

Okemos Public Montessori Facilities Committee Agenda

April 10, 2024

6:30 p.m.

[Zoom meeting](#)

- Update from Brian Lieber
- Environmental Facility Concerns (Kelly Sundeen/BrianLieber)
- Future of OPM Facilities Committee (John Hood)
- Next Meeting Date

*Thank you to Erin G., and Jillian W. for taking notes tonight!

Meeting Norms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be respectful of differing perspectives <input type="checkbox"/> Seek to understand <input type="checkbox"/> Address present and future <input type="checkbox"/> Assume positive intentions <input type="checkbox"/> Stay focused on the topic

OPM Facilities Committee		
Kelly Sundeen OPM Principal	Brian Lieber OPS Director of Operations	John Hood OPS Superintendent
Erin Gould OPM Lower Elementary Teacher	Kelly Bertilrud OPM Upper Elementary Teacher	Jillian Winn OPM PTO Representative
Susan Soper Beginnergarten Parapro	Jennifer Hall-Berman OPM Parapro	Sue Hallman OEF Chair, former OPM Principal
Mark Polsdofer Ingham County Commissioner	Natalie Warren OPM / OPS Alumni	Katie Cavanaugh OPS School Board Member
Lori Mazzullo OEA President		Jennifer Schlicher Beginnergarten Teacher

(Those in attendance for this meeting are in bold.)

OPM Environmental Resources Website: <https://www.opsenvironmental.net>

(Where you can see test data and other information.)

Update from Director of Operations Brian Lieber

- Pressing issues have leveled off; some tasks will be addressed over summer (due to involvement of the work), such as old bathroom attached to an office and another bathroom in the back of the building. The roof leak is improved. There is other work, like trim work, which will still be completed by the end of the year.
- Filter First Legislation is driving the significant work - OPM furthest ahead with legislative changes.
 - Jillian wondering about filter guidelines now available.
 - Brian noted that legislation includes filtered drinking fountains (in addition to bottle fillers) - 1 station for every 100 individuals (dependent on building population during the school day)
 - Some buildings that have food prep/service needs, and child care needs, will have additional measures
 - Possible units that can be attached to existing sinks to prevent students from needing to leave the classroom.
 - Navigating solutions to minimize student accidental contact within classrooms
 - Guidance is still being finalized (The Filter First has a deadline April 25th, so they expect an update by the end of the month.)
 - Meetings continuing with EGLE and Ingham County Health Department (regular/almost weekly) - expecting additional guidance by end of month.
 - Also grant information still coming
 - Katie Cavanaugh : Do we know if grants can be used to retroactively pay districts if we make the improvements prior to the money being available? Not usually, depends on how the grant is written, but we are working closely with our Representatives to request funding.
 - Letters have been sent to Representatives Julie Brixie and Sam Singh for possible retroactive funding for one time costs from the work we have already done. Around \$60,000 was requested.
 - Making sure units we are getting will also include PFAS filters (CDC released guidance for municipal facility testing)
- Other positive lead tests in other district buildings also requiring attention
- Cleaning/Purge (some work still to be completed prior to end of year)
- Summer work:
 - Flushing? Brian creating summer plan (including other needs like room cleaning, timelines and communications to staff for when work is completed/able to come into spaces); focus has been on Filter First

recently but summer plans are also underway; flushing will continue in some capacity during the summer; week before staff returns the aerators will also be replaced/addressed

- Any new information about continued flushing? Has been nebulous communication about stop dates from professional guidance; meeting coming this Friday and there will be a push for clarification from experts (depending on recommendations, may dial back flushing and focus on the Filter First guidelines)
- Looking at faucets, aerators, and materials in them; looking at faucets that are/have been rarely used
- Installing filters would mean flushing is not needed, since the filters insure safe water is delivered.
- Summer plan communications will be sent to staff in May
- Pre-return maintenance will also be clarified and shared

Environmental Facility Concerns (Kelly Sundeen/Brian Lieber)

- Short term need is to continue to get updates until Filter First plans are in place
- Maybe staff updates can be shared with PTO and/or other stakeholders like this committee to keep everyone in the same conversations/work
- Need to continue revisiting other aging infrastructure needs

Future of OPM Facilities Committee (John Hood)

- Jillian asked for this (current) Facilities Committee to meet again after the Filter First Legislation plan is released and there is a plan in place for updates, such as filters on faucets, etc. Committee agreed to meet again for update on plan.
- John shared a draft plan for a NEW committee to meet on the future of the Montessori program for feedback.
 - The proposed committee would begin to meet in the Fall (September 2024) and work towards preparing materials to present to the Board in the winter (February 2024).
 - Superintendent committee (not board committee) - members of committee would be advisory, giving feedback to John and John would then make recommendations to the board.
 - The committee would begin their focus on Montessori program offerings for preK-8th grade and determine the future scope of the program and then look at how that plan affects district planning, such as facility needs.
 - What should the Montessori program look like moving forward? The committee would look at the current and past program purpose, student makeup, and capacity/waitlist. They would look at the associated costs with the program, including potential new costs, such as transportation, if

added. They would also investigate interest within the Okemos community for potential enrollment.

- Katie Cavanaugh wondered about adding to the outcomes: looking at academic data comparisons with traditional peers (particularly at the secondary level) and following students into high school (how they transition to traditional high school).
- Committee would include the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, OPM Principal, Middle School Administrators, Teacher Representatives from each level, parents/caregivers, Human Resource Director, and Communications and Public Relations Specialist. They would also bring in other stakeholders and information providers as needed.
- Jen wondered about adding Sue Hallman as a voice for providing insights from the past as well. John said they would work with Sue to get her feedback and historical knowledge and she may be invited to some of the committee meetings as needed.
- John is also planning on reviewing this draft committee with Principal Kelly and OPM staff to get further feedback. He brought it to this committee first because the long-term needs of OPM have often come up as a concern in this committee.
- If anyone thinks of additional suggestions to John's draft, submit them to Kelly Sundeen (once draft finalized, John will share with OPM staff)

Next Meeting Date

- Shannon will send a doodle poll for a future zoom meeting after we get some additional guidance following the Filter First Legislation and upcoming meetings.