

Meeting Minutes: Planning Committee – District Office Board Room

Date/Time: April 28, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.

Start: 7:30 a.m.

End: 7:55 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Jim Johnson, Nyamal Dei, Seth Holden, and Tracie Newman (Phone)

Committee Members Absent: Katie Christensen

Board Members Present: Robin Nelson

Staff Members Present: Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp and Tara Brandner

Guests: James Hand and Bill Westrick

Recorder: Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Financing for 8-9 Campus Project	The Planning Committee met to discuss the planned costs of the 8-9 Campus project and issues with bonding. We are getting preliminary numbers of the building costs as we go through the design process, and they are much higher than anticipated. With what we have the capacity to do without going to a referendum, it will not be enough to complete this project. Our funding capacity is an issue. We have limited options for funding without going to a referendum. Is that the best use of the resources of a referendum? We are just beginning the process of a 9-month comprehensive analysis that looks at all our facility needs so we can reset the baseline and set a better long-term plan both for ongoing maintenance needs but also capitalization modernization plan to make sure that all of our builds are at a minimum standard that we expect. The outside consultants won't be able to tell us what those needs are for about 9 months. The recommendation is to wait on a referendum until we have the full picture. If we move forward with a referendum now, we won't have the funding capacity for many years to address any of the other needs. Slowing down to tie this in with the comprehensive facility plan so all needs can be considered and prioritized is the recommendation.	
Next Meeting: May 16, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.		