

The East Elementary building committee met on April 19, 2007 at 6:30 in the East Elementary multipurpose room.

People Present – Robin Spears, Jim Ruble, Pam Thornton, Tony Haning, Brian & Mindy Albrecht, Anna Van Gorp, Wendy Roder, Jenni McCrory, Marv Van Riesen, Gary Ihnen, Kelly Klatt, Jody Radke, Susan Lichty, Scott Lichty, Joan Whitsell, Kristie Simonsen, Amber Van Keckerix, Angie Lickhart, Robyn Johnson, Derek Johnson, Keri Statema, Angie DeVries, Shelly Serrano, Jay Joersz

Mrs. McCrory gave the parents, teachers and citizens a tour of the building pointing out classrooms that need to be addressed. Those classrooms were, resource room, guidance office, SCI room, Title I/music room, TAG room, PE office and speech room.

Mr. Spears gave a brief history of the building and how it came to be present day. The building was built in 1957 with a first addition being done in 1962. The south wing was added in 1992.

Mrs. McCrory gave an overview of the buildings current utilization and needs.

- ELL population growing. Currently working in conference room with three other adults.

- Special education population has changed. There are more needs which is why the SCI classroom was added.

- Office space needed

- Nurse needs a bigger area to work with ill students.

- Guidance counselor needs a bigger office. Works with groups of students ranging from one on one to 8 in a group.

- Title I currently does not have a classroom.

- Multipurpose room – scheduling lunch and PE is difficult. Dictates elementary and middle school schedule. There is no where for students to go during indoor recess since PE is in session during recesses. District can always use more practice space. Give students the opportunity to participate in other activities if they didn't have sports practice in the morning.

- Things to keep in mind: Minimizing distractions (many students currently work in the halls), decrease in enrollment (where do we go), bright spaces needed with good ventilation

- Kitchen – Look at needs of feeding more students – Children's World and Head Start

- Current classrooms need updated – cabinets and doors

- Asbestos – What do we do with it in the building?

Mr. Spears shared the current facility needs of the district and what approximate costs will be for each project. The committee agreed that there are definite needs in this building and that we should move forward working with Jim Ruble on plans. It was mentioned that there is an election in September and that might be a good time to have an election for this project.

Jim Ruble will take the list of needs and develop concept ideas. The committee will meet in about three weeks to look at his plans. We will continue to meet on Thursdays at 6:30 at East Elementary. Childcare will be provided for those who attend the meetings.