

MEETING NOTES
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
August 9, 2021

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at 4:00 PM on Monday, August 9, 2021.

PRESENT

Board Members: Ms. Chris Crabtree
Mr. Brad Paulsen

Staff: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
Dr. Brian O’Keeffe, Asst. Superintendent of Business Operations
Mr. John Robinson III, Director of Facilities
Ms. Erica Loiacono, Director of Community Engagement and Communications

Discussion of Playground Funding Model

Dr. Schuler introduced Dr. Brian O’Keeffe to review the history around the playground funding model and overview of the Elementary playground review that was conducted in the District. The information noted the school, the number of students, playground manufacturer, year installed/updated, playground description, current estimated condition, and link to the inspection report.

There was discussion on the following:

- The inspection was done by a certified playground inspector.
- The current estimated condition of each playground was rated condition ‘1’ (poor condition), ‘2’ (fair condition), ‘3’ (good condition), or ‘4’ (excellent condition).
- Both Lincoln and Johnson were identified as condition ‘1’. A few items have been addressed at Lincoln.
- The average lifetime of a playground; newer playgrounds have more safety standards built-in.
- How to prioritize and how to fund playground repairs and replacement.
- Lincoln has a group that has been actively working on fundraising for a playground.
- The district's role in funding playgrounds – historical vs. going forward.
- Addressing the two condition ‘1’ playgrounds and use this to build a fundraising model.
- The average cost of a playground.
- The opportunity remains to work with PTAs and other groups to fundraise for playgrounds.
- The number of students is important to ensure playgrounds are sized appropriately for the buildings.
- Developing a D200 prototype, review options, and work with a “design team”.
- Schools with multiple playgrounds – usually the smaller one is for younger students/grade levels and the other for older students.
- Request to add information to playground review spreadsheet to indicate main playground vs. one for younger grades.
- Legislative partners and potential dollars for specific buildings.
- Playground surfaces – wood chips vs. poured.
- Working with community partners – park districts to assist with installation.
- Where to purchase playgrounds/equipment?
- The recommendation is that Lincoln and Johnson's playgrounds be part of the capital summer priorities for summer 2022.

The plan is to bring this to the full board when the summer 2022 capital planning is presented at the August meeting.

Update on Summer 2022 Facilities Projects

Dr. O’Keeffe and Mr. Robinson reviewed a draft of potential summer 2022 capital projects and a possible project timeline draft from Legat Architects. It was noted that due to supply chain challenges and federal projects funding, it would be best to bid on projects as soon as possible.

There was discussion on the following:

- Summary and status of project work for this summer (2021).
- Potential capital projects for summer 2022 include door replacements, tuckpointing, roofing, flooring, paving, HVAC, playgrounds, and other miscellaneous projects.
- The estimated total project cost is \$7.8 million.
- All of the projects are on the priority capital list/playground condition 1 list.
- Consulting with other districts regarding a miscellaneous project (food lab upgrade at WWS).
- Flooring – tackling buildings in their entirety vs. small projects in several buildings.
- The potential use of ESSER funds for some projects.
- The number and dollars of capital projects addressed over the last several years.

The approval to bid on the summer 2022 capital projects will be on the August 18, 2021 Board agenda.

Future Planning

- There will be an amendment on the Board agenda in August related to the lease agreement for the Transition Program and additional space.
- The Facilities Committee will come together when more information is gathered on the funding model and the capital plan projects.
- As the Portrait of a Graduate outcome is defined, the impact on learning spaces will need to be discussed.
- Facilities planning as it relates to the four middle schools and the areas defined in the 2016 Facilities Master Plan.
- Revisiting the Master Facility Plan.

The committee will plan to meet in early/mid fall 2021.

Public Comment

Joey Camp: Lincoln Playground/Funding Model

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM.