

**Notes from Chippewa Falls' Facilities Planning Committee**  
**October 12, 2015**  
**Meeting One**

At its August 20, 2015 meeting, the school board of the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District moved to, "approve the master facilities plan and...[to create a]...committee." The purpose of the CFAUSD Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) was to review all information that has been developed for, and approved by, the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Board related to the current conditions of its facilities. The Committee was subsequently tasked by district administration to prepare a recommendation(s) for school board consideration that will ensure district facilities will continue to support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

The first meeting of the FPC was held on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Stillson Elementary School media center. (Note: members of the Committee are included as an appendix to these notes.) The agenda for the meeting was:

1. ATSR Introductions
2. Overview of Planning Process
3. Committee Member Introductions
4. Facility Study: Overview of Findings
5. Reflections
6. Meeting Calendar

As a part of Committee member introductions, those in attendance were asked to share their thoughts related to 'what they hoped' would be an outcome of the Committee's work. Below is a synopsis of those comments:

- To have a better understanding of how our facilities are run and what needs to be done to keep them viable.
- To learn what needs to be done to our schools so that they will continue to support instruction and prepare our students for the future.
- To come out of our work together with the right plan based upon having the 'right' conversations.
- To be certain that we have the infrastructure to support the education our children need.
- To have a plan to improve our facilities and make them better for our children.
- To learn more about our facilities and ensure they provide safe learning environments for our children.
- To recognize that we need to start somewhere and to be able to see what we can do.
- To be able to prioritize our facilities' needs and recognize where improvements are most critical.
- To have a clear definition of what our needs really are and then make a plan to address them over the next 20-30 years.

- To have had an opportunity to hear what the community believes the schools need.
- To have been able to put our 'fears' behind us and see what needs to be done.
- To have been able to think well into the future.
- "Knowledge is power": to have learned so that we can share with others.
- To identify our priorities and then act on them.
- To understand where facility design is going in the future.

Following Committee introductions, a comprehensive review of the board approved facilities plan was presented by Dean Beeninga; principal architect for ATSR.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the senior high school cafeteria beginning at 6:00.