

**School Facilities Review Committee Minutes**  
**April 3, 2019, 6:00 PM**  
**Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School Community Room**

Mark Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Mark Bettencourt, Vice Chair Tricia Staley, Alderman Joseph DeLucia, Alderwoman Stacy Gould, Board of Education Chairperson Dr. Yvette Jacaruso, Community Representatives Paula Rosenberg Bell and John LeVangie, NPS Staff Susan Blinderman, Parent Representative Ryan Telford and Business Administrator Athena Nagel (ex-officio)

**Committee Members Absent:** NPS Staff Cindy Beauregard, Parent Representative Charles Cottle, Attorney Michael Driscoll (ex-officio), Facilities Supervisor Ed Guntner (ex-officio), Mayor Peter Nystrom (ex-officio), Comptroller Joshua Pothier (ex-officio), City Manager John Salomone (ex-officio) and Superintendent Abby Dolliver (ex-officio)

**Others Present:** Assistant Superintendent Dr. Thomas Baird

**Determination of Quorum:** It was determined a quorum was present.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Alderwoman Gould, seconded by John LeVangie, the meeting minutes of December 5, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented. One abstention was made by Paula Rosenberg Bell due to non-attendance.

On a motion by Yvette Jacaruso, seconded by John LeVangie, the meeting minutes of February 6, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented. One abstention was made by Paula Rosenberg Bell due to non-attendance.

**Citizen Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

Review of survey data:

Alderman DeLucia reviewed the tabulated survey responses which he had previously emailed. Copies of the results are attached to these minutes. He displayed the numeric and graphical results on the large screen. He reviewed responses to each question. He sorted comments by like subject. The survey closed on March 15, 2019.

Chair Bettencourt brought the committee's attention to the comments. Comments were reviewed in detail.

Discussion ensued on the economic development effects of schools.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for space for specialized programs.

**New Business:**

Discussion and Action: Process of crafting proposals:

Chair Bettencourt suggested a discussion regarding needs for additional space and prioritization.

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Trish Staley suggested a presentation from Dr. Baird at the next meeting regarding the district's priorities, constraints and parameters of grant programs, education trends, outstanding loans, equity relating to student distribution and alternatives for regionalization. He agreed to discuss this with Superintendent Dolliver. Athena Nagel will add the physical opportunities and constraints of the facilities.

Goals and calendar going forward:

Chair Bettencourt reminded the committee of the remaining work to be done. It was decided that a timeline will be created after the presentation by school system staff at the May meeting. The goal would be to have the proposal through the Board of Education by the end of the calendar year.

Anything else to be brought before the committee: None

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Alderwoman Gould, seconded by Trish Staley, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 6 PM, at the Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School Community Room.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Melinda Wilson*  
*Recording Secretary*