

Summary NOTES By Ken Matheson/ 7-11 Committee Member

Is the Old Grammar School site surplus property for the District?

The information listed below has been given to the 7/11 Committee. It might help us decide if the Old Grammar School Site is surplus property,

Student Population

1. From 1999 to the present the enrollment has declined from 951 to 548 a 42.4% decline. (Source: MUSD CBEDS Report)
2. It is predicted that in the future there will continue to be a decline in enrollment. By the year 2013 the enrollment will be 487 or a 48.8% decline from the 1999 enrollment. (Source: MUSD CEBDS Report)

Staffing

1. The number of teaching staff has declined slightly less than 1 FTE in the last 3 years. (Source: Superintendent's Report to the 7/11 Committee)
2. In order to maintain a quality program the district wants to try to maintain the number of FTE at the present level. (Source: Superintendents Report to 7/11 Committee)

Facilities

1. Once the K-8 campus is complete there will be no need for additional classroom space. (Source: Superintendent's Report to the 7/11 Committee)
2. The District will have the same number of classrooms in 2010 than they had in 1999 with 48% decline in enrollment. (464 fewer students)
3. The 2 building needs identified by the Superintendent are to replace the District Office and to either move MCN or repair its present building. Significant repairs of the High School will need to be completed over the next several years. (Source: Superintendent's Report to the 7/11 Committee)

District use of the Site.

1. The District has leased the building and site to the Recreation District for over 25 years. In 1988 a 15 year lease was granted to the Recreation District. In 1990 a 15 year lease was granted to the Friendship Park organization for building and maintaining the softball ball field and facilities. (Source: MCRPD Report to the Committee)
2. Since the Middle School moved off the site in 1984 there has been minimal use of the site by the District. ROP classes used a few portables on the site until 2004. Since 2004 there has been no district use of the sight except for the girls softball team using the field. In the 1990's when the district enrollment was at its highest, the District made little or no use of the site. (Source: MCRPD Report and Ken's memory)
3. Until 2008, the District gave no money for the maintenance of the building or the site. The Recreation District and the Community raised funds through grants and many local residents contributions to pay for over \$600,000 of renovations and asbestos removal. In 2006 MCRPD spent \$40,000 on repairs to the building. (MCRPD Report and Ken's memory)
4. In 2008, the District used \$700,000 of AA Bond money to make major improvements to the building.
5. The Main building cannot be used by the School District for classrooms because the building does not meet State structural standards.