few students from Area # 3 require the additional services. All the information we evaluated is included in this report.

Facility Recommendations for 2008-2010

The building additions are recommended to be in place at Hoffman, Pleasant Ridge and Glen Grove Schools for start of school year 2008. The additions consist of 8-9 classrooms inclusive of small group space which would support a lower class size population in school year 2008-09. **Track 13 Student Enrollment Analysis** shows the student population forecast extended five years through 2011(refer to support document section 2). Page 5 of this report shows a simulated growth forecast for the next 5 years which includes the absence of Navy housing in 2007 & 2008 with this housing being available to families in school year 2008-09. The forecast shows a small dip in student population for 06-07/07-08 but beginning in 2008 our growth is forecasted to jump from 4236 to 4521 in a period of 1.5 years and continue to grow over 4700 students by 2011. Class size maximums will need to be studied at the 2010 time period. Page 6 of the same report shows the district enrolment track since 1949 to current indicating Facilities projections since 1990 have been accurate.

Committee Summary

Based on current educational programs and projected enrollment increase through 2010, **Class size could be reduced in 2007 - 08 only at the primary and Middle School levels.** Once the additions are complete in 2008 then class size reduction could occur at the Intermediate school levels. **Early Childhood programs must be kept at current levels due to lack of space and resources.** All Day Kindergarten cannot be offered for the same reasons. Pre K, EIK, and Bi-Lingual K may need to give up its space as enrollment increases at the K -2 grade levels. The administration building is at capacity and cannot

support any new additional staff due to lack of office and warehouse capacity. The 3 building additions planned to house the incoming new student population (350-600 students) over the next 3-6 years will be pushed to the new maximum class size limits. Teaching staff will be added in support of lower class size along with increased enrollment, support staff will also grow due to this increase in population along with daily support functions for administration and warehouse. Fine Arts classrooms will face the same challenge over time if space solutions are not continually evaluated and adjustments made.

If the Board wishes to study expanding program and to offer all day kindergarten with early childhood program expansion then a new school facility will be required. Land should be secured for this future option. The Board/administration should focus on properties available within Glenview working with the Village of Glenview & Park District on potential property solutions associated to the Navy Base Housing Redevelopment Project. Boundary solutions should continue to be considered when all available space is accounted for within particular cluster.

Thank You
Facilities Committee of 2006 - 2007