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- SUPERINTENDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE -

Summary of Meeting held on Monday Evening, December 3, 2018

7:00 - 8:45 pm @ OFRS Library

SUMMARY

- **Review, Discussion, and Finalization of DRAFT Meeting Summary (11.26.18)** - *There were no suggested changes to the summary DRAFT (the summary will be posted to the Superintendent's Environmental Task Force "Quick Link" located on the left side of the District homepage). In addition, Mr. Greg Somjen (Parette Somjen Architects), Mr. William Bannister (Parette Somjen Architects), and Mr. Greg Cheney (LMJ Engineering Group) were welcomed and introduced.*
- **Facility Infrastructure/Recommendations - Mr. Greg Somjen, Parette Somjen Architects** - *Mr. Somjen presented several HVAC engineering options to the Task Force with regard to humidity and temperature control relative to the Old Farmers Road School. These included: retrofitting current classroom univents with an air-conditioning component; installing roof-mount dehumidification systems (approximately 1 per every 5 classrooms); replacing the current univents (approximately 6 years old) with newly designed two-stage units that have both air conditioning and dehumidification capabilities. Mr. Somjen also addressed a possible ionization system that could be installed inside a univent to potentially enhance indoor air quality by reducing mold and particulate that could enter a building through the univentilation system. system, but noted that ionization would not improve the humidity levels in the schools.. Mr. Somjen also discussed potentially air conditioning the hallways and common areas in conjunction with the other options. In addition to the options presented, Mr. Somjen outlined potential funding sources for the completion of such capital projects: capital reserve accounts, local operating budgets, and school bond referendums. He noted that school bond referendums can result in school districts receiving "debt service aid" from the State equal to 40% of project costs. With regard to HVAC-related projects, such projects may be eligible for such aid when the replacement/installation of equipment is linked directly to building fresh air requirements.*
- **Update: Coordination of Radon Testing** - *Liz George provided the Task Force with an update regarding the coordination of radon testing across all schools. The District has issued RFPs (Request for Proposals) to three companies in accordance with State purchasing guidelines. The target date for testing is December as outlined in the RFP. Once coordinated, communications will be issued to faculty and community members.*
- **Subsequent Meeting Date and Next Steps** - *The Task Force agreed to meet on Monday, December 10th (7pm, Old Farmers Road School). The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the information presented by Mr. Somjen (architect) and the information shared by Mr. Wolf (industrial hygienist) who attended the November 26th meeting.*