

**Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**October 27, 2014**

Members in attendance: John Chadwick, Laura Saul Edwards, Mike Freda, Greg Greeley, Eric Harold, Kelly King, Greg Lloyd, Miles Mason, Heather Obora, Nancy Opsut, Scott Prisco, Jason Rylander, Bill Schimmel, Pam Silberstein, Meg Tucillo, Jeff Turner, Janine Velasco, Don Weinstein and Lionel White.

1. Welcome: The meeting was opened at 7:10pm at the Ed Center by Jason Rylander, who thanked the members who were able to attend this special session. He explained the narrow purpose of the meeting: to assist the School Board in evaluating and narrowing down the capital construction options for expanding the number of secondary seats. He stated his hope that the members could obtain consensus in one or more options to endorse. He noted that any recommendations must be in the hands of the School Board before the 18<sup>th</sup>.

As a special session, all regular business was deferred until our normal November meeting.

2. Discussion of Capital Construction Options

Greg Greeley distributed copies of a decision tree detailing the major secondary school options that have been discussed at past meetings. The two major branches on the tree outline the Wilson School set of options, and the Reed School options. The chart contained Rough Order of Magnitude costs for each construction option. Greg suggested that the FAC attempt not to preclude any major choices.

Jason and Kelly King next asked the FAC members to suggest the major criteria by which the choices should be evaluated. After lengthy discussion, the criteria were narrowed down to: Cost, Flexibility for Future Needs, Maximizing Green Space, Complexity, Walkability, Neighborhood Stability, and Lifecycle Costs/Energy Efficiency. The FAC specifically decided not to include factors such as community petitions and neighborhood preferences, as being items better considered by the School Board.

Using the above criteria, the FAC walked through the decision tree.

After discussion, the non-APS members decided to remove Gunston and Williamsburg Middle Schools from current consideration, due to cost and other factors.

There was some discussion of the Integration Station and the Children's School, both of which would need to be relocated if the Reed site were to be used for a secondary school.

The discussion next moved to the issue of how many seats should be built at the Wilson site, should that set of options be endorsed. The preference was to build fewer seats, while preserving options to increase the number at a future date. Various seat-generating uses for the Wilson site were discussed.

There was some discussion of the pros and cons of co-locating the Montessori program (now at Drew) with the HB-Woodlawn program at a 1300 seat Wilson building. Although the FAC did not support or reject the idea, it noted that while the option could free up elementary seats at Drew it would require additional capital costs and would combine K-12 in one building.

The non-APS members then voted to endorse the Wilson set of options over the Reed options. (Formal FAC votes are normally restricted to the members who are not APS employees.)

Jason announced that the discussion would continue at our next meeting, when we would consider costs in more detail.

3. Next Meeting: The next FAC meeting will be on 10 November 2014 at 7pm at the Ed Center.