

Spotlight on the Board

Notes from the District 15 School Board Meetings

June 10th, 2008

Spotlight on the Board is a synopsis of notes and recordings taken at the District 15 School Board meetings by Frank C. Whiteley PTA's school board liaison, Jennifer Mondy. They are meant to help parents and staff who are unable to attend the Board meetings on a regular basis to keep informed about the issues and plans affecting the district. These Notes are not endorsed by District 15 or the Board of Education. Below are the highlights from the June 10th Facility/Architectural/Real Estate Committee Meeting.

Improving Sidewalk Access to Schools

Palatine officials advised that public funds to install sidewalks at Marion Jordan School in order to decrease the number of bus riders, were not available in this year's budget. Permission would be granted to the district to perform/pay for the work itself. Facilities Committee members decided to forgo a recommendation to the full Board and aim for FY2009 when a new transportation director can provide additional input.

Facility Audit – Review Preliminary Update to Board

Architects provided a detailed look at the breadth of information that would be available from the completed Facilities Audit in order for the district to make good decisions in relation to building use. (Audio available online.) Direction was sought on options to determine building capacity which would be overlaid with student demographics. Computer simulations could be run for various building scenarios and where the district might gain efficiencies on boundaries. Discussion ensued as to whether or not the audit should be brought out of committee and presented to the full Board. The final report is expected to be submitted August 29th so that discussions can take place in September.

Full detailed notes for this meeting and all past meetings can be found at www.fcwpta.org/board_notes.htm
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