

Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019
New Century School – Governance Council
4:00 – 6:00 pm at VAHS K-Wing Library (Future NCS/VAIS Site)

Present: Ann Princl, John Porco, Betsy Purpero, Jennifer Klawiter, Jennifer Bradley, Kim Wroblewski, Hannah Bassetti, Rikki Conwell, Leigh Schmidt

Guest Speaker Emida Roller, Executive Director and Lead Artist at Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA). A mural for the new school site would involve NCS and VAIS. Students, staff, families could be involved throughout the project in coming up with the theme and design, and then painting and creating the mural, with professional guidance throughout. DAMA would do the finishing work to ensure durability and a professional look. Moveable panels are an option, for any possible school moves. Life is 30-40 years outdoors, indefinite indoors. Protected with polyurethane, wipeable for cleaning. Artists would come to school for workdays periodically- Many short visits or a few longer workdays. Total cost approximately \$5,000 to be split between NCS and VAIS.

GC is very interested, but slightly concerned about expense. Look into grants? Would want to put off to 2020-21 school year, so mural is created during the first year in the new building. Ann would facilitate meeting between NCS and VAIS GCs to discuss further.

Playground

District has no precedent for multiple new playgrounds at once. Decisions have to be made by the end of April. Student lunch bunches are taking place to review and discuss options. Cost is in the \$190-200k range. Surface will be wood chips, not rubber. ADA compliance will be factored in. GC prefers natural/muted colors to bright primary colors. Would like to see more climbing options and shade. Would like to see the character of NCS reflected (STEM, nature). Also include (future?) rain garden, native prairie, etc... Zip line, spinny chairs.. Swap out a few tiny single-user items for more cooperative play options. Bciburke.com

Library

Rikki has been working with T Voss (VASD LMC Director) to catalog books available/needed for new NCS/VAIS library. Book donations cannot be accepted due to cataloguing and book binding requirements for a school library. Pancake Breakfast funds will be earmarked for book purchases.

Concluded meeting with tour of new building and gym, cafeteria, and classroom spaces.