

**Facility Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 15, 2016**

Present: Tina Huffsmith, Terry Beaver, John Carter, Bruce Campbell, Diane Neff

Absent: Kent Kultgen, Sarah Sullivan

Guests: Al Hoy, Jon Rush

Mr. Beaver welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr. Campbell, principal at C. R. Anderson Middle School.

General Public Comment: Mr. Beaver said he would welcome public comment throughout the tour of C.R. Anderson.

Review December 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes: There were no changes to the minutes.

Tour of C.R. Anderson Middle School: Mr. Campbell began by saying that the school houses about 1,000 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. About 850 students ride the bus, which is a challenge for the 4-5 teachers who are on bus duty.

The school functions on the “team” concept, which is smaller schools within a bigger school.

Mr. Campbell pointed out the artwork in the tiles of the ceiling throughout the school which are provided the art classes. He said there is a great art program at C.R. Anderson.

Mr. Campbell said the school was built in 1959 as an elementary school. There was a 1992 edition and the northwest wing was added in 1965. Next the committee went to the gymnasium. This is where the assemblies are held. Because it is so small three assemblies must be held. They divide the students by grade. Because of space limitations, they have four Physical Education classes/periods in the gymnasium. Next, the committee went to the locker rooms. The locker rooms are very small with no lockers and no showers. The

only access for special needs students is to go outside and down the ramp to get to the locker room.

There are two mobile classrooms which are used every day. There is one parking lot for the staff which is very small. The church allows the school district to park in their lot. The district keeps the parking lot plowed in the winter time.

Next the committee went to the multi-purpose room / gym. There is a curtain hung in the middle so it can be shared. The acoustics are very poor so it's really loud.

There were 93 new lockers installed in the school over the Christmas break.

Mr. Carter said the entire building has a sprinkling system within it. There are six computer labs within the building.

Mr. Campbell said there are 73 staff members. Next the group looked at the nurse's room which is much too small for 1,000 students.

The first bell rung while the group was in the hall. This period runs from 8:05 – 8:56. The transition seemed to go pretty smoothly and students were relatively quiet.

Next the group went to the wing that had damage from the earthquake a few years ago. Because of the damage, school started about 1 ½ weeks late.

There are three counselors at CRA – one for each grade level. There is one elevator in the building. The orchestra room which is in the basement is very inadequate. The basement itself was once a bomb shelter; it is now used for classrooms. The building is approximately 120,000 square feet.

Mr. Campbell said the parent council is great at CRA. They help with purchasing so many things for the school.

Next the group went to the Drafting room. The students design things on wood. When they go into high school they design things on metal. The ventilation is very poor.

Next the group went to the cafeteria. Mr. Campbell said it is inadequate. There are three lunch periods each lasting 35 minutes. The first one begins at 10:44 a.m. and the last one ends at 12:19 p.m. They don't fix the food here but rather it is a warming place. The lunchroom holds 380 students which becomes very crowded. Mr. Campbell gave praise to the district for installing cameras in the lunchroom, throughout the building and outside the building. They have helped cut down on happenings in the building and vandalism outside the building. They only look at the film when there is a need to see if something really happened.

A new boiler was installed sometime in the last three years. The old one still remains because it is too big to remove and has asbestos.

One of the biggest problems in the building is poor ventilation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 19th at 8:30 at Bryant and Warren Elementary Schools.