

Okemos Public Montessori Facilities Committee Agenda

February 5, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Okemos Public Montessori

(Start in OPM Office)

- Welcome to OPM Tour of OPM
- Update from Brian Lieber
- Mark Polsdofer: Election dates and county millages
- Setting expectations: Information sharing (to and from)
- Follow up questions on Winter Break testing
- Website review
- Environmental Facility Concerns (Kelly/Brian)
- Next Meeting Date

Meeting Norms
<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

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

(Note: Due to an absence from Jillian W. and resignation from Mike C. (see notes), notes taken may be less comprehensive and distribution may be delayed.)

OPM FC Members		
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 - absent OPM PTO Representative
Susan Soper Beginnergarten Parapro	Jennifer Hall-Berman OPM Parapro	Mike Callahan OPM PTO Representative
Mark Polsdofer Ingham County Commissioner	Natalie Warren OPM / OPS Alumni	Katie Cavanaugh OPS School Board Member
Lori Mazzulo OEA President	Sue Hallman OEF Chair, former OPM Principal	Jennifer Schlicher Beginnergarten Teacher

Tour of Okemos Public Montessori:

- Fountain will be replaced in PPK hallway; fountain is off currently (summer project)
- Stained ceiling tiles - staff asked to report/request replacement

- In PPK classroom, question asked about classroom faucets and addition of filters; presents a challenge because there are both hot and cold spigots; solution being looked for that meets the standard and recommendation for schools; [guidance from EGLE coming end of March/beginning of April](#); law going into effect for the 2025-2026 school year; may be an opportunity for applying for financing from EGLE in May/June
- In counselor's office, told of plans to remove drain issue over the summer
- Brief stops in conference room, entry way; mentions of redoing trim in entry, paint
- Ceiling leaks mentioned; roof maintenance to address identification of needs; roof does not need replacement
- Staff lounge - lead issue was sealed over with paint
- Question about Flash Dash water use in spring; water will be flushed in spring; told water will be fine to use; water to be tested in early April
- Some other areas noted: ASD doors to be addressed in the summer, wood slab as toilet tank lid in ASD bathroom (Rm. 125), odor in ELL room, peeling paint

Update from Director of Operations Brian Lieber:

- Overview of maintenance/custodial tickets for OPM in January
 - Health and safety a priority
 - Tickets not completed: cleanliness, building fixing (no outstanding tickets related to health and safety)
- Roof update: repair has been done, drying before reinstallation of ceiling tiles
- ERG trained our custodial and maintenance staff on lead hazard awareness and asbestos hazard awareness on Friday (February 2); building maintenance staff trained to recognize/identify mold
- Other:
 - Brian mentioned trim areas around newly installed lockers will be addressed over the summer; question was asked about locker work and whether there was any impact on lead risk from disturbed paint; areas will be repainted
 - Retesting (of areas indicated on the chart) to take place February 6th
 - Importance of staff inputted FMX tickets to identify areas of need
 - Due to some fixes including impacts on students (e.g. paint fumes, moving classroom materials), priority right now to make spaces clean; replacement and more significant repair will need to be done over the summer for safety to students
 - Committee member requested that there also be generalization of testing information on the website in addition to reports
 - February 28th is the online Zoom question/answer session from the recent testing

Mark Polsdofer: Election Dates and County Millages:

- Shared emailed information related to upcoming possibilities of putting an OPM-specific bond on the ballot ahead of a future discussion about this topic
- Possible election dates (and proposal language certification deadlines to place language on the ballot are:
 - May 7, 2024 Special Election (certification deadline February 13, 2024, 4:00p.m.)

- August 6, 2024 Primary Election (certification deadline May 14, 2024, 4:00p.m.) - school district would likely not have to reimburse the full cost of the election, but there may be some costs for split precincts
- November 5, 2024 General Election (certification deadline August 13, 2024, 4:00p.m.) - this election would likely not be of any cost to the school district due to school board candidates being on the ballot
- May 6, 2025 Special Election (certification deadline February 11, 2025)
- August 5, 2025 (likely) Special Election (certification deadline May 13, 2025)
- November 24, 2025 (likely) General Election (certification deadline August 12, 2025)
- Note: 2025 dates might change if the legislature changes election dates around
- County-level millages and when they sunset (those same years would likely see renewals or modified new proposals on the ballot - the Senior Center's new home could also be part of the conversation):
 - 2024 - Health Services, Elder Persons
 - 2026 - Trails and Parks, Potter Park Zoo, Public Transportation
 - 2028 - Farmland and Open Space
 - 2030 - Animal Control, Juvenile Justice, 911
 - 2038 - Justice
- Committee members voiced interest and wondered if dialogue about a 2025-2026 bond committee about the future growth of our program could be moved up
 - Generally 2 years are needed for preparation for bond request (2022 bond preparation began in 2019)
 - Need to look at program as a whole (dual certifications, budget adds, paraprofessionals, trainings, number of teachers)
 - Some natural transition of students to traditional, often peer influenced-movement
 - There would be a need for data gathering about student movement (and reflection on Montessori perceptions held within district)
 - 2025 best chance of passage if went in a bond direction
 - Also need to consider Christman's capacity for completing any work projects

Setting Expectations: Information Sharing:

- Communications to and from administration
 - Send communications to ALL Okemos families
 - Include communications in all newsletters
 - Include in drop-downs on OPM site
- Communications to and from the OPM FC
- Communication to and from the OPM community
 - External queries send to Brian Lieber and Kelly Bianchi
 - Internal queries utilize FMX system
 - Contact/Question Flow charts to be shared related to:
 - Operations
 - Health
 - Food service
 - curriculum

- Chain of command/not blindsided at meetings (don't jump to the committee if things are getting fixed)
 - Some confusion expressed - if a committee member is approached, what is the expected procedure for sharing concerns; committee members should continue to pass along concerns brought to them

Follow-Up Questions from Winter Break Testing:

- Continue with recommended water flushing, remediation, cleaning, retesting
- Retesting the water in early April (per ICHD recommendations)
- Community Forum (Zoom Q&A) planned for the week of Feb. 26
 - Phil Peterson, ERG
 - Rod McNeill, ICHD
- Currently questions in response to recent report-sharing have not been received

Website Review:

- OPS Environmental Testing Website was live as of Friday, February 2nd
- OPM FC notes have been included on the website
- ICHD/Health team educational resources are on the website
- FAQ included on website

Environmental Facility Concerns:

- No additional concerns were shared at this time
- Meeting was concluded

The following communication was shared to the committee following the conclusion of the OPM FC meeting:

Dear OPMFC colleagues,

I've just written to John and Kelly Sundeen to inform them of my decision to resign from the committee. It would be neither helpful nor polite for me to explain my reasons in a group email, so all I will say here is that I am really sorry that I will not be able to work further with all of you. I have a huge amount of respect for the expertise, care, and generosity that you all bring, and I'm grateful to be in a community with people like you in it.

Sincerely,
Mike

Next Meeting Date: possible dates will be emailed, doodle poll coming from Shannon Beczkiewicz

(time was later set for Wednesday, April 10th @ 6:30p.m. via [zoom](#))

