



To: Attendees
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Subject: Bennett School District 29J
Master Facilities Plan
September 13, 2017 Master Facilities Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

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Discussion Topics:

- A. Committee Introductions:
1. The agenda for this first committee meeting was to review information that has been gathered for the master plan update.
B. Overview of Bennett SD location and review of known residential developments in the District. The master plan team has talked to the Town of Bennett, and some of the individual development contacts.
C. Assessment of Bennett School District's Facilities, as reviewed in 2015, including:
1. Facility condition.
2. Enrollment vs. Capacity, current and projected.

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- D. Review of 2015 Master Plan Criteria:
 - 1. Enrollment is increasing and we need to accommodate students with appropriate facilities. Consideration should be given to:
 - a. Athletics was added for consideration by the committee.
 - 2. Targeted Class Sizes:
 - a. The District and Community shall remain flexible with class sizes as enrollment increases.
- E. Potential Solutions:
 - 1. Acceptable:
 - a. Change grade configurations in buildings and make use of under-utilized space, to address the short-term need. This is the temporary solution that was presented to the Board of Education in 2016. The District is already implementing this solution, and has absorbed 'accessory' spaces.
 - b. Increase capacity by allowing more students per class.
 - c. Consider modular buildings, to deal with immediate capacity needs. The District is currently looking into this possibility.
 - d. Start planning to build additions or new facilities when overcrowding becomes a critical issue.
 - 2. Not acceptable at this time:
 - a. Consider year-round or multi-track school schedule.
 - b. Consider charter school opportunities: Bennett SD has a charter school in the system. The committee has mixed opinions regarding the success of that program and does not believe that this is a viable option at this time. It may be explored more in the future.
- F. Discussion/Observations/Questions
- G. Next Steps:
 - 1. Finalize Guiding Principles
 - 2. Potential Opportunities Review, Discuss Options/Solutions
- H. The next meeting will be October 3, 2017 in the High School Library.