

Fulton Construction Summary of Relocation Committee Meetings

On November 28th, 2007, a committee of parents, staff, administrators and board members met for the first time to explore options of relocating Fulton students and staff during the construction of the new Fulton School building.

The committee met 3 more times on December 5th, 12th and 17th. (A list of committee members are listed at the end of this summary.) The committee's main charge was to develop options for relocating students during the construction project with two main parameters as the guiding force. These parameters were to keep as many students within the Tinley Park District 146 area and have as many students as possible within a school building as opposed to modular classrooms. What was best for students instructionally was a primary focus in all of the deliberations and discussion of the various options considered.

In determining the options the following factors were also taken into consideration:

- Available classroom space at other district buildings
- Safety Concerns
- Student Enrollment Projections for the 2008/09 school year
- Having modern and attractive Modular Classrooms available
- Connecting Modular classrooms to the building for students' convenience

As the committee examined options, it became clear that the use of Modular classrooms was a necessity. The committee determined that Memorial could provide 2 classrooms for Kindergarten. The committee preferred having Sandidge become a first through fifth grade building. This left determining the location for Early Learning Students. Although the district moved to a home school concept for Early Learning this school year, in the past it had been concentrated at Fulton. The best short term solution was to have Early Learning again become district wide during the construction period. It appeared that Kruse and possibly Fierke would have the space to accommodate the Fulton Early Learning students.

To plan for grades one through five the committee started to assess how many Modular Classrooms would be necessary. The committee narrowed the options to three: 1. Using 8 Modular classrooms. 2. Using 6 Modular classrooms. 3. Using 4 Modular classrooms. Under each of the options the committee considered two scenarios of how the space could be used to best meet the instructional needs of the students as well as meet the needs of the staff to provide those instructional services. Due to space limitations, 8 Modular Classrooms were the maximum number that could be considered to be housed at Sandidge.

The committee discussed at length the benefits and concerns of each of the options and was able to come to a consensus proposal on December 17th, 2007. At the December 20th School Board meeting Ron Gonser, Principal of Fulton School, and Rosemary Bova Wood, Principal of Sandidge School, representing the committee, presented the options. These options were then studied further at a special Board meeting held on January 8th, 2008. At that time the Board determined that the option using 8 Modular Classrooms would provide the strongest consistency for students, as well as the nearest student/staff ratio and instructional services that are provided to students across the district. This option is explained in full on this web site under Relocation Plan and was the option most favored by the committee.

The School Board and District 146 Administration would like to thank the following individuals for all of the time, thought, effort and collaboration that they put into this committee:

District Staff:

Jan Larsen- Sandidge Secretary
Chris Davis- Fulton Safety Clerk
Johanna Kline- Sandidge Assistant
Lynn Sebastian- Fulton Assistant

Donna Sigourney- Sandidge 3rd grade teacher
Heather Rudolf- Sandidge 5th grade teacher
Lisa Pusatera- Fulton Kindergarten teacher
Gwen Tirilis- Fulton 1st grade teacher

Gina Sipich- Sandidge Social Worker
Linda Veltman- Sandidge ELL teacher
Lorie Kaiser- Fulton Special Ed teacher
Teri Charpenel- Fulton PE teacher

Rosemary Bova-Wood- Sandidge Principal
Ron Gonser- Fulton Principal
Scott Slager- Director Buildings and Grounds
Denise Bettenhausen-Director of Special Ed

Linda Pellegrini- Union President
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Board Members:

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